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MILITARYCONNECTION.COM AND ROTARY JOIN FORCES TO SUPPORT THE FAMILIES OF THE FALLEN

Simi Valley, CA. July 24, 2007 - A concert, featuring Country Music star Phil Vasser, will kick off a weekend of support and entertainment for military families, sponsored by Operation One Family. Mr. Vasser has graciously donated his performance to honor our military and the families of the fallen. The concert will take place at Pendleton Del Mar beach, and is FREE to all military personnel with a valid military ID and their friends and family members. Sharing the bill with headliner Phil Vasser are singers Ricky Lee and Alana Grace.

The remainder of the weekend will feature a TAPS' Survivor Seminar and Good Grief Camp, featuring Dr. Darcie Sims, a "Share Faire", providing resources, information and workshops, a California beach party at the Dunes in Newport Beach, and trips to both Knott's Berry Farm and the Orange County Fair.

MilitaryConnection.com takes great pride in facilitating the relationships between District 5320 Southern California Rotary Clubs and TAPS, Homefront America, Soldiers Angels and ThanksUSA, assisting in the formation of *Operation One Family*. Details of the program and registration information for families in Southern California and Nevada can be found at www.operationonefamily.org.

MilitaryConnection.com is a portal of all types of military resources and information connecting candidates from the military community with outstanding government and civilian employment opportunities and assisting numerous military non-profits at <http://www.militaryconnection.com/>.

Rotary International District 5320 has a qualified non-profit 501(c)(3) Charitable Foundation that supports the charitable activities of the clubs within the district including the collaborative effort of **Operation One Family** at www.operationonefamily.org Rotary is an organization that exemplifies "Service Above Self. (All donations to **Operation One Family** are tax deductible).

Operation One Family endeavors to help families of the fallen cope with their loss, stabilize their present situation and secure their future. The mission is to help provide life skills, education and continuing support for the families of our fallen military heroes. The goal of **Operation One Family** is to create a national model that will be used by Rotary Clubs across America to provide ongoing support for these families in their own communities.

TAPS (The Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors) is a national non-profit Veterans Service Organization providing peer based emotional support services to all those who have lost a loved one serving in the Armed Forces at <http://www.taps.org/>.

Homefront America is a 100% volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to supporting our troops and their families with meaningful assistance in times of need at <http://www.homefrontamerica.org/>.

Soldiers Angels is a national network of hundreds of thousands of volunteers dedicated to providing hands-on comfort to the members of the military and their families at <http://www.soldiersangels.org/>.

ThanksUSA is a non-partisan, charitable effort to mobilize Americans of all ages to "thank" the men and women of the United States Armed Forces by providing college, technical and vocational school scholarships for their children and spouses at www.thanksusa.org

Phil Vasser was voted "Top New Male Vocalist" at the 37th Academy of Country Music Awards, Phil Vasser has combined cut-to-the-heart songwriting with a solo performance charisma that dazzles fans and critics alike. As a singer, songwriter and performer, Vassar is artistically a triple-threat. He first exploded up the charts and out of America's radios with his self-titled 2000 Arista Nashville debut. That CD yielded the #1 single "Just Another Day in Paradise," as well as the Top Ten hits "Carlene," "Rose Bouquet," "Six-Pack Summer" and "That's When I Love You."

Vasser has shared stages with the biggest names in country music including, Tim McGraw and Faith Hill, Kenny Chesney and Jo Dee Messina. Vassar is a complete artist whose performance rings true in every setting. He draws artistic inspiration from his store of current and past experiences. His own personal influences run the gamut of country, pop and folk, but regardless of genre, they all share one commonality: honesty.

Ricky Lee, Nashville recording artist and American patriot, has the ability to warm the hearts of the young and old alike. His main goal is to have his music touch people's lives. Lee's great stage performance, unique vocal abilities, and All-American clean cut good looks are only part of what draws in his audience. People respond to what is flowing from his heart. A heart that genuinely cares about our country, our military, and the people in his audience.

Alana Grace moved with her family to Nashville, Tennessee when she was very young. Music has been a tradition in her family (with both her father and grandfather having worked as performers) - and music was a focal point in her upbringing. In 2002, at the age of 14, she was one of seven finalists (chosen by music industry professionals) at the second annual Nashville Grammy Showcase. Ms. Grace takes great pride in performing in benefit concerts, including ones for the Grand Slam for Children, the James Redford Institute for Transplant Awareness, and the Children's Miracle Network.