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STARBUCKS, HBO AND CHASE RECOGNIZE TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SURVIVORS (TAPS) WHILE SALUTING U.S. VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES THIS VETERANS DAY

THE CONCERT FOR VALOR Co-Sponsors Celebrate Veteran Service Organizations

as Part of a First-of-Its-Kind Event

Arlington, Va. – Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) has been recognized by Starbucks, HBO and Chase, co-sponsors of [THE CONCERT FOR VALOR](#), for outstanding service and support of the families of America's fallen heroes. THE CONCERT FOR VALOR, a first-of-its-kind concert to honor the courage and sacrifice of America's veterans and their families on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., will be presented live on HBO this Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11 (7:00 p.m. ET/4:00 p.m. PT).

As part of the event, TAPS will be one of 16 veteran service organizations (VSOs) highlighted for outstanding service and support of veterans and their families. An advisory committee led by Co-Chairs Admiral Mike Mullen and Secretary Robert Gates and comprised of thought leaders and passionate supporters of VSOs was assembled to make these selections. The committee used a thoughtful selection process, and identified outstanding VSOs that address one of the following core pillars of successful transition for veterans and their families: employment, education, health and wellness, and reintegration. Additional committee members include executives at Starbucks, HBO, JP Morgan Chase, and the Schultz Family Foundation.

"TAPS is honored to be recognized as one of the organizations serving the military and meeting the thoughtful criteria of The Concert for Valor selection committee," TAPS President and Founder Bonnie Carroll said. "The families of our nation's fallen heroes have paid the ultimate price for the freedoms all Americans enjoy. We are honored and humbled to stand together with our partner organizations to care for all those who serve and sacrifice."

As co-sponsors of the event, Starbucks, HBO and Chase provide a national stage for ensuring that veterans and their families know that their fellow Americans' gratitude is genuine. The concert will feature a broad array of talent from the worlds of music and entertainment, including Eminem, Jamie Foxx, Dave Grohl, Metallica, John Oliver, Rihanna, Bruce Springsteen, Carrie Underwood and Zac Brown Band, as well as special appearances by Meryl Streep, Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg, among many others.

TAPS is also recognized in the final chapter of *For Love of Country*, a book co-authored by Schultz and Rajiv Chandrasekaran of the *Washington Post*, which reports on the sacrifices veterans have made, the bravery and leadership they demonstrate and the huge economic benefit and opportunity that transitioning veterans bring to American communities and companies. TAPS, along with other VSOs, will also receive proceeds from the sale of the book.

"*For Love of Country* is an extraordinary anthology, giving voice to a generation of heroes," Carroll said, "and we are grateful for the effort the Schultz Family Foundation has made to tell our story to all Americans."

About TAPS

The Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) is the national organization providing compassionate care for the families of America's fallen military heroes. TAPS provides peer-based emotional support, grief and trauma resources, seminars and retreats for adults, Good Grief Camps for children, casework assistance, connections to community-based care, online and in-person care groups, and a 24/7 resource and National Military Survivor Helpline for all who have been affected by a death in the Armed Forces. Services are provided free of charge. TAPS has offered support to more than 50,000 surviving family members of our fallen military and their caregivers since 1994. For more information go to www.taps.org or call the toll-free help line at 1.800.959.TAPS (8277).

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