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Armed Services YMCA Selects Michael Landers as new National Executive Director and CEO

Landers to Assume New Office Effective June 1, 2011

Alexandria, Va. – The National Board of Directors of the Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA) elected Michael J. Landers as National Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, a post he will assume following the retirement of Frank Gallo on May 31, 2011. In its 150th anniversary year, the ASYMCA is dedicated to providing programs to support the men and women of America's military, and their resilient families.

Landers has spent the last 12 years serving as organization's Deputy National Director and Chief Operations Officer. Prior to his employment with the Armed Services YMCA he served for 31 years in the Navy and retired as a Captain in December 1998.

"Mike's dynamic leadership and dedication to the mission of the Armed Services YMCA, his innovative work in all facets of military family development programs, along with his focus on fiscal responsibility and his vision for the organization made him the perfect fit for the job," said Gene Habiger, Chairman of the Board of Directors, who led a six-month, comprehensive search for the position. "There was simply no one who could compare to Mike in terms of breadth of experience, dynamic leadership skills and passion for the Armed Services YMCA."

Landers worked with current ASYMCA National Executive Director Frank Gallo, Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy (Ret) to find his replacement, and the board of directors named Brigadier General Tom Landwermeyer, US Army (Ret) as the incoming Deputy National Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer.

"For a dozen years I've been privileged to work alongside Adm. Gallo and the tens of thousands of employees and volunteers that make the Armed Services YMCA the nation's leading program provider for the resilient families of our men and women in uniform," said Landers. "I am humbled by the confidence of the board in my abilities to lead the ASYMCA forward. Assuming the reigns in the 150th anniversary year of this storied organization is a tremendous honor."

Together, Landers and Landwermeyer will work to expand the ASYMCA's reach to serve even more of the dedicated military personnel who serve us, developing more programs and increasing partnerships to assure the organization continues to make a difference.

Landwermeyer comes to the ASYMCA from a civilian position in the office of the Chief of Staff of the Army. After graduating from the U.S. Military Academy, Landwermeyer served 33 years in the Army, culminating his distinguished military service as the Director of Operations for the Assistant Chief of Staff for the Installation Management on the Army Staff at the Pentagon.

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ABOUT ASYMCA: Celebrating 150 Years of Service to America's Military

The YMCA's dedication to America's armed forces began in 1861 when a handful of members voluntarily provided relief services to Civil War soldiers. Today, the Armed Services YMCA (ASYMCA) enriches the quality of life for our service members at more than 150 program centers around the world by providing educational, recreational, social and religious support services to junior enlisted military personnel and their families.

The ASYMCA, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, recently earned a four-star rating from Charity Navigator for the fourth consecutive year and is a top-rated charity according to the American Institute of Philanthropy. An affiliate of the YMCA of the USA, ASYMCA is headquartered in Alexandria, Va. For more information, visit www.asymca.org.