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## For Immediate Release

## H. G. Fairfield's Veterans Benefit Tour Approaches Grand Finale with Show at Paramount Center for the Arts

New York - October 24, 2011. Since October 1<sup>st</sup> H. G. Fairfield Arts Center for the Environment and Navy veteran PJ Walsh have been putting on comedy shows throughout the Hudson Valley. The 30 Shows in 30 Days Comedy Tour enters its final week with a premier show sponsored by Pepsi on Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30pm, at the Paramount Center for the Arts in Peekskill, NY. H. G. Fairfield presents PJ Walsh performing his award winning, one-man theater show, "Over There: Comedy Is His Best Weapon." This show has won numerous prestigious theatre awards, with NYTheater.com describing it as "fantastic, heartfelt, hilarious."

Throughout this month's marathon comedy tour, PJ Walsh, accompanied by Katherine Freston, Founder, and Kim Blacklock, President, of H. G. Fairfield Arts Center, has logged over 3,500 miles traveling throughout Dutchess, Putnam, Westchester, Rockland, and Orange counties performing shows at VFWs, American Legions, and VA hospitals. Walsh's performances have garnered rave reviews.

PJ Walsh, a nationally acclaimed comedian, who regularly takes time off from touring to entertain troops abroad, has come back home to Brewster, NY, to help the local Hudson Valley veterans. Proceeds from all comedy shows go to local VFWs and American Legions to help raise awareness of veterans' issues and fund critical programs. "Being able to come back to where I grew up, to where my family lives, and to help veterans and their families in my home area is very rewarding and humbling," says Walsh. "I've spent 6 years touring with the stars of the Blue Collar Comedy Tour, gotten to perform at Radio City Music Hall, and even had a radio show on Sirius Satellite Radio yet, coming home to help is a fulfilling experience like no other."

Walsh has even added a bit of local flavor to his shows. In addition to their duties with H G. Fairfield Arts Center, Kim Blacklock and Kathie Freston join the show, adding their own family military

histories to the mix. Blacklock is an amateur comedian who has performed many times in the Hudson Valley and New York City. Walsh and Blacklock make a classic odd-couple pair on stage, with Blacklock's 6' 7" imposing frame contrasting with Walsh's 5'9" athletic frame, opening the doors for great material. Miss Freston, an 81 year-old actress in local theatre productions, adds an historical component harkening from her own Marine service during the Korean War and her father's service in both WWI and WWII. The three deliver poignant yet funny messages of how communities have been, and are, coming together to help veterans and their families.

"The VFW's, American Legions, VA Medical Centers, and local, County, State, and Federal Veteran Service Officers have been so appreciative of our efforts to help raise funds for them and awareness of their services," said Blacklock. "When we are out at the shows with the veterans and people from the community, it is invigorating. They thank us for making a difference and for joining the groundswell of activity."

Post numbers are discount codes that can be entered to support each Post of 30 Shows in 30 Days, garnering the ticket buyer a \$10 discount. The code 2011 can be entered for a \$10 ticket.

Tickets for the Paramount Center performance are available on line at <a href="https://www.parmountcenter.org">www.parmountcenter.org</a> or by calling 1-877-840-0457. ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LOCAL VETERANS.

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