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The USO to Carry Out “Operation Thriller” on U.S. Troops Stationed in Persian Gulf

Five of Today’s Most Celebrated Thriller Writers to Embark on Week-Long USO Tour to Combat Zone in Fall 2010

WHAT: USO Tour Featuring Bestselling Authors from International Thriller Writers (ITW), the nation’s first and only professional organization devoted solely to thriller authors:

- **Steve Berry** (*The Paris Vendetta*, *The Charlemagne Pursuit* and *The Venetian Betrayal*, among others)
- **David Morrell** (*First Blood*, in which Rambo was created, and *The Brotherhood of the Rose*)
- **Doug Preston** (*The Monster of Florence* and *Relic*, which later became a number one box office hit)
- **James Rollins** (*Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*, and the Sigma Force series including *The Devil Colony*)
- **Andy Harp** (*A Northern Thunder*)

WHEN: Fall 2010

WHERE: Washington, D.C. and Persian Gulf

Note: Due to security reasons, the countries and tour dates cannot be released at this time.

WHY: In Fall 2010, some of the nation’s New York Times best-selling thriller authors will deploy to the Persian Gulf on a week-long USO tour to visit and uplift troops. The tour, fittingly entitled **Operation Thriller**, will kick off with a special visit to Washington, D.C., where the group will visit with troops at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and National Naval Medical Center. The group will then fly to the Persian Gulf to talk fiction, inspire, spread cheer and, most importantly, show their heartfelt gratitude.

Participating in what will be their first USO tour, the authors will visit multiple posts, sign autographs, pose for photos and distribute advance copies of their upcoming novels.

From July 7-10, 2010, the authors attended ThrillerFest V, a four-day celebration of thriller books organized by the International Thriller Writers, where they announced their upcoming USO tour.

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