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PRESS RELEASE

Statement from the Board of Directors of Arts in the Armed Forces

(Brooklyn, NY, January 9, 2023) Arts in the Armed Forces is proud to have served over 18,000 members of our military community over the past 14 years. We have produced impactful artistic experiences on 26 military bases in 7 countries, and awarded \$50,000 to veteran playwrights and screenwriters through the Bridge Awards.

Unfortunately, given a number of circumstances facing the organization heading into 2023, after a strategic review, the Board has made the incredibly difficult decision to dissolve the organization in its current operating structure, effective February 1. Following that dissolution, the Board will continue to consider how the programs might be able to live on through other operating structures.

We are incredibly grateful to the tireless and effective staff of the organization, as well as the generous supporters who have helped us fulfill our mission, believing in the transformative power of the arts. The military community with whom we have worked has inspired us all.