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## New York City Hosts American Hero

(New York, NY)—The New York City Young Republican Club is proud to announce that it will host LTC Allen West at a fundraiser on August 5.

Col. West came to national attention in 2003. As battalion commander for the Army's 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in Taji, Iraq, he saved the lives of his men by frightening a local terrorist into divulging the details of an ambush planned on his soldiers. The ambush was averted and those involved in the plot were handed over to Iraqi authorities.

When asked if he regretted his actions, Col. West replied, "If it's about the lives of my men, I'd go through hell with a gasoline can."

Allen West retired from the Army in 2004 and moved with his wife and two young daughters to Broward County, Florida. He taught high school and then returned to Afghanistan for 2 ½ years to train Afghan military officers. He returned to Florida in November 07, where he is now a candidate for Congress in District 22 (Ft. Lauderdale).

The August 5<sup>th</sup> event is set for 7 pm at the Soldiers', Sailors', Airmen and Marines' Club, 283 Lexington Avenue (at 37<sup>th</sup> Street). Interested persons are asked to contact :

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