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AMERICAN HEROES CHANNEL PRESENTS WORLD TELEVISION PREMIERE OF CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED DOCUMENTARY FILM "*THE HORNET'S NEST*" ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 AT 9/8C

--Emmy Award-Winning Conflict Journalists Mike and Carlos Boettcher, Capture Powerful and Emotional Realities of War and Sacrifice in America's War on Terror--

(Silver Spring, Md.) – American Heroes Channel (AHC) announced today that it will present the world television premiere of the critically acclaimed feature-length documentary film **THE HORNET'S NEST** on <u>September 11 at 9/8c</u> as a special tribute to the undeniable heroism and sacrifice of the U.S. Armed Forces following the attacks in 2001. Armed with only their cameras, **THE HORNET'S NEST** follows Emmy Award-winning journalists Mike Boettcher and his son, Carlos Boettcher, as they are embedded with U.S. forces fighting on the front lines in Afghanistan. Amid the constant threat of the Taliban, the film unfolds a true story of survival for the soldiers, and for the father and son team who seek to reconnect under the most harrowing of circumstances.

Using unprecedented real footage, the film tells the story of an elite group of U.S. troops sent on a dangerous mission deep inside one of Afghanistan's most hostile valleys. The film culminates with what was planned as a single day strike turning into nine intense days of harrowing combat against an invisible, hostile enemy in the country's complex terrain. The Boettchers embed themselves in this conflict, bravely following the troops through endless gun battles, roadside bombings and sniper fire from an invisible enemy whose one goal is to kill Americans.

"This film gives you a never-before seen look at the sacrifices, patriotism and dedication our troops face every day in battle," said Kevin Bennett, EVP and General Manager, American Heroes Channel. "These are the men and women who personify the extreme realities of war, and American Heroes Channel is honored to provide the exclusive television premiere of this film to our viewers." "Through screenings across the country, we've heard from so many of our service men and women how inspiring this film is and we can't wait to share it with all of America," said HighRoad Media Co-Directors Christian Tureaud and David Salzberg. "The film opens your eyes through a non-political pointof-view, and people come out of the experience asking how they can help."

THE HORNET'S NEST is produced by HighRoad Media in association with Base Productions. For HighRoad Media, Christian Tureaud and David Salzberg serve as co-directors and producers. For Base Productions, John Brenkus and Mickey Stern are executive producers. For American Heroes Channel, Sara Kozak is SVP of production, Kevin Bennett is general manager, and Henry Schleiff is Group President of Investigation Discovery, Destination America, and American Heroes Channel.

About HighRoad Media

HighRoad Media is a full-service entertainment company that produces, distributes, markets and support high quality entertainment content in all mediums globally. HighRoad Media's Principals Christian Tureaud and David Salzberg have produced a number of feature films including the critically acclaimed "The Perfect Game," "Running the Sahara," "La Source," and the inspiring new documentary feature, "The Hornet's Nest." HighRoad Media also produces hundreds of episodes of original television content, and the company also creates worldwide brand marketing and advertising campaigns. HighRoad Media is a one-stop shop for entertainment creation and distribution with TV, Sports and Digital Media/Online divisions. HighRoad has produced content that has been distributed theatrically and aired on all of the major networks globally.

About BASE Productions

BASE Productions, Inc. is an 11-time Emmy Award and 17-time IDEA Award winning-production company that is setting ratings records and breaking new ground for cutting-edge reality, docusoap and unscripted infotainment programming. BASE's innovative productions cover a wide variety of genres, ranging across sports, law enforcement, paranormal, automotive, and many other successful subjects. BASE's unique style of blending technology and reality brings a signature look to all of their programming. The company has produced groundbreaking series and set ratings records for a variety of cable channels, and has longstanding successful relationships with nearly all of the major U.S. cable networks, including ESPN, Discovery Channel, Animal Planet, Tru TV, SyFy, A&E, National Geographic, and many others. BASE has American facilities on both coasts, with a corporate headquarters in the Washington D.C. market, and a 27,000 square foot production, post production, and soundstage studio in Los Angeles. BASE was founded in 1992 by John Brenkus and Mickey Stern.

About American Heroes Channel

American Heroes Channel (AHC) is a network from Discovery Communications that tells timeless stories in which a challenge appears – be it a situation or a villain – and a hero arises. Currently in 60 million homes, AHC provides a rare glimpse into major events that shaped our world, visionary leaders and unexpected heroes who made a difference, and the great defenders of our freedom. For more information, please visit <u>AHCtv.com</u>, <u>facebook.com/AHCtelevision</u>, or <u>Twitter.com/AHC_TV</u>. American Heroes Channel is part of Discovery Communications (Nasdaq: DISCA, DISCB, DISCK), the world's #1 nonfiction media company reaching more than 2.7 billion cumulative subscribers in 220 countries and territories.

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For more information about THE HORNET'S NEST, visit the American Heroes Channel Press Website: <u>http://press.discovery.com/us/ahc/</u>