



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
November 7, 2016

**Media Contact:**

Mark Seaman, Director of Development  
and Communications  
202.682.0208 or 215.688.3488 (cell)  
mark@epic-usa.org

***ORGANIZATION FOUNDED BY VETERANS HOSTS EVENT IN SUPPORT OF IRAQ***

***Former Ambassador Expected to Join 100+ Attendees at November 17 Event***

WASHINGTON – On Thursday, November 17, the Education for Peace in Iraq Center (EPIC) will host a fundraiser from 6 to 8 PM at Hawthorne DC (1336 U Street NW). Funds raised will support on-the-ground relief for families and children displaced by violence throughout Iraq, and EPIC's efforts to monitor and report on the humanitarian crisis while advocating for a greater U.S. response.

Ambassador Lukman Faily, the former ambassador of Iraq to the United States, will join an estimated 100+ veterans, activists, and advocates at the event. Guests will enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres, drink specials, a beautiful view of Washington, and inspiring company. Tickets are \$20 in advance, or \$25 at the door, and may be purchased at [www.epic-usa.org/donate](http://www.epic-usa.org/donate).

**A Truly EPIC Event:  
A Happy Hour Reception for Iraq's Future**

Thursday, November 17, 2016

6 – 8 PM

Hawthorne DC

1336 U Street NW

Washington, DC 20009

Tickets: \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door

According to Erik Gustafson, a veteran of the 1991 Gulf War and founding director of EPIC, “this event seeks to remind our friends and partners that we must continue in our role to promote peace and humanitarian assistance in Iraq and educate all Americans about the country's promise and potential. We are hopeful that feelings of unity, acceptance, and collective action pervade, and that all those who share in this spirit will join us on November 17.”

The Education for Peace in Iraq Center (EPIC) works one-on-one with young people and civil society leaders in Iraq to carry out effective programs, monitor the crisis and inform public policy, enhance understanding of Iraq's story, and advocate for peaceful change. EPIC was founded in 1998 by veterans of the Gulf War who believe that youth empowerment and a human security approach can make Iraq safe and prosperous again.

###

*The Education for Peace in Iraq Center is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.*

**EPIC: Education for Peace in Iraq Center • 900 2<sup>nd</sup> Street NE, Suite 216 • Washington, DC 20002  
(202) 682-0208 • [info@epic-usa.org](mailto:info@epic-usa.org) • [www.epic-usa.org](http://www.epic-usa.org)**