

NATIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR MUSEUM FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW SPEAKERS SERIES PARTNERSHIP WITH WILEY X: “VALOR THROUGH THE LENS OF THE RECIPIENT”

The National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation (NMOHMF) today announced a years-long speakers series partnership with Wiley X, a veteran-founded manufacturer of protective eyewear and gear, featuring the stories of America’s Medal of Honor recipients.

The series, titled “Valor Through the Lens of the Recipient”, will reach the next generation of Americans through a series of twice-yearly events to be scheduled throughout the country. The series will highlight Medal of Honor recipients and is made possible by a generous gift of \$1 million from Myles and Alicia Freeman and the presenting sponsor, Wiley X.

“We’re grateful for this tremendous support from the patriots at Wiley X,” said Chris Cassidy, NMOHMF President and CEO. “While construction continues at the new Museum site, we’ll directly reach thousands of people across the country with the incredible stories and life lessons from Medal of Honor recipients. We’re excited for this meaningful partnership with such a respected company in the military community!”

The first events in the series, which will occur twice annually, will take place on April 20 at the University of Texas at Arlington and feature Command Master Chief Britt Slabinski, a Navy SEAL and Medal of Honor recipient who earned the Medal in Afghanistan during the Battle of Takur Ghar. This year marks the 20th anniversary of his Medal of Honor action. A second conversation with Slabinski, moderated by NMOHMF President and CEO Chris Cassidy, will be held April 21 at the Loews Hotel in Arlington, Texas.

“We are proud to be the presenting sponsor of ‘Valor Through the Lens of the Recipient,’” said Myles Freeman, Jr., Co-Owner of Wiley X. “Our company was founded with a mission of supporting those on the front lines and we believe their stories must be told. Our partnership with the National Medal of Honor Museum will do just that – tell the stories of true American heroes so that future generations may be inspired to do good in the world. Our product protects these heroes on the battlefield and this partnership will protect and preserve their legacies for generations to come.”

Veteran founded in 1987, Wiley X has been producing the world’s most protective eyewear to various markets that rely on impact resistance for over 35 years. Myles Freeman Sr., a veteran, started Wiley X to protect the eyes of those who protected America. The company’s military heritage helped carve a roadmap for Wiley X in the years to follow for many well-respected weekend warriors. Wiley X has been a leading provider of vision protection equipment to the U.S. military and law enforcement for more than 30 years.

To date, NMOHMF has raised over \$150 million for the project in recognition of the highest American military award for valor. Wiley X’s contribution comes days after the National Medal of Honor Foundation broke ground on its future home in Arlington, Texas. The one-of-a-kind museum will recognize the 3,511 servicemembers who have received the Medal of Honor, our nation’s highest award for valor in combat, as well as all those who served alongside them.

More information and registration for the inaugural Valor Through the Lens of the Recipient event can be found [here](#).



The poster features a dark blue background with a central image of a Navy SEAL in camouflage gear. At the top, the National Medal of Honor Museum logo is displayed. The main title reads "Q&A WITH BRITT SLABINSKI" in large white letters, followed by "MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT AND NAVY SEAL" in a smaller, light blue font. Below this, it states "20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF TAKUR GHAR". Two circular portraits are shown: one of Britt Slabinski on the left and one of Chris Cassidy on the right. Text between them provides the event details: "WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022", "University of Texas at Arlington", "SEIR Building, 198", and "6:00 PM - 8:00 PM". Below the portraits, their names and titles are listed. At the bottom, the Wiley X logo is featured with the text "VALOR THROUGH THE LENS OF THE RECIPIENT SERIES SPONSORED BY". Logos for the University of Texas at Arlington and the Department of History are also present.