



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

December 6, 2013

**CONTACT:**

Oname Thompson

703-980-6471

[othompson@uso.org](mailto:othompson@uso.org)

**Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to Bring Laughter and Music  
to U.S. Forces Abroad On Annual USO Holiday Tour**

*Joining General Martin Dempsey are Washington Nationals Infielder Adam LaRoche, R&B Star Bridget Kelly, Super Bowl Champ Matt Light, Comedian Thomas Miles, "Duck Dynasty's" Jep and Willie Robertson, and Actress Alison Haislip*

**Twitter Pitch:** @Martin\_Dempsey to kick off @the\_USO holiday tour w/ @Nationals Adam LaRoche, @theycallmeBK, Matt Light, @nephewwtommy, @jepDuckman, @williebosshog & @alisonhaislip

**WHAT:** USO Holiday Tour Led By **Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Martin Dempsey**

**WHO:** Washington Nationals infielder **Adam LaRoche**  
Grammy award winning singer/songwriter **Bridget Kelly**  
Former New England Patriots offensive tackle and three-time Super Bowl champion **Matt Light**  
Actor, comedian and USO tour veteran **Thomas "Nephew Tommy" Miles**  
Stars of A&E's hit reality show "Duck Dynasty" **Jep and Willie Robertson**  
Former host of G4's "Attack of the Show" and first-ever on-air social media correspondent on NBC's "The Voice" **Alison Haislip**

**WHEN:** December 2013

**WHERE:** Various locations  
*Note. For security reasons, the country names and tour dates cannot be released at this time.*

**WHY:** Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff **General Martin Dempsey** to once again take a little laughter and music to troops abroad as part of the Chairman's annual USO holiday tour. Joining the Chairman on what will be a moment-filled journey abroad are Washington Nationals infielder **Adam LaRoche**, Grammy award winning singer/songwriter **Bridget Kelly**, former New England Patriots offensive tackle and three-time Super Bowl champion **Matt Light**, actor/comedian **Thomas "Nephew Tommy" Miles**, stars of A&E's hit reality show "Duck Dynasty" **Jep and Willie Robertson**, and former NBC "The Voice" correspondent **Alison Haislip**.

Continuing a time-honored tradition of taking celebrity sports figures and entertainers overseas to visit troops over the holidays, General Dempsey will lead the group on a seven-day, four-country USO tour to five military venues. The USO has worked with the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff since 2000.

This trip marks the second USO experience for Miles, who traveled on General Dempsey's first-ever USO holiday tour as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 2011, and the first tour for LaRoche, Kelly, Light, the Robertson brothers and Haislip.

**QUOTES:**

*Attributed to Adam LaRoche:*

"I've wanted to take this tour for a long time and to finally be able to go and thank our service members is an honor. I'm looking forward to going over and getting to know these brave men and women, and do whatever I can to bring them some holiday cheer."

*Attributed to Bridget Kelly:*

"As a native New Yorker, I have a profound respect for our servicemen and women. Their dedication and courage make me proud to be American. I'm honored and excited to be traveling with the Chairman and the USO on this holiday tour."

*Attributed to Matt Light:*

"This is the first chance I've ever had to go overseas to see firsthand what our service men and women face every day. Most Americans see what they go through on TV or hear from other people, but to actually go over there and see their day-to-day life is something that I'm really looking forward to. We're going to go over and bring a little bit of back home to them by sharing some stories and laughs, and try to lift their spirits."

*Attributed to Thomas Miles:*

"There are few times in life where you can actually say that someone made a difference in your life or that, if you're lucky and privileged enough, you made a difference in someone else's life. Volunteering with the USO, fulfills both of those statements and I can't wait to go back out with the Chairman this year and re-create some USO moments."

*Attributed to Willie Robertson:*

"We owe our servicemen and women and their families so much more than just a holiday or two; we owe them our thanks each and every day we are alive. I am honored to have been invited to join the Chairman on his annual USO holiday tour and look forward to the trip."

*Attributed to Jep Robertson:*

"My parents raised my siblings and I to respect each other, love everyone and, most importantly, to appreciate everything that God has given us. I'm so grateful for the opportunity to go overseas with General Dempsey on a USO tour and get the chance to express my thanks."

*Attributed to Alison Haislip:*

“I can’t thank General Dempsey and the USO enough for the opportunity to go out on their annual USO holiday trip. I’ve spent some time with troops over the years and am really looking forward to the tour.”

**NOTE:** The “Every Moment Counts” campaign was launched by the USO on Veterans Day 2013 and invites Americans to join the USO in honoring and creating moments that matter for our nation’s troops and their families – like the Chairman USO Holiday Tour. The campaign centers around the countless every day moments – from family dinners, date nights and the holidays to children’s births and bedtime stories – that our troops and their families miss and selflessly sacrifice due to their commitment and service to our country. To learn more visit [USOmoments.org](http://USOmoments.org).

**About the USO**

*The USO lifts the spirits of America’s troops and their families millions of times each year at hundreds of places worldwide. We provide a touch of home through centers at airports and military bases in the U.S. and abroad, top quality entertainment and innovative programs and services. We also provide critical support to those who need us most, including forward-deployed troops, military families, wounded warriors and families of the fallen. The USO is a private, non-profit organization, not a government agency. Our programs and services are made possible by the American people, support of our corporate partners and the dedication of our volunteers and staff.*

*In addition to individual donors and corporate sponsors, the USO is supported by President’s Circle Partners: American Airlines, AT&T, Clear Channel, The Coca-Cola Company, jcpenny, Jeep, Kangaroo Express, Kroger, Lowe’s, Northrop Grumman Corporation, Procter & Gamble, and TriWest Healthcare Alliance and Worldwide Strategic Partners: BAE Systems, The Boeing Company, Lockheed Martin, Microsoft Corporation and TKS Telepost Kabel-Service Kaiserslautern GmbH & Co. KG. We are also supported through the United Way and Combined Federal Campaign (CFC-11381). To join us in this patriotic mission, and to learn more about the USO, please visit [uso.org](http://uso.org).*

###