



StoryCorps® Military Voices Initiative

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STORYCORPS' MILITARY VOICES INITIATIVE TEAMS UP WITH MILITARY PARTNERS AND FAMILIES COALITION - *Host Special Recording Weekend to Capture Stories of Gay and Lesbian Service Members, Veterans, and their Families in Washington, DC on February 23-24, 2013.*

(February 12, 2013 Washington, DC) - StoryCorps, a national nonprofit oral history organization, will team up with the **Military Partners and Families Coalition (MPFC)** to record stories of LGBT service members' families nationwide, as part of **StoryCorps' Military Voices Initiative**. The Military Voices Initiative is a collaborative project to record, share, and preserve the unique stories of new veterans, service members, and their families. Military Partners and Families Coalition (MPFC) is the nation's first non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to providing support, resources, education and advocacy for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender military partners and their families.

The recordings will take place at the Human Rights Campaign building in Washington, DC. We invite members of the press to interview MPFC participants, speak to StoryCorps and MPFC staff, and join the evening reception on Saturday, February 23 to celebrate voices of LGBT military families. The reception starts at 5:30pm, is free of charge and open to all. To RSVP, please go to <http://www.milpfc.org/event/reception-celebrate-voices-military-families/>

Media must RSVP in advance to Samuel Toba, Samuel@milpfc.org.

WHO: StoryCorps and Military Partners and Families Coalition

WHAT: A day of recording with MPFC members and staff, recent veterans, service members, and military families.

WHERE: Human Rights Campaign Building, 1640 Rhode Island Ave. N.W., Washington, DC 20036-3278. (Nearest Metro Station is Farragut North or Farragut West)

WHEN: Saturday and Sunday, Feb 23-24, 2013 from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Evening reception on Feb 23, 2013 from 5:30-7:30pm.

General Press Guidelines:

- Cameras will be allowed in the Recording Studio before interviews begin.
- Press can listen to interviews with participant permission, on wireless headphones (when available) from outside the booth.
- Press can interview participants, with their permission, before and after their StoryCorps interviews.

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Military Partners and Families Coalition (MPFC): is a private non-profit, non-partisan organization based in Washington, D.C. It was founded in 2011 by a group of spouses and partners of active duty U.S. Armed forces service members stationed in the U.S. and overseas. MPFC provides support, resources, education and advocacy for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender military partners and their families. For more information, go to www.milpfc.org.

About StoryCorps: StoryCorps is a national nonprofit organization that provides people of all backgrounds and beliefs with the opportunity to record, preserve, and share their stories. Each week, millions of Americans listen to StoryCorps' award-winning broadcasts on NPR's Morning Edition. StoryCorps has published three books: *All There Is: Love Stories from StoryCorps*, *Mom: A Celebration of Mothers from StoryCorps*, and *Listening Is an Act of Love* —all of which are New York Times bestsellers. For more information, or to listen to stories online, visit www.storycorps.org.