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Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band returning to MCAS Yuma

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION YUMA, Ariz. – The United Service Organization (USO) and Tricare West Healthcare Alliance are hosting a free concert for active duty, reservists, veterans and their families on the Marine Corps Air Station Yuma parade field March 30 at 7 p.m.

Gary Sinise, the famous actor from Forest Gump, is scheduled to perform with the Lieutenant Dan Band beginning as a part of a nation-wide tour boosting morale and building camaraderie within military communities.

The MCAS Yuma parade field will be ready for spectators at 5:30 p.m., show starts at 7 p.m. and ends at 10 p.m.

The event will have many fun things for the whole family to enjoy to include a play area for young children with blow up bouncy houses and a rock climbing wall and obstacle courses for adults.

Not to be forgotten, food and beverages will be available for purchase through MCAS Yuma-based squadrons to include beer, cotton candy, hamburgers, hot dogs, popcorn and nachos.

Media are invited to attend a pre-concert press briefing with Gary Sinise and the band on March 30 at MCAS Yuma and are also encouraged to cover the concert.

MEDIA NOTE: Media who wish to attend the event must **R.S.V.P. for this event no later than 4 p.m. on Thurs, March 29.** To R.S.V.P., call 928-269-3422/2275 or send an email to william.waterstreet@usmc.mil. When reserving a spot, be sure to include name of organization and the names and phone numbers of media attending.

Those attending must meet at the MCAS Main Gate on Avenue 3E no later than 5:15 p.m. on March 30. A public affairs Marine will escort you from the gate to the event and back.

Bio information for Gary Sinise

Actor, director, producer. Born March 17, 1955 in Blue Island, Illinois. The son of a film editor, Sinise attended Highland Park High School where an appearance in West Side Story eventually led to his co-founding of Chicago's acclaimed Steppenwolf Theater Company. The then 18-year-old Sinise, along with Terry Kinney and Jeff Perry, started the ambitious enterprise in a local church basement, launching the careers of such talents as John Malkovich and Laurie Metcalf. Sinise began his film and television career in the director's chair on such series as Crime Story and thirtysomething and the feature film Miles From Home. In 1992, he directed, produced and starred in a remake of John Steinbeck's Of Mice and Men. In 1994, Sinise became familiar to mainstream audiences as Lt. Dan in the blockbuster film Forrest Gump with Tom Hanks. His performance as the physically crippled and emotionally shattered veteran earned him an Oscar nomination. He re-teamed with Hanks for Apollo 13 in 1995 and starred in the television biopics Truman in 1995 (for which he won a Golden Globe) and George Wallace in 1997 (for which he won an Emmy). In 2000, he appeared in the drama Mission to Mars and the thriller Imposter. Sinise returned to the small screen in 2004 to star in the crime series CSI: New York. Sinise is married to actress Moira Harris, who is an original member of Steppenwolf Theater. They have two daughters, Sophie and Ella, and a son, McCanna. Gary is accompanied by The Lt. Dan Band.