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GRAMMY Winning Recording Artist Anthony Hamilton to Return *Home*For The Holidays and Perform His First-Ever USO Show at Fort Bragg

Singer/songwriter to break away from 17-city tour to visit and perform holiday classics for troops and military families in his native state of North Carolina

WHAT: USO concert featuring Grammy Award-winning recording artist Anthony Hamilton

WHEN: Tuesday, December 16, 2014

4:15 p.m. USO Media Op at venue (Run Time: Approx. 10 to 15 minutes)

7:00 p.m. USO Concert Begins

Note. **1)** Media interested in covering this event must RSVP to the Fort Bragg Public Affairs no later than 4 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 15th at (910) 432-0502 or (910) 396-5620. **2)** Public Affairs staff to meet media personnel at the Stryker Golf Course parking lot at 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 16th and escort them to the venue location. **3)** USO photos available post event at http://bit.ly/1uhliEU.

WHERE: Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Sports USA Club

WHY: Singer/songwriter Anthony Hamilton to make a detour to Fort Bragg, North Carolina

while on the road as part of his 17-city *Home For The Holidays Tour* Dec. 16. Hamilton to return to his native state to join the USO in honoring America's troops and their families, and creating moments that matter this holiday season. Born with the gift of music, he will treat the Fort Bragg military community to a USO concert, filled with original songs and holiday classics. The show, which starts at 7 p.m. and marks Hamilton's first-ever USO concert, is free of charge and open only to military ID holders and their guests. Just prior to taking the stage, Hamilton will visit with wounded warriors, dine with troops and take tour of the USO of North Carolina center on post.

An avid supporter of America's armed forces, Hamilton's ties to the military run deep. His father was a Vietnam veteran and many of his family members have served, and are currently serving in the U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Air Force. Proud of his military heritage, Hamilton visited troops stationed at U.S. Army Garrison Yongsan in Korea in 2006.

Born and raised in Charlotte, North Carolina, the critically acclaimed singer/songwriter has released eight studio albums and earned scores of awards (including a GRAMMY in 2009). In October 2014, Hamilton released his first-ever Christmas album, "Home for the Holidays," and announced his 17-city *Home For The Holidays Tour* — which commenced in Dallas on Nov. 27 and ends in Connecticut Dec. 21. Adding to his reasons to celebrate this holiday, is Hamilton's recent GRAMMY Award nomination for *Traditional R&B Performance* for his duet "As" featuring Marsha Ambrosius.

NOTE:

The USO's "Every Moment Counts" invites Americans to join the USO and Anthony Hamilton in honoring, saluting and creating moments that matter for our nation's troops and their families this holiday – like this USO concert at Fort Bragg. This event, much like the campaign centers around the countless every day moments – from family dinners and date nights to children's births and bedtime stories – that our troops and their families selflessly sacrifice due to their commitment and service to our country. To learn more visit USOmoments.org or join the conversation on Facebook or Twitter using #USOMoments.org.

About the USO

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