

Ambassadors of Hollywood Press Release

Actors David Koechner, Zach Roerig, Sophia Taylor Ali, and Denim Richards will be touring as Ambassadors of Hollywood for Armed Forces Entertainment (AFE). Featuring a series of five meet-and-greet events, the tour will run from August 7–14 at bases throughout Europe.

David Koechner is an accomplished actor and comedian with a career spanning more than three decades. Best known for his iconic role as sports reporter Champ Kind in the hit comedy film series *Anchorman* (2004) and *Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues* (2013), as well as his recurring portrayal of the boorish Todd Packer on the beloved NBC sitcom *The Office* (2005–2013), he first gained national attention as a cast member on *Saturday Night Live* during the 1995–1996 season after honing his skills in Chicago's renowned improv scene at Second City.

Koechner has delivered memorable supporting performances in other popular comedies, including *Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby*, *Thank You for Smoking*, *Waiting...*, *Krampus*, and *The Comebacks*, while also showcasing his dramatic range in acclaimed independent films such as *Cheap Thrills*. On television, he has had recurring roles on *The Goldbergs*, *Bless This Mess*, *Superior Donuts*, and voiced Dick Reynolds on the animated series *American Dad!*, cementing his status as a versatile and instantly recognizable character actor across film, television, and animation.

Zach Roerig was born on February 22, 1985, in Montpelier, Ohio, where he grew up as a natural athlete, playing football and wrestling in high school. He worked alongside his father and grandfather at the family gravestone business before moving to New York City to pursue an acting career. He launched his career on daytime soaps, *As the World Turns* and *One Life to Live*, before breaking into primetime with a role on the Emmy Award-winning drama *Friday Night Lights*.

Roerig is perhaps best known for his long-running role as Matt Donovan on *The Vampire Diaries* (2009–2017), and has also appeared in *The Gifted*, *Dare Me*, and the Vietnam War drama, *The Last Full Measure*. Most recently, he joined the cast of the Netflix comedy-drama series *Boots* as Sergeant Knox, which premiered in October 2025. Roerig brings a grounded, relatable energy that resonates strongly with a wide range of audiences.

Sophia Taylor Ali first gained widespread recognition playing Dr. Dahlia Qadri on the long-running ABC drama *Grey's Anatomy* before landing a lead role in Amazon.com's Prime Video survival thriller *The Wilds* (2020–2022), where she portrayed the fan-favorite character Fatin Jadmani. In 2022, she made her major studio film debut,

starring alongside Tom Holland and Mark Wahlberg in the action-adventure blockbuster *Uncharted*, playing Chloe Frazer. She most recently appeared as Dr. Zola Ahmad in *Chicago Med* (2024) and starred opposite Al Pacino and Kate Mara in the film *Easy's Waltz* (2025). A versatile and rising talent with a multicultural background, Ali brings energy, warmth, and strong mainstream appeal to every project she joins. Born and raised in Dallas, Texas, she is the eldest of three siblings and began acting in commercials at age eight. By the time she was 10 years old, she left school to pursue acting full-time. After several years traveling to Los Angeles, she moved there permanently at thirteen, booking early roles on *Shake It Up*, *Melissa & Joey*, and *CSI: Miami*.

Denim Richards has been performing for more than two decades with more than 40 acting credits spanning from theater, television, and film. Richards was a series regular on the hit series *Yellowstone*, appearing across five seasons as Colby Mayfield and receiving a SAG Award nomination for Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble in a Drama Series in 2022. Richards was also a series regular on Season 2 of *Good Trouble* and has several music-based performances to his name.

In film, Richards starred in the action/crime films *Country Line: No Fear* and *Country Line: All In*. He also appeared in the Netflix feature film, *The Chickasaw Rancher*, as Jack Brown. A talented singer and keyboardist, Richards has performed on *Conan* and in numerous theater productions. In 2006, he took first place in acting and singing in the Los Angeles NAACP competition and went on to place fourth nationally.

AFE delivers world-class entertainment to U.S. troops and their families overseas, strengthening their resilience, boosting morale, and contributing to readiness. These engaging experiences connect servicemembers to home, foster a sense of belonging, ease the challenges of deployment, and support mental health. For more information about this event, visit armedforcesentertainment.com.