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4TROOPS donates $12,500 to American Legion scholarship program

Washington (Dec. 2, 2010) -- 4TROOPS, The American Legion’s official vocal group, took center stage Nov. 29 on the popular TV game show “Don’t Forget the Lyrics,” when they won the top prize of $50,000 for the charities of their choice.

The group has announced it will donate $12,500 of their winnings to The American Legion’s Legacy Scholarship fund, which awards college scholarships to children of servicemembers who have died on active duty since Sept. 11, 2001.

4TROOPS sang the correct lyrics to “Larger Than Life” by Backstreet Boys, “I Like It, I Love It” by Tim McGraw, “Apologize” by OneRepublic, and “Once Bitten, Twice Shy” by Great White. But it was their lyrical knowledge of “This Love” by Maroon 5 that bagged the $50,000.

All four singers - David Clemo, Ron Henry, Meredith Melcher and Daniel Jens - are Iraq war veterans and members of The American Legion, the nation’s largest veterans organization.

Clemo served in the 18th Airborne Division, providing communications and logistics support in Afghanistan. Henry served with the 101st Airborne Division in Iraq. Melcher was a platoon leader in Iraq, overseeing ambulance evacuations of wounded Americans and Iraqis. Jens enlisted after 9/11 and served one tour in Iraq; as a civilian, he went on to become a finalist on NBC’s "America’s Got Talent."

4TROOPS performed a live concert last August at The American Legion’s 92nd annual convention in Milwaukee. The group has also appeared on “Fox & Friends,” ABC’s “Good Morning America,” CNN’s “Larry King Live,” and CBS’s “Early Show.” Their first album, “4TROOPS,” went on sale May 11.

To learn more about 4TROOPS, go to www.4troopsmusic.com. 

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