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**“Women of True Grit”
Book Launch and Signing**

In celebration of Women’s History Month 2010, co-authors Edie Hand and Tina Savas will discuss their newly released book “Women of True Grit: Intimate, Informative, Inspirational,” at the Women In Military Service For America Memorial, on Friday, March 19 at 11:30 a.m. During the event—the launch of the “Women of True Grit” national book tour and first signing—15 of the book’s extraordinary women contributors, many of them first in their field, will also join the discussion. Song writers Ashley Harris and Vicky Rickles who composed, “You Paved the Way,” a special song written for the book will be on hand for the discussion and Harris will give a live performance of the song during the program.

From the unknown to the well known, Hand and Savas have compiled a remarkable collection of real-life stories of 40 American women of vision and determination. With careers ranging from a retired Air Force brigadier general to an Olympic athlete to a construction firm owner to a horse jockey, the women in this book share their personal stories of work, courage, triumph and success—many of them forging new paths for the women who would follow them. Told with honesty, humor and grace; each first-person account gives readers an intimate look into the lives of these extraordinary women who’ve made a lasting impact on their communities and our nation. The book also features a poem by Dr. Maya Angelou and a foreword by Barbara Mandrell.

Hand is a best-selling author of more than 20 books, including her most recent work “Genuine Elvis” and “The Soldier’s Ride” of the “Ride” book series, which is now being developed for movies. Savas founded the “Birmingham, Alabama, Business Journal” and continues her entrepreneurial spirit through real estate investment and other business ventures. For more information, visit www.ediehand.com and www.womenoftruegrit.com.

The book talk is free and open to the public; and Hand, Savas and 15 of the book’s contributors will be on hand for a book signing immediately following the event. Copies of “Women of True Grit” will be available for sale at the Memorial Gift Shop on the day of the event. Guests are encouraged to bring and enjoy a brown bag lunch during the discussion. Those interested in attending should e-mail hq@womensmemorial.org or call 703-533-1155 or 800-222-2294 to reserve a seat or for more information. Media interested in interviewing the authors should call Edie Hand at 205-960-1345.

The Women's Memorial is the nation’s only major memorial honoring all servicewomen, past and present. Located at the gateway to Arlington National Cemetery, the Memorial is readily accessible by METRO (Blue Line) and paid parking is available at the Cemetery Visitor Parking Lot. For more information, call 703-533-1155 or 800-222-2294 or visit the Women's Memorial website at www.womensmemorial.org. The Memorial is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.