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TV Personality/Actress Raquel 'Rocsi' Diaz to Embark on Second USO Tour and Make Special 9/11 Visit to Aviano Air Base, Italy

Twitter Pitch: @the_USO to deploy @rocsidiaz to Italy on second tour to commemorate anniversary of 9/11

WHAT: USO entertainment tour featuring TV personality/actress **Raquel 'Rocsi' Diaz**

WHEN: September 8 – 13, 2012

Note. **USO tour photos available 9/12/12!**

WHERE: Italy

WHY: Television personality and actress **Raquel Diaz**, better known by her stage name 'Rocsi,' is once again leaving her New York City set to visit scores of military kids with the USO Sept. 8-13. Bound for Italy, Diaz is scheduled to visit three military bases and talk with youngsters about transitioning back to school, self esteem, anti bullying and the importance of education. Diaz will be at Aviano Air Base on the eleventh anniversary of September 11, 2001, to visit with Airmen and their families, and extend her gratitude to those serving to protect our nation's freedoms.

Inspiring millions of youth around the world for the past seven years during her tenure as the co-host of BET's flagship show "106 & Park," Diaz has covered countless topics from anorexia and body dysmorphia to teenage pregnancy and parenting. Taking her love of talking to kids and inspiration one step further, Diaz traveled to Germany in 2010 and participated in her first USO tour. During the trip, she shared her career path to broadcast television, experiences behind the camera and aspirations for the future.

This fall, Rocsi will be leaving "106 & Park" to embark on the next chapter of her career in acting. Diaz can soon be seen in upcoming movies "Soul Ties" and "The Last Letter" starting Lynn Whitfield, among other feature films as she is actively reviewing scripts and honing her skills.

QUOTES: *Attributed to Rocsi Diaz:*

"Throughout my life I have been blessed with so many opportunities and I can't thank our men and women in the U.S. armed forces enough for allowing me to live out my dreams. Who better to relay my appreciation to than our nation's troops, military families, and the USO. I can't wait to arrive in Italy and spend time talking to kids about the everyday

challenges they face.”

NOTE: Give a gift to our troops or a military family year round through USO Wishbook at usowishbook.org or learn ways to help show your support at <http://www.uso.org/act-now.aspx>.

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