

DATA CENTER ANTI-CONFERENCE USA 2026 TO HOST EXCLUSIVE PRE-RELEASE SCREENING OF RALLY POINT: OSCAR

Documentary follows 10 Afghanistan combat veterans who reunited more than a decade later in the data center, digital infrastructure industry.

AUSTIN, TX, UNITED STATES, August 19, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- DCAC USA 2026 will host an exclusive pre-release screening of Rally Point: Oscar, a new documentary directed and produced by Xavier Vazquez and Mike Sarraille, chronicling the remarkable journey of ten U.S. Army combat infantrymen from the battlefields of Afghanistan to the front lines of America's rapidly expanding data center industry. The screening will take place Tuesday, Aug. 25, at 6:30 p.m. CT during the sold-out [Data Center Anti-Conference](#) (DCAC) USA 2026 at ACL Live at The Moody Theater in Austin.



More than a decade ago, the men featured in Rally Point: Oscar fought to keep one another alive in Afghanistan. Today, they have found themselves reunited in an unlikely place: the data center industry, helping build the critical infrastructure that will power AI and the next industrial revolution.

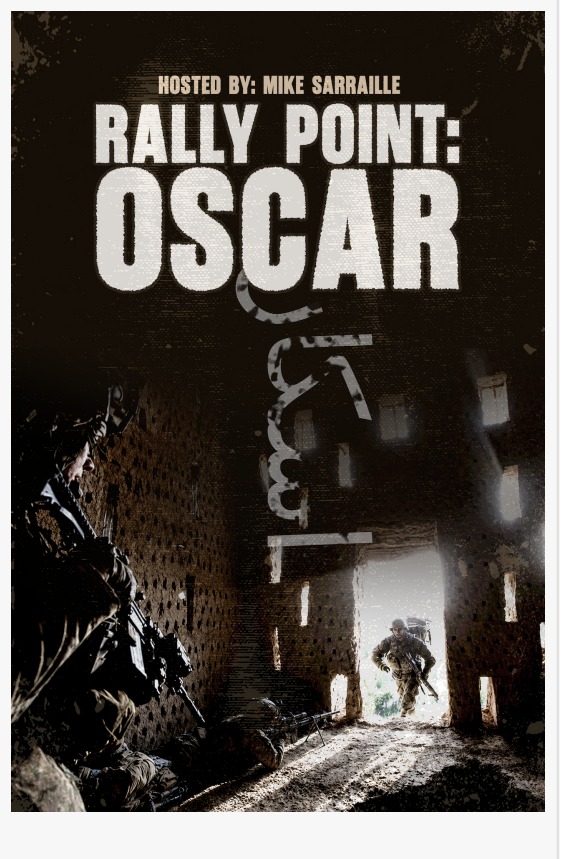
In 2012, as soldiers of the U.S. Army's 5-20th Infantry Regiment, the men endured near-daily combat in Kandahar Province, the birthplace of the Taliban, during a deployment that left their unit with heavy casualties and wounds, both visible and unseen, that followed many of them home.

Rally Point: Oscar follows their journey across the difficult distance between war and civilian life,

where a sense of purpose can disappear even as memories of combat remain. Ultimately, it is a story about what happens when the people who once helped keep you alive become the people who help you find a new mission.

“Rally Point: Oscar is about far more than veterans finding jobs after military service. It is about brotherhood, purpose and what happens when you give people who have operated in the most demanding environments imaginable another mission worthy of their abilities,” said Kirk Offel, CEO of [Overwatch Mission Critical](#) and a U.S. Navy veteran. “These men defended this country together, and today they’re building the infrastructure powering its future. DCAC is exactly where this story belongs.”

The screening reflects a larger conversation taking place across the mission-critical industry as unprecedented investment in AI and digital infrastructure creates an equally unprecedented demand for skilled workers. Veterans bring leadership, discipline, technical aptitude, adaptability and mission-first thinking to an industry where execution, reliability and teamwork are essential.



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For DCAC, which has made veteran workforce development a central part of its 2026 conference, including the [Anchors of Hope](#) campaign, the film also underscores the human side of building what the organization calls the Fifth Utility, the data centers, resilient power, fiber and intelligent systems increasingly underpinning nearly every aspect of modern life.

“DCAC has always been about the people behind the infrastructure, and there may be no better example of that than the men whose story is told in Rally Point: Oscar,” said David Isaac, president of DCAC. “We are honored to give

our community an exclusive first look at their story.”

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From Serving the Country to Powering Its Future

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The exclusive screening is available to registered DCAC USA 2026 attendees, as well as members of the press who pre-register.

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ABOUT RALLY POINT: OSCAR

Rally Point Oscar follows ten soldiers who served together with the U.S. Army's 5-20th Infantry Regiment during a brutal 2012 deployment to Afghanistan and, more than a decade later, eight found themselves reunited in the data center industry. Through

their experiences in combat, transition into civilian life, the documentary explores the lasting consequences of war, the enduring bond of brotherhood and the renewed sense of purpose these veterans discovered while helping build the critical infrastructure powering America's future.

Soldiers of the 5-20th Infantry Featured in Rally Point Oscar: Jesse Sargent, Tony Shampine, Skyler Eden, Michael Ferguson, Nic Czapinski, Sokvida Tan, Michael Maggio, Dison Ittu, Zach Ames, and Jose Martinez.



ABOUT DCAC

The Data Center Anti-Conference (DCAC) was created to challenge the traditional conference model and bring together the people building, operating and advancing the world's digital infrastructure for candid conversation, meaningful relationships and industry collaboration. DCAC USA 2026 takes place Aug. 24-26 at ACL Live at The Moody Theater in Austin, Texas, bringing together 2,000 leaders from across the data center, energy, construction, technology and mission-critical ecosystem.

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