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9/11 Comedy Show benefits combat wounded, their families

Local comedian Jack Warren to donate a portion of proceeds from Three Rivers show
Chili Challis headlines “Red, White and a Little Blue” at The Riviera Theatre

THREE RIVERS, MI, August 19, 2010 – Comedians Jack Warren and Chili Challis will perform their *Red, White, and a Little Blue* comedy show live at The Riviera Theatre in Three Rivers Michigan on September 11, 2010 at 8 p.m. In honor of 9/11 and as a tribute to the troops, a portion of the proceeds will benefit Hope For The Warriors®, a national nonprofit that supports combat-wounded service members, their families and the families of the fallen. Tickets cost \$10 and are available now at The Riviera Theatre box office and online at www.trriviera.com.

Jack Warren, a Kalamazoo native, is just back from entertaining the troops in Iraq and tours regularly. Chili Challis, a former staff writer for NBC's *The Tonight Show With Jay Leno* and a respected comedy trainer, will headline the event (www.chilichallis.com). Special guest and Iraq war veteran Andy Butterworth will emcee the show. Butterworth, a single leg amputee, was wounded while serving with the Army National Guard in April 2005.

Warren came up with the plan for the “Red, White, & a Little Blue” benefit show after two comedy tours to entertain the troops in Iraq. The son of a Marine and grandson of World War II vet, Warren has always supported the troops. “I came home [from Iraq] with a new appreciation for what I have, and a determination to try and make things better here at home,” says Warren.

Warren decided to donate a portion of ticket sales from any shows he produces to a reputable nonprofit and he chose Hope For The Warriors® for his 9/11 tribute. “This isn't a ‘publicity stunt’ or ‘gimmick’; it is what I feel compelled to do and will continue to do for as long as I perform stand up,” says Warren. Friend and colleague Chili Challis signed on to help with the 9/11 event, and Butterworth, a friend he met in Baghdad, served as a catalyst for the cause.

Warren's other tour dates will support various local charities. For more information about Jack Warren, his tour schedule and his other charitable partners, visit him on the web at www.thejackwarren.com.

The mission of Hope For The Warriors® (www.hopeforthewarriors.org) is to enhance quality of life for U.S. service members and their families nationwide who have been adversely affected by injuries or death in the line of duty. Hope For The Warriors® actively seeks to ensure that the sacrifices of wounded and fallen warriors and their families are never forgotten nor their needs unmet.

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