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Author Alivia C. Tagliaferri Signs Donated Books for Outbound Troops and Families at New USO Lounge in Dulles Airport

FAIRFAX, VA (May 2007)—Author Alivia C. Tagliaferri will sign donated copies of her debut novel *Still the Monkey, What Happens to Warriors after War* for outbound troops and families on Wednesday, May 23, 2007 from 2-4 p.m. at the new USO Lounge in Dulles Airport, located across from baggage claim #12 on the ground level.

TeknoLogix Inc. (teknologixinc.com), a woman-owned and veteran-owned proposal solutions and staffing augmentation firm, sponsored the 25-book donation for this special cause. This company provides a soft-landing to veterans transitioning from military to civilian careers. In addition to the donated copies, publisher Ironcutter Media will make books available for sale to the general public as well and is donating a portion of book proceeds to support the USO of Metropolitan Washington (USO-Metro).

“Working with the USO of Metropolitan Washington, during the creation of their corporate video at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in 2003, ignited my passion for writing this novel about the war wounded,” said Tagliaferri. “I have long held the work of the USO-Metro and its staff in high regard. The days spent coordinating video crews at Walter Reed and welcoming troops home at BWI Airport changed my life. I am honored to give back to the organization that helped launch this journey.”

Still the Monkey, What Happens to Warriors after War, a reality-based work of historical fiction, depicts the realities of problems caused by post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) among returning veterans. With an estimated 25 million veterans living in the U.S. today, of those who served in Vietnam, 30% have reported symptoms of PTSD, and an estimated one in six veterans returning home from the War on Terror are reporting disabilities attributed to PTSD. Published by Ironcutter Media in March of 2007, the book is distributed to the trade by Ingram Book Company. Ironcutter Media, LLC, an independent publishing and media production company based Fairfax, Virginia, is owned and operated by Tagliaferri.

The USO of Metropolitan Washington is dedicated to "serving those who serve... and their families" in Maryland, Washington, DC, and Virginia. On a daily basis, USO-Metro provides vital human services and programs free of charge to the military community to enhance their quality of life. Visit www.usometrodc.org for more information.

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