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Staff Sgt. Dale Beatty to Toss Out First Pitch Before Memorial Day Game

WHAT: **Staff Sgt. Dale Beatty to Toss Out Ceremonial First Pitch before A's vs. Giants game**
Staff Sgt. Dale Beatty, a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, will toss out the ceremonial first pitch before the A's vs. Giants game on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27.

Beatty was deployed to Iraq in 2004. His unit was attached directly to the 1st Infantry Division, near Bayji, Iraq. On Nov. 15, 2004, the vehicle Beatty was riding in was torn apart by antitank mines. As a result of the attack, Beatty became a double-amputee below the knees.

While he recovered from his injuries, Beatty, his wife, Belinda, and their two children, Dustin and Lucas, stayed at a Fisher House. The Fisher House Foundation is best known for a network of 60 comfort homes where military and veterans' families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving treatment. These homes are located at major military and VA medical centers nationwide, providing assistance to veterans and their families during their time of need. Today, Beatty is a trustee of Fisher House Foundation. He and Belinda recently welcomed their third child, a daughter, Sophia.

In addition, Sport Clips Haircuts and the A's have partnered to celebrate America's Armed Forces. On Monday, May 27 and Tuesday, May 28, fans can get a free haircut at the game (behind Section 235, before the seventh inning) when they donate \$10 or more to Fisher House. Sport Clips has also donated 50 tickets for each game to Fisher House patients and staff. Additional funds will be raised for the charity through the A's Community Fund silent auction.

WHEN: **Monday, May 27**
Oakland A's vs. San Francisco Giants
(Ceremonial first pitch scheduled for 12:54 p.m.)

WHERE: **O.co Coliseum**
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