

## A HISTORY OF ADVOCATING FOR THE FRONTLINE -TROOPS

SFTT collaborated with *The Washington Times* on “Disposable Heroes,” about the unethical treatment of returning Iraq and Afghanistan veterans during a VA medical experiment. It earned a Sigma Delta Chi Award for public service from the Society for Professional Journalists in 2009 and prompted major changes in testing programs.

SFTT and the law firm of Kirkland & Ellis LLP, working pro bono since 2009, won motions filed with the Federal Court in Washington, DC, under the Freedom of Information Act, for forensic records held by the Department of Defense of autopsy reports proving the fallibility of standard issue body armor. Despite being directed by the Court to provide these records, the DOD has yet to comply.

SFTT conducted a two-year investigative and educational campaign to seek fair and impartial body armor test procedures. As a result, at the urging of Senators James Webb and Hilary Clinton, the Government Accountability Office issued a damning report calling for “independent expert assessment of Army body armor test results.”

SFTT provided background leading to a multi-part investigative report on body armor fallibility by Lisa Meyers for NBC Nightly News, Dateline and MSNBC, on the use of inferior standard-issue body armor, despite the availability of vests that are superior in saving lives and reducing serious injury.

SFTT shown a spotlight on the shortage of Interceptor body armor vest and SAPI plates for our troops.

SFTT shamed Sec Defense Rumsfeld into stopping the use of auto-pen signatures in condolence letters. Families of fallen heroes deserve personal recognition of their sacrifice.

SFTT also revealed the inadequacy of urban-combat training, exposed under-armored Humvee vehicles in Iraq and made Congress aware of controversy over mandatory anthrax vaccines in the military.



STAND FOR THE TROOPS (SFTT) is a non-partisan, apolitical 501(c)3 foundation started in 1998 by America’s most valor-decorated soldier, Colonel David “Hack” Hackworth, his wife Eilhys England Hackworth and a band of concerned Veterans and citizens.

In 2005, as Hack was dying from the effects of Agent Blue from his five years in Viet Nam, he extracted a promise from Eilhys to continue their work to protect our young warriors who put themselves at risk to protect us.

TODAY his legacy lives on. Eilhys and Roger Charles picked up the torch and ran with it, enlisting another outspoken valor-decorated soldier and champion for the troops, Maj. Gen. John Batiste (US Army Ret.), who resigned his commission in Iraq rather than follow a flawed policy. Together they have redoubled STAND FOR THE TROOPS’ commitment to help American warriors survive the rigors of war and reclaim their lives when they come home

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*“That’s what supporting the troops is really all about – making sure our American warriors get the right stuff.”*

Col. David Hackworth, SFTT Co-Founder (1930-2005)

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SFTT relies on your tax-deductible financial support to protect vulnerable active-duty and returning troops with more than lip service.

We are grateful to our wise and wonderful military, medical and psychiatric experts and to countless Veterans, volunteering their time and services to SFTT to help our frontline troops and Veterans achieve the quality of life they deserve.

We are equally indebted to pro bono benefit headliners like Lewis Black and Colin Quinn among others who STAND UP FOR THE TROOPS, and like James Naughton and friends who SING OUT FOR THE TROOPS, for using their talents to raise awareness and funds so that SFTT can do more.



**SAFEGUARDING THE PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL WELL-BEING OF AMERICA’S FRONTLINE AND RETURNING TROOPS**

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**FACT** 66 suicides every day, on average, are attempted by Active-Duty personnel and Veterans. 22 succeed!

**FACT** More U.S. military personnel have died by suicide since the war in Afghanistan began than have died fighting there.

**FACT** Iraq-Afghanistan troops suffer from disabling Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) in record numbers.

**FACT** Some 35% of Vets have been found to suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress. (PTS).

**FACT** Most of these high-risk Veterans and their loved ones can’t get the help they need.

**FACT** There is no ‘silver bullet’ cure.

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**“WHERE IS THE OUTRAGE?”**

Eilhys England Hackworth, SFTT Co-founder & Board Chair