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Special events planned across the country for the nine-day “Patriots & Heroes: Pacific to Potomac Relay”

MCLEAN, Va. – August 24, 2011--More than 25 special events will take place during the Code of Support Foundation’s “Patriots & Heroes: Pacific to Potomac Relay” that will enlist thousands of Americans across the nation. As part of “Campaign 99” which puts meaning to the phrase “Support Our Troops”, these events will recognize a number of individuals in the local areas for their contributions to members of the armed services, veterans and their families.

Maj. Gen. Alan Salisbury, USA, Ret., founder of the Code of Support Foundation, said, “We will be presenting certificates of appreciation from the Foundation to individuals chosen by event organizers and local community groups, civic organizations and clubs for their contributions to our effort. These “Home Town Heroes” are representatives of the thousands who have served their country quietly and proudly for generations.”

“Campaign 99” stands for the 99 percent of Americans who have no connection to the armed forces but want to reach out to the 1 percent, our men and women in uniform, who have pledged their lives, if necessary, to defend the nation.

The “Patriots & Heroes: Pacific to Potomac Relay,” begins September 3, 2011 in Oceanside, CA, with a rally that includes a “drop-in” by the United States Parachute Association. Nine days later, on September 11, 2011, the relay will conclude at the Pentagon in Arlington, VA.

The Patriot Guard Riders will ride in escort of the capsule holding the Code of Support during the Relay, which will be delivered to the Riders by the United States Parachute Association. At the end of the Relay, Foundation officials will present the capsule, representing thousands of signatures pledged during the stops along the relay, to Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, on the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States.

One of the largest local events will be in Richmond, Virginia, September 9 and 10 at the Richmond International Raceway (RIR). During the NASCAR Sprint Cup race, officials from NASCAR and the raceway will sign the Code of Support and encourage the 100,000 fans in attendance and visitors to the event’s Fan Fest to sign the Code of Support. NASCAR is a partner and a sponsor of the “Patriots & Heroes: Pacific to Potomac Relay”, and RIR is a sponsor of the Code of Support Foundation.

“We see these local events as crucial in energizing the public to sign the Code of Support, which is patterned after the services’ Code of Conduct, and energizing them to become members of the Corps of Support for Our Troops by pledging to volunteer for or donate to organizations that help service members, veterans and their families,” says General Salisbury.

Foundation officials said the goal is to have 1 million Americans sign the Code of Support at events along the way or online at www.codeofsupport.org between now and Memorial Day, 2012. A Relay schedule

that is being continually updated is also available on the Code of Support website. All events are free.
<http://codeofsupport.org/events/patriots-and-heroes-relay>.

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