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Regis Philbin Recognized for Support of Military Veterans

COLD SPRING, Ky. — Five-time Emmy Award winner, member of the Television Hall of Fame and Navy veteran Regis Philbin will be honored for his support of DAV (Disabled American Veterans) at the organization's 93rd National Convention at Bally's Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, August 9.

Mr. Philbin will be recognized with a DAV National Commander's Award for his volunteer support of the organization and support of veterans causes.

"Many people don't realize that, before his tremendous success as an entertainer, Regis served honorably as an officer in the United States Navy," said DAV National Adjutant Marc Burgess. "He's never forgotten where he came from and has selflessly supported our cause and others, raising awareness for those whose service and sacrifice has ensured our freedom."

Mr. Philbin's increased interest in supporting veteran-related causes was sparked shortly after the terrorist attacks of 9/11, when his son was working at the Pentagon.

In a 2004 interview at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Philbin said, "I must tell you how impressed I am with their courage and their bravery and their good humor and their good spirits. These are people who have all been injured and wounded in battle.

"It was quite a sobering experience to see them and be with them," he said.

A media opportunity with Mr. Philbin is available Aug. 9 at 10 a.m. at Bally's Hotel and Casino. Time and space is very limited. Interested media representatives should contact Steve Wilson at swilson@dav.org.

About DAV:

DAV empowers veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. It is dedicated to a single purpose: fulfilling our promises to the men and women who served. DAV does this by ensuring that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them; fighting for the interests of America's injured heroes on Capitol Hill; and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life. DAV, a non-profit organization with 1.2 million members, was founded in 1920 and chartered by the U. S. Congress in 1932. Learn more at www.dav.org.