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## Multi-Platinum Recording Artist Trace Adkins to Perform Four Private Shows for Troops and their Families on USO Holiday Tour to Japan

WHAT: USO tour featuring country music star Trace Adkins

WHEN: November 26-December 2, 2012

WHERE: Japan

WHY: USO tour veteran Trace Adkins to fly more than 17 hours from Nashville to the island of

Japan to volunteer his time and lend his trademark voice to what will be his seventh <a href="USO/Armed Forces Entertainment">USO/Armed Forces Entertainment</a> tour in eleven years. Slated to arrive in the Pacific on November 26 and spend six days visiting and uplifting troops and their families, the country music crooner will extend his thanks to service heroes; tour multiple military posts including, an air traffic control tower, fire stations and a working dog unit; as well as perform four full band USO concerts. Among the bases he will visit are Yokota Air Base, Misawa Air Base,

Camp Hansen and Kadena Air Base.

Adkins' commitment to our country and the people who defend it have made him and the USO loyal friends and partners. Among the first group of USO entertainers to travel to the Middle East, Adkins has lifted the spirits of more than 29,000 troops and participated in six USO tours over the last eleven years.

Taking a break from hosting "Great American Hero" on Great American Country and filming NBC's first-ever "All-Star Celebrity Apprentice," Adkins will help kick off the holiday season by performing in the 86th Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade® on Nov. 22 at 9 a.m. EST and on NBC's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual "Christmas in Rockefeller Center" Special on Nov. 28 (8-9 p.m. EST).

**QUOTE:** Attributed to Trace Adkins:

"There is nothing more important to me than family, they are what matters most in my life. That's why I always look forward to doing these USO tours - in many ways, this organization has become family to me. Of course, we can never forget who we're doing this for, the brave individuals in uniform and those who support them around the world."

## NOTE:

When getting into the holiday spirit this season, remember our deployed servicemen and women, wounded troops and military families. Visit <u>usowishbook.org</u> and recognize a special occasion while directly benefiting troops and their families.

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