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### **Fallen 15 joins Columbus Crew SC in lifting spirits of our unsung heroes**

Soccer fans, community unite to pay homage to those who gave all. In the spirit of the Fallen 15's ethos Honor, Celebrate and Inspire™ Major League Soccer's (MLS) Columbus Crew SC joined forces with the [Fallen 15](#) to lift the spirits of those Ohio families who lost their warrior in support of the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) during halftime of the Columbus SC versus the New England Revolution at Mapfre Stadium September 25, 2016.

The families were showered with love, affection and applause from the 15,000 fans in attendance.

The remembrance ceremony clearly lifted the spirits of the family members who stood proudly on the pitch as their loved ones name was read while their picture was featured on the Mapfre Stadium's massive video display.

The night also served as an occasion to remember those who answered America's call to duty past, present and future.



“The military is the backbone of our society. There is a lot of work that is done to keep everyone in a good place and everyone safe, which allows us to be proud Americans,” said Columbus Crew SC sporting director and head coach Gregg Berhalter.

He added: “I have the utmost respect for the military and what they do every day.”

The beautiful game and the armed forces share a lot in common such as preparation, strategy, execution, camaraderie, teamwork and commitment to victory.

A little known fact, one of our greatest military leaders in history U.S. Army Gen. David Petraeus (retired) was part of the 1969 Cornwall Central High School soccer team that won a state championship. ([See Gen. Petraeus in action.](#))

We live fast paced, hustle and bustle lives that many of us have a tendency to overlook the priceless sacrifice made by those who answered America's sacred call to duty and their families in defense of our freedom.

Colin King, brother of Staff Sgt. Adam King who served two tours in support of the Global War on Terrorism, was grateful and most appreciative of having the opportunity to make people aware of the service and sacrifice of our nation's warriors who gave all and their family members who continue to fight the good fight without their loved ones.

"One of the biggest fears I have is the wounded and deceased will be forgotten. If we can keep their sacrifices in the forefront that would be the greatest tribute of all," said Cheri King, mother of Staff Sgt. Adam King.

Through patriotic cooperation and socially responsible support of the [Columbus Crew SC](#) and the [Kroger Co.](#) we are reminded to honor, celebrate, and inspire™ in the memory of those who gave all and their families who continue to keep their loved ones memory alive.

"Honoring these families is our first priority. We have to remember that their worlds came to a crashing halt the day that their military member was taken from their lives. We need to keep the memory of their sons and daughters alive. It is our charge to tell their story and celebrate their lives," said Rick Isbell, ADA and Veterans Affairs Coordinator for the City of Columbus.

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**[Columbus Crew SC sporting director and head coach Gregg Berhalter shares what the Honor.Celebrate.Inspire™ national initiative means to him.](#)**