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## Organizers Pick Dates for Angel Fire Military Winterfest 2017 Features American Flag Jump-in, KidFest & Inter-Service Races

**ANGEL FIRE, N.M.** (April 12, 2016) – Angel Fire's 3<sup>nd</sup> Annual *Military Winterfest* will be a Rocky Mountain celebration for veterans, working military and their families Feb. 9 – 13, 2017 featuring skiing, snowboarding, tubing and a *KidFest*.

Dana Bowman, a retired U.S. Army Golden Knight and double amputee, will dazzle audiences with his *American Flag Jump In* Saturday, February 11. Skydiving from an airplane, he'll make a precision landing onto the base of Angel Fire Resort's ski mountain. Bowman has two custom prosthetic limbs when he lost both legs in a parachuting accident.

Military Winterfest, which attracted more than 500 veterans, active military and their families in 2016, is an opportunity to showcase Angel Fire Resort's mountain boasting 80 runs, four terrain parks, gladed tree runs and nighttime skiing. Known for its snow sports activities, the festival features huge discounts; ski and snowboard lessons *for* vets, taught *by* vets; an adaptive program for vets with disabilities; and Inter-service Fun Races. Other highlights include a Celebratory Dinner, a daily Twilight Colors Retirement Parade, a military expo and a Meet & Greet Social.

Registration, lodging and lesson details will be coming soon to <u>MilitaryWinterfest.com</u> and on Facebook at Facebook.com/MilitaryWinterfest.

Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve, veterans, veterans certified 100% disabled, dependent families and Gold Star families are eligible to participate but need a valid identification card or other proof of service.

Key partners in *Military Winterfest 2017*: National Veterans Wellness & Healing Center of Angel Fire, event host and organizer; the Angel Fire Resort, 5-Star corporate sponsor; and the funded in part by the Village of Angel Fire lodgers tax.

Military Winterfest 2017 directly supports the National Veterans Wellness & Healing Center. The Center provides treatment for military individuals and families that suffer with Post Traumatic Stress. Its creative therapies have been nationally recognized for their effectiveness in treating the "Invisible Wounds of War." For more, see <a href="National Veterans">National Veterans</a> Wellness & Healing Center Angel Fire.

MEDIA ADVISORY: 2016 event photos are available.