

Troops and the ‘New Avengers’ Step Into the Line of Fire in Free Comic Book

DALLAS – An all-star cast of Super Heroes is making its way to Base and Post Exchanges across the globe as the Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) and Marvel Comics is set to unveil the latest in a series of free military-only “New Avengers” comic books.

The new comic, titled “Fireline,” finds the Incredible Hulk, Iron Man, Spider-Man and the Human Torch teaming up with troops to battle a forest fire in Southern California.

In addition to a compelling story written by Stuart Moore and exciting imagery from Cliff Richards, the new comic will feature information about an AAFES sweepstakes, giving two winners an opportunity to appear in a Marvel comic book and strap on Stark Enterprises’ “Personal Armor System” in an upcoming adventure.

“There’s a lot of excitement surrounding the ‘Unmask the Hero’ sweepstakes as it will offer a once in a lifetime opportunity for two service members’ likenesses to appear in an upcoming Marvel comic,” said AAFES’ Chief of Staff Col. Maxx Baker. “The two winners will be photographed and professionally drawn into the next comic AAFES distributes. It’s going to be a terrific salute to a couple of real life Super Heroes.”

Beyond appearing in an upcoming comic book, the two lucky winners of the “Unmask the Hero” sweepstakes will receive an Iron Man videogame and Nintendo DS handheld game console. Complete rules and entry forms will be available at www.aafes.com and local BX/PXs once Fireline hits BX and PX shelves next month.

“Fireline,” the sixth in AAFES/Marvel military-only comic book series that began with “The New Avengers” in April 2005, will be available exclusively at BXs and PXs throughout the continental United States in July. Overseas AAFES locations, including 85 exchanges in Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, will begin stocking the comic in August.