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Falls Church Distillers and Operation Turbo to Co-host Memorial Day Distillers Festival in Falls Church City

Falls Church, VA – Falls Church Distillers, the only privately-owned distillery local in Fairfax County, and Operation Turbo, a Non-Profit 501(c)3 dedicated to ensuring that active duty military personnel stationed overseas receive care packages with notes of gratitude and gifts from home, announced they will co-produce the Memorial Day Distiller's Festival, on Saturday May 26th from 11am to 7pm in front of Falls Church Distillers at 442 S. Washington Street in Falls Church.

The event follows the success of the Veteran's Day Distillers Festival this past November, which was the first of its kind in Northern Virginia (NOVA). This Memorial Day weekend, the festival will feature commercial vendors, live music and available wares of spirits, wine, beer and food from Virginia's participating distillers, vineyards and restaurants. In conjunction with the new Tinner Hill Target store on S. Washington Street, there will be an opportunity for festival goers to package and personalize Operation Turbo boxes.

"The Paluzzi's is a proud family of pervious and current active duty military members and I'm grateful to have the opportunity and necessary partnerships to create an event that will donate and raise awareness for an organization that supports active duty military away from home,"

said Falls Church Distillers' owner Michael Paluzzi. "Our inaugural Veteran's Day Festival was great fun, we hope this May will be even bigger and more successful."

Participating distillers include Dome and Spear Distillers, Springfield Distillery, MurLarkey, Vitae Spirits and Catoctin Creek Distillery. Local represented vineyards will include Boxwood Estate Winery and Otium Cellars and Lost Rhino Craft Beers. The festival will also feature live music throughout the day from regional artists.

"We are thrilled to be part of this festival and are looking forward to spreading the word about our organization this Memorial Day weekend. Memorial Day is a day to honor and remember those who died in active military service. Providing an opportunity for festival visitors to honor those by paying forward to our current military feels like the right thing to do," said Dyan Smith, founder of Operation Turbo.

For more information on the festival and available sponsor or vendor opportunities, contact Alison Oleson at Alison@yourteamfriday.com.

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About Falls Church Distillers: Opened in 2017, the distillery is owned by Falls Church resident Michael Paluzzi, who was raised in a family of Italian immigrants and carries on the cultural traditions of fine traditional foods and alcohol production. Lorenzo Paluzzi, Michael's oldest son, uses his education in chemistry as chief distiller of the vodka, gin, rum, and whiskies the distillery creates and serves locally and in Virginia bars and restaurants. To learn more about Falls Church Distillers, visit www.fcdistillers.com

About Operation Turbo: Operation Turbo is a Non-Profit 501(c)(3), dedicated to sending care packages to all branches of U.S. service members deployed around the world. Operation Turbo was founded in 2010 by Jeff and Dyan Z. Smith after touring their niece's ship, the USS Stout (DDG 55). Each month, the Operation Turbo team of volunteers fill personally addressed 'Boxes of Home' with supplies they know the military can use. To learn more about Operation Turbo, visit www.OperationTurbo.org