



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **CALENDAR LISTING**

**Free event | Theater | Performing Arts**

### **WHAT**

A reading of the play: *I Will Wait*

### **WHO**

By Amy Uptgraft and Gregory Stiebor  
Directed by Amy Uptgraft, VSP Artistic Director

### **WHEN**

Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

### **ABOUT**

The Veteran's Spouse Project is bringing a reading of *I Will Wait*, the must-see play that tells the story of sending a loved one to war, to the Leesville community.

Using real-life experiences combined with original music, this story begins in 1945 at the end of WWII and travels through "forgotten" Korea, the volatile Vietnam era, Desert Storm and ends with spouses caught in the current cycle of war and deployment.

Written after interviewing spouses from the 93 year old WWII widow to current young spouses dealing with their soldiers' first deployment, *I Will Wait* tells the stories of those left behind.

### **WHERE**

Celebrations | 108 N 3rd St, Leesville, LA



## **TICKETS**

Free Admission, reserve tickets online at [www.veteranspouseproject.org/tickets](http://www.veteranspouseproject.org/tickets). Seating is limited.

Suggested ticket donation is \$10 per person. Your tax-deductible donation benefits The Veteran's Spouse Project, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

## **CONTACT**

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For questions about the reading, please contact Ms. Amy Uptgraft at ([amyuptgraft@iwillwaitvsp.com](mailto:amyuptgraft@iwillwaitvsp.com)).

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## **ABOUT THE PLAYWRIGHT**

Amy Uptgraft is a Purdue theatre graduate, actor, playwright and children's theatre director. She has worked in theater in NYC, North Carolina, Texas, Georgia, Colorado and Alaska. She is also the wife of LTC Jamie Uptgraft, who is the chief of tactics for the Manuever Captains' Career Course at MCOE on Fort Benning, GA. They have four children and are stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia.

## **ABOUT THE VETERAN'S SPOUSE PROJECT**

The Veteran's Spouse Project (VSP), a nonprofit arts organization, is the only 501(c)(3) in the country giving voice to the stories of military spouses across the generations using theatre and expressive arts. VSP's mission is to bridge the civilian and military gap within our communities by increasing empathy for what military families endure and fostering spouse well-being.

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If you would like more information about The Veteran's Spouse Project, please call Lea Johnson at 910-728-5762 or email [leajohnson@iwillwaitvsp.com](mailto:leajohnson@iwillwaitvsp.com) or [info@iwillwaitvsp.com](mailto:info@iwillwaitvsp.com).