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Chicken Soup for the Soul and USO Team Up on Book for Military Families

New Collection of Stories Provides Support for the “Force Behind the ForcesSM”

COS COB, Conn. – Military families are the unheralded heroes of the armed services. It’s the spouses and children, the parents and grandparents and siblings, and the extended families of our service members who support our troops behind the scenes. And now Chicken Soup for the Soul, in collaboration with the USO, has a new collection of stories by and for service member and their families, providing them with the support, advice, and just plain entertainment that they deserve. Their stories are powerful—sometimes tragic, sometimes humorous, and always inspiring.

The 101 true, personal stories in *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Military Families (Chicken Soup for the Soul, LLC; Amy Newmark; foreword by Miranda Hope; May 9, 2017, 978-1-61159-967-1, \$14.95)* provide military families with the inspiration and positive reinforcement they deserve for all their sacrifices. Service members and their families will love reading about their common experiences, from practical matters like moving and living in foreign countries, to handling the absence of loved ones, to creative ways to celebrate holidays. They’ll read about pride and patriotism, heartache and joy, miracles, and amazing stories that could only happen in the military.

“May these stories not just move and entertain you, but *strengthen* you as well, wherever you may be, currently deployed, returned from deployment, or holding down the fort at home as a spouse, child, parent or friend of a service man or woman,” says Miranda Hope in her foreword for the book. “You are, as the USO says, ‘the force behind the forces.’” She’s the granddaughter of Bob Hope, who first performed for the troops when the USO was founded in 1941. The USO is a true partner in this collaboration, having worked closely with Chicken Soup for the Soul’s editors in selecting the stories and creating the book. It will receive royalties of \$.60 per book sold, in paperback and ebook formats, from Chicken Soup for the Soul to support its work with service members, their families and veterans.

ABOUT CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL

Chicken Soup for the Soul, the world’s favorite and most recognized storyteller, publishes the famous *Chicken Soup for the Soul* book series. With well over 100 million books sold to date in the U.S. and Canada alone, more than 250 titles, and translations into more than 40 languages, “chicken soup for the soul” is one of the world’s best-known phrases and is regularly referenced in pop culture. Today, 24 years after it first began sharing happiness, inspiration and hope through its books, this socially conscious company continues to publish a new title a month, but has also evolved beyond the bookstore with super premium pet food, television shows, podcasts, positive journalism from aplus.com, and licensed products, all revolving around true stories, as it continues “changing the world one story at a time[®].”

ABOUT THE USO

The USO strengthens America’s military service members by keeping them connected to family, home and country throughout their service to the nation. At hundreds of locations worldwide, the USO connects U.S. service members and their families through countless acts of caring, comfort, and support. The USO is a private, non-profit organization, not a government agency. Their programs, services and entertainment tours are made possible by the American people, support of their corporate partners and the dedication of their volunteers and staff. To learn more about the USO, please visit USO.org.

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