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### **Brad Ziegler Invites Military Families to A's Armed Forces Day on May 8** 400 Tickets Donated on Behalf of Ziegler's "Pastime for Patriots" Foundation

**OAKLAND, Calif.** — In conjunction with the Oakland A's Salute to Armed Forces Day, Oakland relief pitcher Brad Ziegler has purchased 200 tickets for the A's vs. Tampa Bay Rays 1:05 pm game Saturday, May 8, to be distributed to military families on behalf of his newly-created foundation, "Pastime for Patriots." The A's Community Fund matched his donation and contributed another 200 tickets, increasing the total to 400 tickets for family members of troops who are currently overseas or those who have recently returned from a tour of duty.

Ziegler will be launching the creation of his "Pastime for Patriots" Foundation to fans Saturday, May 8, with two tables set up on the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum concourse level during the A's vs. Rays game to provide information and take donations for military families. Through this foundation, Ziegler plans to purchase and provide baseball tickets for family members of troops who are currently serving, as well as those who have recently returned from serving overseas. In addition, Ziegler will host a special meet and greet after batting practice May 8 with representatives from Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard.

"I am proud to show my commitment to supporting members of the United States military and their families by setting up the 'Pastime for Patriots' Foundation," explained Ziegler. "My goal for donating A's tickets is to provide an inexpensive way for families to get out of the house and temporarily take their minds off the danger that their loved ones face half-a-world away."

Ziegler also plans to purchase tickets throughout the remainder of the season. He will buy 150 tickets per game for families on July 9, Aug. 6 and Sept. 21. The A's Community Fund will match the purchase of these tickets, raising the total to 300 tickets per game for those selected dates.

In the future, Ziegler plans to fund a college scholarship for high school students who have had a parent killed in action. Additionally, he plans to provide care packages for various Bay Area brigades and battalions who are stationed overseas. These care packages will consist of items such as phone cards, CDs, movies and autographed memorabilia to show troops appreciation for their dedication and sacrifice for America. Fans who have questions about the foundation can personally inquire through Ziegler's Twitter page at [twitter.com/bradziegler](http://twitter.com/bradziegler) or Facebook page at [facebook.com/bradziegler31](http://facebook.com/bradziegler31).

Tickets to A's Salute to Armed Forces Day can be purchased online by entering the password "salute" at [oaklandathletics.com/events](http://oaklandathletics.com/events) by Friday, May 7. Fans who purchase tickets to this special group day will receive a voucher that can be redeemed for a commemorative A's coin. In addition, 10,000 fans will receive an Andrew Bailey bobblehead, courtesy of Chevron ExtraMile. For more information, special seating requests, or to purchase groups of 25 or more for this special day please call 510-638-GoA's (4627).

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