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# America's Warrior Partnership and Veteran Tickets Foundation Collaborate to Serve Military Community

-- Partnership increases awareness of the opportunities available to veterans, service members, and their families and caregivers --

Washington, D.C. – May 22, 2018 – America's Warrior Partnership and Veteran Tickets Foundation (Vet Tix) announced today that they are partnering to enhance the resources and support services available to veterans, all currently serving military, their families and caregivers. The two national nonprofits will collaborate to increase awareness of their respective services and the benefits that individuals and organizations can gain from working with them. America's Warrior Partnership provides communities with the resources, tools, training and partnerships they need to offer proactive, holistic care to local veterans. Vet Tix provides free event tickets to veterans, currently serving military members, their families and caregivers to attend entertainment and recreation events such as major sporting games, concerts and events in the arts.

"We conduct a <u>survey within the communities we support every year</u> to ask veterans about the areas where they need assistance, and opportunities for recreation regularly appears as one of the most-sought after services," said Jim Lorraine, president and CEO of America's Warrior Partnership. "Vet Tix is dedicated to enabling veterans, currently serving military and their families to attend community events, such as sporting events and concerts, where they can build strong relationships with their families and fellow veterans. We are honored to partner with the Vet Tix team to help more veterans find the ideal recreational event for them."

"Our own research shows that <u>most families simply cannot afford</u> the cost associated with attending so many major events without the assistance of Vet Tix. That's why we are thrilled to work alongside of America's Warrior Partnership, working to empower our veterans, currently serving military, their families and caregivers, and the communities where they reside," said Mike Focareto, CEO of Vet Tix.

America's Warrior Partnership's signature offering is its Community Integration model, which is active in nine communities across the country and has served more than 40,000 veterans in three years. This model empowers communities through training, mentorship and structure to conduct proactive outreach to veterans by connecting existing resources and providing tools to create stronger collaboration among existing veteran service providers, bridging gaps in service wherever they may exist. The result is a more coordinated approach that holistically serves each veteran's individual needs, ensuring no one slips through the cracks or does not receive essential support services.

Vet Tix events provide currently serving members and veterans the ability to spend quality time with family, friends and military peers to strengthen social connections. Vet Tix seats are often grouped in blocks enabling VetTixers to be seated with other peers at events, helping to reduce stress, strengthen bonds and encourage VetTixers to stay engaged with local communities. The joint effort between the two nonprofits will increase Vet Tix's ability to provide these unique reintegration opportunities, which help military families to make memories that last a lifetime.

To learn more about Vet Tix and how to get involved, visit the <u>sign-up page</u>. For more information about America's Warrior Partnership, visit <u>www.AmericasWarriorPartnership.org</u>.

## **About America's Warrior Partnership**

America's Warrior Partnership is committed to empowering communities to empower veterans. We fill the gaps that exist between current veteran service organizations by helping nonprofits connect with the veterans, military members and families in need: bolstering their efficacy, improving their results and empowering their initiatives. America's Warrior Partnership is a force multiplier for warrior community integration that enhances communities where great Americans choose to live and contribute. For more information on the organization and how to get involved, visit <a href="https://www.AmericasWarriorPartnership.org">www.AmericasWarriorPartnership.org</a>.

#### **About Veteran Tickets Foundation**

Veteran Tickets Foundation (Vet Tix) is a national nonprofit that supports all branches of currently serving military including the Guard and Reserves, veterans of all eras, and their families including immediate family of those killed in action and caregivers of VetTixers. Vet Tix provides free event tickets with a nominal delivery fee to attend sporting events, concerts, performing arts and family activities. Attending these types of community events improves morale and strengthens family bonds while encouraging service members and veterans to stay engaged with local communities. Since 2008, Vet Tix has provided more than 4 million free event tickets to more than 750,000 verified VetTixers. The nonprofit organization spends more than 95 percent back to its programs, giving back to those who have given so much. Visit VetTix.org to learn more, and follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

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