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MEDIA NOTE

“SERVING ABROAD...THROUGH THEIR EYES” Exhibition

The Department of State’s Office of Art in Embassies (AIE) is pleased to announce its collaboration with the Department of Defense on a historic exhibition of inspired photographs from overseas service, to be titled “*SERVING ABROAD...THROUGH THEIR EYES*,” as part of AIE’s year-long 50th anniversary celebration in 2012.

Any current or former Military, Foreign and Civil Service Officer may submit a single, compelling photo from service abroad for consideration as one of up to a thousand selected for display in an expressive video artwork. The image captured in the photograph should be of daily life, friendship, places, faces, loss, or triumph and taken since the year 2000. Photo submissions will be accepted now through February 20, 2012. Rules, entry forms, and guidelines may be found by visiting- <http://www.ourmilitary.mil/their-eyes/-serving-abroad-through-their-eyes>. The multi-venue video artwork will be on display during a private, evening reception on November 30, 2012 at the Smithsonian American Art Museum, and will then travel to the Pentagon, the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, and other prominent international locations.

A jury selection panel of noted Americans, including former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright; four former Chairmen of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Navy Admiral Mike Mullen, Air Force General Richard Myers, Marine General Peter Pace, and General Colin Powell, who also served as Secretary of State; *New York Times* photographer Joao Silva; and David Gregory, of *Meet the Press*, will announce the selections on Armed Forces Day, May 19, 2012. The *Best in Show* photographers will be honored at the November 2012 VIP opening celebration.

AIE, established by the Museum of Modern Art in 1953, and formalized by the Kennedy administration in 1962, is one of the premier public-private partnership arts organizations, with over 20,000 individual and institutional participants, and a presence in some 200 venues within 180 countries worldwide. AIE furthers U.S. diplomacy through the power of the visual arts by expansive international cultural exchange initiatives. For more information, please contact Dabney Kerr at KerrD@state.gov or (703) 875-4209, or visit <http://art.state.gov>.

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