

Angel Force USA Award Performing Musicians to Perform at Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Commemoration May 11-13 National Mall Washington D.C.

Several of Angel Force USA's acclaimed musicians, each of whom are dedicated to the non-profits mission of raising awareness of the military suicide epidemic, will perform throughout the <u>Welcome Home Vietnam War Commemoration</u> event taking place at West Potomac Park in Washington D.C., May 11-13.

The <u>three-day national</u> event is committed to honoring and celebrating Vietnam veterans and the contributions of so many of that era through a series of concerts, interactive engagements, historical and museum exhibits, static displays, a veteran's services hub and much, much more.

"Angel Force USA is proud to participate in this national event and we are humbled by the opportunity to honor and celebrate our Vietnam veterans through musical performances by our award-winning artists," said Angel Force USA Founder and President Anne Hyde Dunsmore. "So many of our vets have returned home wounded and broken leading to one of the largest health crises in our nation. Military and veteran suicide is at a critical point and is now the leading cause of death in the military and the second leading cause of death in America," said Dunsmore. "We need to talk about it, understand it and fix it...and we should start with those who serve and have served our great nation."

The Angel Force USA band will perform opening day, Thursday, May 11, at 3 p.m. at the JFK Hockey Fields Parade Ground Stage and will perform "unplugged" throughout the three days at the Angel Force USA tent, with additional spot performances throughout the different venues. The talented Angel Force USA musicians include: Frank Simes, a guitarist and lead vocalist, who is the Music Director of the Angel Force Band and Music Director for The Who and Roger Daltrey as well as touring with the Rolling Stones. Frank is a two-time Grammy nominee; <u>Danny Beissel</u>, lead vocalist and guitarist of Fosterchild and the American Vinyl Allstar Band; Dick Bright, violinist, leads the Dick Bright Orchestra and has performed with Ella District Fitzgerald, Tony Bennet and Etta James; James Raymond, keyboardist, has performed with, managed and co-written with his father, the late David Crosby. He has also worked with Michael McDonald, Warren Zevon and Donald Fagan; Jennifer Oberle, bassist and lead vocalist, has performed with Air Supply, Five for Fighting, Denny Laine and Peter Asher; Kit Potamkin, keyboardist, has performed with Robby Krieger Band (of the Doors) and Wild Child; Scarlet Rivera, violinist, who has toured with Bob Dylan and collaborated with Ringo Starr, Willie Nelson, John Mayall, Duke Ellington, Joni Mitchel, and Joan Baez as well as featured in the Martin Scorsese film "Rolling Thunder Revue"; Scott and Joel Owen, lead vocals and guitar, of the The Side Deal and the Pawnshop Kings; and Steve Distanislao, drummer, who has performed with David Gilmour, Don Felder and Crosby Stills Nash.

Angel Force USA strives to raise awareness about military and veteran suicide by entertaining, engaging and educating all sectors of society. Angel Force USA's goal is to Stop SuiSilence - the avoidance of discussion about suicide - thereby removing the stigma, increasing awareness, and bridging the "Death Valley" of information gaps.

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