

Alison Buckholtz Introduction

Ladies and gentlemen, it's now my privilege to introduce you to a woman whose words have brought both comfort and awareness to families with loved ones at war...

She is a champion for military wives and mothers, who used her Slate column, "Deployment Diaries," to shed a light on the difficulties facing military families face by offering a candid account of her family's struggles during her husband's deployment to Iraq...

She is a passionate advocate, who has been recognized by the White House for the way that she has brought light to the experiences of Jewish soldiers and their families in a post-9/11 world...

And she is a widely-acclaimed author, who has penned columns in the New York Times, New York Magazine, Real Simple, and more, and has been featured on NBC Nightly News, NPR, and other national broadcast programs.

Ladies and gentlemen, please welcome the author of "Standing By," Alison Buckholtz.