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PENTAGON CHANNEL TO COVER “FREEDOM WALK” LIVE

AMERICA SUPPORTS YOU FREEDOM WALKS REFLECT ON THE LIVES LOST, REMEMBER THOSE WHO RESPONDED, AND HONOR OUR VETERANS, PAST AND PRESENT

Alexandria, VA – The Pentagon Channel will have live coverage from the 4th Annual *America Supports You* Freedom Walk. Live coverage will run from 9:00 – 11:30am and include interviews and insight from participants, Department of Defense officials, and survivors from the 9/11 Pentagon tragedy.

“The America Supports You Freedom walk is a unique opportunity for citizens from across the country to come together and reflect on the lives lost on September 11th and honor the sacrifices of our veterans past and present,” said Brian Natwick, General Manager of the Pentagon Channel.

From Moron, Spain to Enid, Okla., Americans are walking to remember victims of Sept. 11 2001 and honor first responders and veterans, past and present through *America Supports You* Freedom Walks. The largest, the National *America Supports You* Freedom Walk, takes place in Washington, D.C. on Sept. 7, at 9:00 am. Walkers will gather at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial at the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery, and proceed to the crash site at the Pentagon.

Since the first *America Supports You* Freedom Walk in 2005, the event’s national significance has continued to grow. What began as one walk in Washington, D.C. in 2005 has currently grown to over 200 walks in all 50 states for 2008.

Elementary schools, high schools, universities, and individual students across the United States are also hosting their own *America Supports You* Freedom Walks. In Killeen, Texas, all 50 schools in the Killeen Independent School District are hosting walks. “We are honored to celebrate all that our soldiers do every day to keep us safe,” said Olga Vacadurr, coordinator for parent and community involvement at the Killeen Independent School District. “Our yearly *America Supports You* Freedom Walks on September 11th are just one more way of saying thank you to our soldiers who are our heroes.”

To learn more about the America Supports You Freedom Walks happening across the country or to register to participate, log-on to www.AmericaSupportsYou.mil/FreedomWalk.

About America Supports You

America Supports You is a Department of Defense program dedicated to connecting members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families with individuals, groups, and businesses who want to support and encourage our military men and women. The *America Supports You* Web site, www.AmericaSupportsYou.mil, provides a one-

stop location, connecting service members and their families to nearly 400 homefront groups and 40 corporations ready to help. *America Supports You* homefront groups show support in many ways including writing letters and e-mails, sending care packages, offering scholarships for family members, and helping the wounded when they return home.

About Pentagon Channel

The Pentagon Channel broadcasts military news and information for and about the 2.6 million members of the U.S. Armed Forces -- Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve. The channel is available on-base to more than 1.3 million service members who live and work on more than 359 military bases, camps and installations in the U.S. The channel is also available to the 800,000 service members and their families serving overseas in 178 countries via the American Forces Radio and Television Service (AFRTS). The channel also reaches more than 13 million households through commercial distribution on satellite and cable systems nationwide. In addition, the channel programming is streamed live 24/7 at <http://www.pentagonchannel.mil>, is available via Video on Demand, and podcast – both audio and video -- from this website.

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