

MEDIA ALERT

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TODAY: GIRL SCOUTS WELCOME HOME BELOVED TROOP LEADER FROM AFGHANISTAN **Longtime Girl Scout Volunteer and U.S. Army Capt. Dannielle Carroll to be greeted by cheering Girl Scouts** **after year-long deployment overseas**

WHAT: Today (Wednesday, Sept. 18) Girl Scout Troop Leader and U.S. Army Capt. Dannielle Carroll will arrive home after being deployed for a year in Afghanistan—and the first people to greet her as she exits the bus will be her Girl Scout family. Inspired by Capt. Carroll, her Girl Scout troop sent her letters and video messages while she was away. Before her deployment, she was a troop leader and key Girl Scout volunteer in Santa Monica for 10 years. Despite having no children of her own, Capt. Carroll is proud to volunteer for Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles and to give back to the community and to the organization that she holds dear to her heart. In Afghanistan, her commitment to service persisted as she worked with Afghan children in their schools.

WHO:

- Enthusiastic Girl Scouts welcoming home their beloved troop leader and Girl Scout volunteer, Capt. Dannielle Carroll, as she exits the bus upon arrival home from Afghanistan

WHEN: Today, Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2013 – **Capt. Dannielle Carroll's bus is scheduled to arrive between 5–7 p.m. (Exact time will be known at 4 p.m. today. Please call Melanie Glover, 916-833-0579, for timing specifics.)**

WHERE: Nelson Holderman U.S. Army Reserve Center, 1250 Federal Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90025 (just south of Wilshire Blvd. in Westwood)

FACTS:

- A member of Girl Scouts since becoming a Brownie in 1986, Capt. Dannielle Carroll has served as a leader for the past 12 years, both in the Santa Monica Bay area and in Kentucky. She was stationed in Kabul, Afghanistan for a year with the U.S. Army.
- In 2012, days before her deployment Capt. Carroll was awarded the Leader with a Heart honor from Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles. This award is given to a leader by parents and girls in the troop who believe the volunteer to be outstanding in program delivery and troop leadership.
- The girls in Capt. Carroll's Santa Monica Girl Scout troop sent her packages and video messages throughout her deployment and are eager to welcome her home.

About Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles

Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles serves more than 43,000 girls in partnership with more than 25,000 volunteers throughout the diverse communities of Los Angeles County and parts of Kern, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties. The council's programs engage girls in the areas of Leadership, Arts & Culture, Business Smarts, Environment & Outdoor Adventure, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math), and Wellness & Healthy Living. To join, volunteer, reconnect, or support, visit www.girlscoutsla.org or call 1-888-GSGLA-4-U.

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