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***SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ROMANCE AUTHOR  
PLEDGES ROYALTIES TO USO PROGRAM***

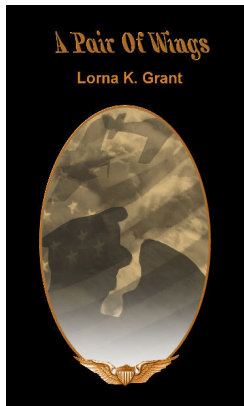
(Irvine, CA, September 29, 2006) Lorna K. Grant wanted to give something back to those in uniform. As a result, she has pledged her October and November royalties from her WWII romance novel, *A PAIR OF WINGS* (Vintage Romance Publishing) to the USO program, United Through Reading. “I wanted to choose an organization that reached out to those serving our country, and could think of no organization more deserving than the USO,” Grant explained. Growing up with a father in the Air Force, Ms. Grant remembers her father being away for periods of time and knows what this generation of military children is going through with parents serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. When she got older, she heard the stories of how, when she was an infant and toddler, she refused to go to her father when he returned from year-long tours in Vietnam and Guam, as she didn’t recognize who he was. “I know it broke his heart and I’m glad the USO has a program that helps parents stay connected to their children while they’re away. It’s hard on everyone when parents are deployed and I’m glad today’s children have the help of the USO,” Grant commented.

The United Through Reading program helps unite deployed service men and women and their children with a little help from a video camera and a book. At participating USO Service Centers, the service members can videotape themselves reading a children’s book, and the resulting DVD and copy of the book are then sent to the child back home. The family is encouraged to photograph the child’s excitement of having the book read to them by the absent parent, which is then sent back to the deployed service member. Ms. Grant will also be joined by Kally Jo Surbeck ([www.kallyjosurbeck.com](http://www.kallyjosurbeck.com)), an award-winning author also with Vintage Romance Publishing in donating royalties to the program.

*A PAIR OF WINGS* is Ms. Grant’s debut release and a heartfelt look at romance in World War II. When asked why she chose the years of WWII as a setting for her novel, Ms. Grant says, “What better characters for a romance than those from the Greatest Generation and in a setting considered the Last Great Romantic Era?” At a very early age, Ms. Grant discovered the quintessential heroes and heroines of those old black and white movies, and nothing has been the same since. As she got older, she discovered two new loves—history and the romance novel. She aspired to combine the two and share her enthusiasm for history and WWII with romance readers. Grant said she felt an overwhelming compassion to give these inspiring heroes and heroines a well deserved place in the genre. After two years of painstaking research and writing, *A PAIR OF WINGS*

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is the resulting labor of love and promises to take readers on an unforgettable journey into the past.



**She didn't want to love him...** Colleen Vaughn has experienced the effects of war firsthand as a US Army Nurse. When she's told her fiancé has been shot down and killed in action, she vows never to fall in love again. Then she meets a pair of haunting blue eyes and a dimpled smile. Only problem is – he's another pilot. **He wouldn't let her walk away...** As a P-51 pilot, Captain Daniel Ryan has one mission: protect the bombers and get back alive. The last thing he needs is to fall in love. Soon he wonders just who is more dangerous – the enemy firing back at him or the woman who fights the love they share. **The war brought them together. Would it also tear them apart?**

“The settings are by turns beautiful and brutal. Ms. Grant does a wonderful job of touching on the human cost of war, the risk of loving in the midst of it, the power of friendship and the triumph of the human spirit.”  
Romantic Times – 3 Stars

“Ms. Grant takes us back to a time when lives intersected on the battlefields and hearts were broken amid the war. This story pulls the reader into the romance, the fears, the joys of those who bravely served their country.” Lori Avocato, Award-winning Mystery Author and USAF Veteran Nurse

“A PAIR OF WINGS will tug at the heart strings and seep into the soul of the reader. Keep a box of Kleenex handy for this one. Lorna K. Grant has a rare gift.” Sime-Gen Reviews – 5 Stars

Before writing A PAIR OF WINGS, Ms. Grant's short story, "The 'Muse'-ings of an Author's Cat", was accepted for publication in the anthology CRUMBS IN THE KEYBOARD. Released April 2002 from Echelon Press, benefits from CRUMBS went to the Center for Women and Families, located in Louisville, KY. Inspired, Ms. Grant decided to help raise funds for the America's 20<sup>th</sup> Century Veterans' Memorial in North Platte, NE with LET US NOT FORGET, published in 2002 from iUniverse. A total of fifty-seven veterans and writers gave a piece of themselves for this tribute, including two former US Senators and veterans: Bob Dole, who wrote the Foreword, and Bob Kerry, who contributed the Introduction.

A PAIR OF WINGS (Vintage Romance Publishing, 252 pp, \$12.95) is available in trade paperback through bookstores and on-line outlets. Full Press Kits are available by request ([mediarequests@lornakgrant.us](mailto:mediarequests@lornakgrant.us)) or on Ms. Grant's website ([www.lornakgrant.us](http://www.lornakgrant.us)).