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Injured Troops to Receive Voice-activated Laptops

Pasadena, CA, August 11, 2005 — Soldiers' Angels is proud to announce the unveiling of Project Valour IT (Voice-activated Laptops for OUR Injured Troops), as begun on August 10, 2005. Valour IT will provide voice-controlled software and laptop computers to wounded Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines recovering from hand and arm injuries or amputations at major military medical centers in the United States and Germany.

As the Project Valour IT test site, The National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD will be the first to receive the specially-equipped laptops. In the succeeding project stages, a fully-equipped laptop will be provided to each servicemember for use throughout in-hospital recovery at six different military medical centers, and copies of the voice software will be available to severely wounded servicemembers as they leave the treatment facility.

Users of these voice-activated laptops will be able to contact friends and loved ones, surf the 'Net, and communicate with buddies still in the field without having to press a key or move a mouse. Captain Charles "Chuck" Ziegenfuss, a partner in the project who suffered hand wounds while serving in Iraq, illustrates how important this voice-controlled software can be to a wounded servicemember's recovery. His wife describes its impact on CPT Ziegenfuss:

I know Chuck is much happier now that he is able to blog [write]... He is very grateful to have it [the software]. He loves to see how many people comment when he posts. This blog is really an amazing thing for him and very instrumental for his healing.

Project Valour IT has been the grateful recipient of donations of services and materials from BizIP Computers, ScanSoft Inc., and ebags.com Corporate Sales.

For additional information or to donate to Project Valour IT, contact Beth Schietzelt (623-570-3903, sbsmusik@yahoo.com) or visit the project website at www.soldiersangels.org/valour.

Soldiers' Angels—founded by Patti Patton-Bader, mother of an Iraqi veteran—is a volunteer-run, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization incorporated in the state of Nevada. From its start in June 2003, the mission of Soldiers' Angels has been to provide aid and comfort to any members of the U.S. armed forces and their families. This is accomplished through a wide variety of projects, ranging from sending traditional care packages, to knitting baby clothes and “adopting” wounded veterans far from home and family. Soldiers' Angels is proud to add Project Valour IT to the list of projects working to ensure that “No Soldier Go Unloved.”

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