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**THE PATRIOT TOUR FEATURING MARCUS LUTRELL,  
TAYA KYLE, CHAD FLEMING & DAVID GOGGINS COMES TO THE  
KIMMEL CENTER'S MERRIAM THEATER  
OCTOBER 20, 2017**

**Four well-known patriots visit the Kimmel Center to talk about service, sacrifice,  
family, community, and their incredible life stories**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Philadelphia, PA, August 31, 2017) — The Kimmel Center, in partnership with Team Never Quits and Mills Entertainment, presents The Patriot Tour featuring retired Navy SEAL Marcus Luttrell, Taya Kyle, retired U.S. Army Capt. Chad Fleming and retired Navy SEAL David Goggins at the Merriam Theater on Friday, October 20, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. This emotional live stage experience highlights incredible stories of perseverance from four remarkable patriots who have had their lives profoundly changed by their service and sacrifice. Tickets are currently on sale and can be purchased at [kimmelcenter.org](http://kimmelcenter.org), by phone at 215-893-1999 or at the Kimmel Center Box Office.

"The Kimmel Center is incredibly honored to host these four men and women who are brave enough to share the hardships and tragedies they have encountered in their lifetime," said Anne Ewers, President and CEO of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "Their stories, marked by service and perseverance, create an emotional experience."

Below is more information about the individual speakers:

Featured speaker **Marcus Luttrell** is the recipient of the Navy Cross for combat heroism and founder of the Lone Survivor Foundation. He is also the author of *Lone Survivor and Service*, which is based on his experiences as a former Navy SEAL. In 2005, Marcus and three fellow SEALs were targeted in a

harrowing Taliban ambush in Afghanistan – in which he tragically emerged as the only survivor. Following his physical recovery from Operation Redwing, Luttrell returned and completed one more tour before being medically retired. He wrote the book, *Lone Survivor*, to share the amazing story of his brothers who paid the ultimate sacrifice. *Lone Survivor* became a major motion picture starring Mark Wahlberg. Luttrell's second book, *Service*, answers questions remaining from *Lone Survivor* and gives honor and praise to other members of the military. Marcus has dedicated his life to honoring his fallen Operation Redwing teammates through empowering fellow veterans.

**Taya Kyle** is the author of *The New York Times* bestselling book, *American Wife*, Executive Director of the Chris Kyle Frog Foundation, and the wife of the late U.S. Navy SEAL Sniper Chris Kyle. With humor and vulnerability, Taya shares her faith, strength, American ideals, and her passion for seeing marriages survive hardship. She recognizes the suffering we all face and inspires people in persevering despite their human frailties. Taya Kyle recounts her personal experiences as a mother and the wife of an American hero. She opens up about the trials and triumphs of life with and without Chris Kyle, and ultimately finding her place in the midst of the journey.

**Captain Fleming** has been deployed overseas six times with the U.S. Army's elite 75th Range Regiment in support of both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He has been wounded in combat on three separate occasions and has undergone 23 surgeries, one of which resulted in a trans-tibial amputation of his left leg. While most would assume this type of injury would conclude someone's service to their country, Captain Fleming re-deployed *five* times since his injuries, each time going right back into the fight.

**Chief Petty Officer David Goggins** is a former Navy SEAL who served in some of the toughest and most elite missions in the world. As the only member of the U.S. Armed Forces to complete SEAL training, the U.S. Army Ranger School, *and* Air Force tactical air controller training, it is safe to say David always rises to new challenges. He continues to be a poignant example of rising above adversity. He is now considered to be one of the greatest endurance athletes in the country. In less than four years, Goggins completed more than 30 endurance races.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Campus include: **Michael McDonald with special guest Marc Cohn** (October 27, 2017, Merriam Theater), **Joe Biden: American Promise Tour** (November 15, 2017, Academy of Music), and **Mike Birbiglia's "The New One"** (November 17, 2017, Merriam Theater).

## **THE PATRIOT TOUR**

### **Merriam Theater**

*October 20, 2017, 7:30 p.m.*

### **Tickets**

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$45.00. Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999, online at [kimmelcenter.org](http://kimmelcenter.org), or at the Kimmel Center Box Office. Group sales are available for groups of 10 or more and can be purchased by calling (215) 790-5883. More information at [kimmelcenter.org](http://kimmelcenter.org).

The Patriot Tour includes a special VIP ticket to include a Meet & Greet and photo with all of the tour speakers, as well as signed copies of *Lone Survivor* and *American Wife*. VIP tickets can be purchased in each city. Quantities are limited.

Military, Veterans, and First Responders will receive an exclusive discount on tickets by using a special code when they purchase tickets at the respective box offices or online at [Ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com).

To learn more about the Tour, becoming part of the Patriot Tour Team, volunteer opportunities and sponsorships, visit [www.patriottour.com](http://www.patriottour.com) or email [kala@patriottour.com](mailto:kala@patriottour.com).

### **Team Never Quit**

Team Never Quit embodies the heart of a warrior, men and women in all walks of life who have faced incredible hardship but have chosen not only to survive, but to learn from the experience and make themselves and those around them stronger for it. Their commitment is to honor those who have fallen, stand with those who have survived, and share stories that might inspire others to Never Quit.

### **Mills Entertainment**

Mills entertainment is the leading producer and promoter of branded live entertainment in the United States. They work with artists, agencies, networks, producers, and licensors to create unique and exciting live experiences. Their specialty is providing a complete solution – taking shows from concept to stage and maximizing profit for its artists, venues, and strategic partners in the process.

### **The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts**

Located in the heart of Center City, Philadelphia, the Kimmel Center's mission is to operate a world-class performing arts center that engages and serves a broad audience through diverse programming, arts education, and community outreach. The Kimmel Center Campus is comprised of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts (Verizon Hall, Perelman Theater, SEI Innovation Studio, and the Merck Arts Education Center), the Academy of Music (owned by the Philadelphia Orchestra Association), and the Merriam Theater. The Kimmel Center is also home to eight Resident Companies: The Philadelphia Orchestra, Opera Philadelphia, The Pennsylvania Ballet, The Philly POPS, PHILADANCO, The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, The Philadelphia Chamber Music Society and Curtis Institute of Music. With nearly 9,000 seats per night, The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts is the region's most impactful performing arts center, and the second largest in the country. TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank, is the season sponsor of the Kimmel Center's 2017-2018 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit [kimmelcenter.org](http://kimmelcenter.org).

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