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DEPLOYMENT AND REDEPLOYMENT: THE CYCLE CONTINUES *Speaker addresses how deployment affects children of all ages*

Colorado Springs, Colo. – The Colorado Springs School (CSS) invites the public to attend a free lecture on the effects of military deployment on children on **Tuesday, September 23 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.** in the Louisa Performing Arts Center. Douglas H. Lehman, LCSW, CAC III is a qualified treatment provider and social worker for the Department of Behavioral Health at Evans U.S. Army Hospital at Fort Carson. Since the events of September 11, 2001, Lehman has dedicated his time and energy to children of deployed families. This lecture will provide parents and educators with techniques on how to assist children to cope with the effects of deployment.

A nationally recognized speaker in the field of childhood military counseling, Lehman's lessons for parents and educators are focused on facilitating the expression of emotions in terms of coping with the deployment of a parent. He has developed a twelve-week developmentally appropriate curriculum for children of deployed soldiers. His lecture will cover the techniques he uses to bring normalcy to an abnormal situation.

"The Colorado Springs School is honored to host Doug Lehman in our endeavor to provide the very best education for young people," said Kevin Reel, Head of School at The Colorado Springs School. "Our soldiers deserve our strongest thinking as we attend to the needs of their families while they are serving our country abroad."

To learn more about CSS and other events open to the public, please contact Director of Communications, Jessica James at (719)434-3506 or visit www.css.org.

About Douglas H. Lehman, LCSW, CAC III:

Douglas H. Lehman, LCSW, CAC III, has worked for Evans Army Community Hospital, Department of Behavioral Health and Social Work Services for eight years. He has been in the field for over nineteen years. Lehman is credentialed at EVANS Army Community Hospital to

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provide treatment for children and adults in the therapeutic arena. Lehman has presented for local mental health clinics, Family Readiness Groups, and local school districts. Lehman presented on the topic of Military Deployments and Families at the annual, U.S. Army Europe Regional Medical Command Conference as well as the Military Education Child Education Coalition and the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Department of Deployment Psychology.

Lehman is currently working on a chapter for a textbook titled *Families of Deceased Military Members* scheduled to be published in late 2008. Additionally, Mr. Lehman co-facilitates Junior and Senior High Deployment Groups. Lehman recently developed a six week education program for soldiers and their families that are diagnosed with traumatic brain injury.

About the Colorado Springs School (CSS)

CSS offers an experiential educational curriculum for Pre-Kindergarten – 12th graders. Through superior academics and mentoring, The Colorado Springs School prepares students to think independently and to meet the needs of a dynamic world with leadership, ingenuity, problem-solving skills, and personal integrity.

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