

Freedom Concerts Benefit Military Families

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Dulles, VA ? A pair of musical shows designed to assist to the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund will provide real benefits to real sons and daughters of American military personnel who have been killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty.

The Hannity Freedom Concerts are a pair of musical shows scheduled for this summer that will be hosted by radio and television personality Sean Hannity, as well as Freedom Alliance founder and honorary chairman Lt. Col Oliver North, USMC (Ret). The Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund exists to honor the great sacrifices made by the men and women of our armed forces and their families. Thanks to the generosity of thousands of American citizens, Freedom Alliance has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarship grants to the children of military personnel who have been killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty. Individual, foundation, and corporate contributions are tax-deductible and are gratefully accepted.

The most recent recipient of the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund include:

Stephen Rowe, who's father, Col. James Nicholas Rowe, was a graduate of West Point who served in the U.S. Army for 29 years. Col. Rowe became a Vietnam War hero when, as a first lieutenant with the Special Forces, he and two other Green Berets were captured by the Viet Cong. ?Nick? Rowe was taken prisoner in the U Minh Forest, known as the ?Forest of Darkness,? living in a cage for over five years. He eventually escaped and later wrote a book, ?Five Years to Freedom,? recounting his ordeal as a POW. When Stephen was just two years old, his father, while serving as chief of the Army Division at the Joint United States Military Advisory Group headquarters in the Philippines, was assassinated by unknown terrorists of the New People?s Army (a Communist rebel organization).

?It was difficult growing up without a dad?however, today I can understand that freedom is a cause worth the life of one person, as so many American soldiers are doing across the world," Stephen said. "It is easy to take these freedoms for granted until one experiences life without the rights of freedom. I have learned through my father?s service and sacrifice the importance of democracy and I possess a greater respect for the freedom fighters that the United States sends around the world.?"

Stephen is currently a freshman at Campbell University in North Carolina and is majoring in Political Science.

The first concert is scheduled for July 21 at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, New Jersey, with another scheduled Aug. 2 at the Coors Amphitheater in San Diego, Calif. Hannity radio affiliates 77WABC Radio in New York City and 760 KFMB Radio in San Diego are sponsoring the respective events.

Country music legend Hank Williams, Jr. ? known around the world to his throng of loyal fans as "Bocephus" - is slated to headline both shows. Joining Williams at the July 21 concert will be another music legend in his own right, Lee Greenwood ? whose song, "God Bless the USA," has become a national anthem of sorts in its own right. Though widely popular when it was first released as a single in 1984, the song gained renewed prominence following the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

Also on July 21, Missouri native and the 2006 Academy of Country Music Female Vocalist of the Year Sara Evans will perform her chart-topping hits, which include "Suds in the Bucket," "Coalmine," "A Real Fine Place to Start," and many, many more.

Williams and Greenwood will team up again at the Aug. 2 event.