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Dear Chief Minister,

Sub. : Launch of Flags of Honour Foundation

I write to inform you about the launch of the Flags of Honour Foundation on the Tenth Anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas on 26 July, 2009 in Bangalore.

The Flags of Honour Foundation has been established with an objective to support the martyrs / wounded veterans (including military, paramilitary and state police forces) and their families by ensuring the much needed support (financial, material and logistical) and channelise them in an effective manner to reach the beneficiaries.

At a time when our nation is under threat from within and out, from low intensity conflicts and terrorist attacks, uniformed forces represent not just the form of protection and defence to our way of life and democracy, but also represent the ideals on which this country was built - of commitment to the nation, and nation first.

The unending conflicts in the Indian Subcontinent have resulted in casualties, both Civilian and Military. Bravery and the sacrifices made by our uniformed personnel go largely unrecognized and unappreciated by the country. In contrast, governments and civil societies in other countries such as the USA, have undertaken several initiatives to recognize their Armed Forces through financial support, career counseling, housing assistance, recreational therapy programmes, and complete and unstinted community support.

The Flags of Honour Foundation is an endeavour to be a platform and a bridge between the citizens who seek to help, and the families of martyrs/wounded veterans. The Foundation will identify the need and requirements of these families and effectively route financial, social, and material support. The Foundation will expand to have a Pan India presence. It will affiliate with other Foundations across the country to enhance reach.



A base corpus of Rs. 1 Crore has been created for the Foundation, with an initial donation from me, which we will expand and grow by tapping various other sources.

The Council of Advisors of Flags of Honour comprise of the following :

- Air Chief Marshall F.H. Major (Retd) (PVSM, AVSM, SC, and VM)
- Lt. Gen. Satish Nambiar (Retd) (PVSM, AVSM, VrC-1971)
- Air Marshal Mc Mahon (Retd) (PVSM, AVSM, VM)
- Air Commodore M.K Chandrasekhar (Retd) (VM, VSM)
- Commodore Franklin (Retd) (AVSM, VSM)
- Mrs. Subhashini Vasanth (Wife of Late Col. V. Vasanth, Ashoka Chakra)
- Shri Manvendra Singh, Ex-Member of Parliament
- Shri Sajjan Poovayya , Chairman of FICCI Karnataka State Council
- Lt. Col. Mohanlal, and
- Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Member of Parliament (myself)

Please visit www.flagsofhonour.org to view the video / presentation outlining the mission of the Foundation in greater detail.

Very truly yours,

RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR

Shri V. S. Achutanandan

Hon'ble Chief Minister

State Secretariat

Trivandrum, Kerala