

# November is

## VETERAN AWARENESS MONTH

Spotlight on: *Jas Boothe*



[www.WomenVeteranSpeakers.com](http://www.WomenVeteranSpeakers.com)

*Jan has been honored for her leadership and community service including:*

- *Oprah Winfrey Standing Ovation Recipient*
- *American Veterans Center Lillian Keil Award—Women’s Contributions to the Military*
- *CNN Hero*
- *People Magazine Hero Among Us*
- *YWCA Woman of Distinction*

**Author, Entrepreneur, Army Veteran, Cancer Survivor, Innovator, Philanthropist & Speaker**

### Why we’re proud of this individual:

Jas Founded Final Salute Inc. in November 2010 as part of their commitment to “Never Leave a Fallen Comrade.” Throughout her military career, she was dedicated to working with and advocating for soldiers and their family members. In 2005, she was a single parent in the Army Reserves living in New Orleans. That spring, she learned she would soon be deploying to Iraq and then a few months later she lost everything she owned due to Hurricane Katrina. She tried to shift her focus to her platoon that was counting on her for leadership in a combat zone. The very next month in September, she received a devastating diagnosis of an aggressive head, neck, and throat cancer, and was now unable to deploy. Her options were limited and posed some very hard choices. Because of her illness, she had to discharge from the military. She needed complex full-time medical care, employment, and a place to live with her young son. This led to her starting Final Salute. She was determined to ensure her fellow sister veterans had a resource in their time of need. Also, she wanted to ensure they were treated with dignity and respect they had earned under extremely severe circumstances.

[finalsaluteinc@gmail.com](mailto:finalsaluteinc@gmail.com)



**CNN  
HEROES**

**FINAL SALUTE, INC**

[www.WomenVeteranSpeakers.com](http://www.WomenVeteranSpeakers.com)

### Other Observances in Month:

- November 1: National Authors’ Day
- November 7: National Body Language Day
- November 14: National Pickle Day
- November 16: National Fast Food Day
- November 18: Mickey Mouse Birthday
- November 23: Thanksgiving Day
- November 26: National Cookie/Cake Day

Brought to you by the Office of Social Equity, 210 Carrier

Clarion University is an affirmative action equal opportunity employer