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Two Teens launch first conference for Military Daughters- The Sisterhood of the Traveling BDUs

CLOVIS, Calif.- The first conference of the Sisterhood of the Traveling BDUs is scheduled to take place March 12-14, 2010 at the Clovis Memorial District Hall. This conference brings together teenage daughters of military parents to offer support, inspiration, mentorship, a feeling of sisterhood, and is the first conference of its kind.

The founders of this organization are two 17-year-old high school students, Moranda Hern and Kaylei Deakin. The girls met a few years ago and found that they had a common bond as daughters of military parents, and wanted to foster a sisterhood amongst other daughters who have grappled with similar challenges. The girls teamed up, organized the conference on their own, and raised funds for the event for a zero-cost impact to all who are attending.

Media are invited to attend throughout the event which will begin with a semi-formal "Purple Carpet" arrival at 6 p.m., Friday, March 12 at the Clovis Memorial District Hall.

The conference schedule for the remainder of the weekend is filled with workshops, leadership and self-esteem breakouts, as well as several key-note speakers to include California's recently appointed Adjutant General, Brigadier General Mary J. Kight, Olympic Gold Medalist and former captain of the USA Women's Soccer Team Julie Foudy, and literary and media agency CEO Jillian Manus.

The California National Guard has offered their support for this first conference, and vendors to include the Red Cross, USAA, Military OneSource and many other organizations will have booths set up throughout the weekend. The teens are also being championed by DoSomething.org., an organization which encourages teens who want to make a difference.

"I hope the Sisterhood of the Traveling BDUs will inspire other young people to look beyond themselves, to see a need and meet it," says Moranda. "I created this because I felt a need in my own life to connect with other military girls who understand my challenges, emotions and triumphs."

Media are invited to attend this event at the Clovis Memorial District Hall, 808 4th Ave., Clovis, 93612. For the most recent information media should please contact Major Kimberly Holman at (805) 340-7301.