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For Immediate Release:

**UPCOMING EL PASO BOOK SIGNING AND PTSD/ TBI ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION GENERATES INTEREST
WITH FEATURED GUEST, COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR DENNIS CAREY IN ATTENDANCE**

**EL PASO NATIVE PATRICIA DRISCOLL TO DONATE PROCEEDS OF HER BOOK "HIDDEN BATTLES ON
UNSEEN FRONTS" TO AID WOUNDED TROOPS**

WASHINGTON, DC /JULY 21, 2009– El Paso native, Patricia Driscoll recently announced the publication of her first book *HIDDEN BATTLES ON UNSEEN FRONTS: Stories of American Service Members With Traumatic Brain Injury and PTSD*, co-authored by Celia Straus. **On 1 August 2009 at 2pm**, El Paso native and veterans' advocate, Patricia Driscoll will be appearing at the Sunland Park Barnes & Noble in El Paso to sign copies of her new book "HIDDEN BATTLES ON UNSEEN FRONTS: Stories of American Service Members with Traumatic Brain Injury and PTSD". The proceeds from HIDDEN BATTLES will be donated to the Armed Forces Foundation (AFF) to benefit service members and their families. **Immediately following the book signing, Ms. Driscoll will be joined by Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Dennis Carey of the United States Army Forces Command, prominent members within the community and field experts for a roundtable discussion concerning the rise of PTSD and TBI cases in the military.** The dialogue will center on efforts by the military, government, AFF and community to promote awareness for PTS and TBI. VIP guests will also strategize future measures that can be implemented on a local and national level to support the unmet needs of our affected troops.

About the Book

The book chronicles the intimate experiences of 20 soldiers who served in Iraq or Afghanistan, whose experiences there culminate in life-altering injuries to the brain and psyche. These emotionally-gripping narratives offer readers a humbling insight into the "invisible" combat wounds, which most often prove to be the most difficult to heal. Interspersed amongst the soldiers' stories are revealing essays from a prestigious array of mental health professionals, including high level officials at the VA and Pentagon,

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which shed light on the growing epidemic affecting more than 620,000 of the 1.8 million Americans that have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. **All of the proceeds from the book will go to benefit the Armed Forces Foundation and used to provide support services to the men and women who have served our country in uniform. For information regarding interviews and all other media inquiries please contact Sasha Lahr 202.547.4713.**

About The Armed Forces Foundation:

In 2001 the Armed Forces Foundation (AFF) was established as a 501(c)3 organization under the U.S. Department of Defense's *America Supports You* program. AFF offers vital assistance to active-duty and retired personnel, National Guard, Reserve Components and military families as they cope with difficult circumstances. Through a multitude of programs the Armed Forces Foundation assists military families with utilities and rent; hotel and travel costs; holiday gifts for military children; and therapeutic recreational activities. The Armed Forces Foundation has been recognized by the President of the United States, the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Education and the Department of Energy for its dedication to America's Service Members. For more information on our Foundation or to aid us in our mission please visit us at our website www.armedforcesfoundation.org.

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