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**Country Music Newcomer RaeLynn Breaks Away From Miranda Lambert/Dierks Bentley
Tour to Visit USO Warrior and Family Center at Fort Belvoir**

*Songstress Toured the 25,000-Square Foot Facility, Performed an Acoustic USO Show and Signed Autographs
for Military Families Just Hours Before Hitting the Stage at Jiffy Lube Live Sunday, July 28*

Twitter Pitch: See pics of @RaeLynnOfficial's visit to the USO Warrior and Family Center at Fort Belvoir on July 28! <http://bit.ly/13blgRE>

ARLINGTON, VA. (July 30, 2013) – “The Voice” alum turned mainstream country music singer/songwriter **RaeLynn** briefly stepped away from the *Locked & Reloaded Tour with Miranda Lambert and Dierks Bentley* on Sunday to visit and spend time at the USO Warrior and Family Center at Fort Belvoir. A 25,000-plus-square foot building just steps away from the Fort Belvoir Community Hospital and the Fort Belvoir Warrior Transition Unit barracks, the center is home to all active duty military personnel and their families as well as our nation's wounded, ill and injured troops, their families and caregivers.

DETAILS:

- RaeLynn kicked off her visit with a tour of the USO Warrior and Family Center at Fort Belvoir, where she learned about the importance of recreation, normalcy, quiet time, education and employment for troops navigating their way through the recovery process. Among the many spaces the singer visited were the center's healing garden, art room, sports lounge, theater, music room, video gaming area, business center, outdoor grilling space and fully functional kitchen, among other locations.
- Following the tour, the singer was presented with a USO Challenge Coin for her brother, William Jacob Holtz, who is a Green Beret. She then performed an intimate, heartfelt USO acoustic show in the center's multi-purpose room followed by a USO meet & greet and autograph signing for troops and their families.
- In total, RaeLynn lifted the spirits of 75 troops, military families, USO staff and volunteers. This was the singer's first USO experience.
- RaeLynn catapulted into the national spotlight on season 2 of NBC's hit singing competition “*The Voice*,” where she was selected to be on Blake Shelton's team. The singer returned to “*The Voice*” during season 3 as a special guest and performed her song “Boyfriend” which will be featured on her upcoming album. RaeLynn now splits her time on the road and in the studio, currently working on her debut album and is presently opening for Miranda Lambert and Dierks Bentley.
- The USO Warrior and Family Center at Fort Belvoir opened its doors in February 2013 and is the USO's largest center ever built as well as the first of its kind stateside. The center boasts more than

20 unique spaces designed to provide troops, their families and caregivers the opportunity to learn, share and create memorable experiences.

- Among the many spaces is the music room, which allows troops a chance to try their hand at an instrument, record a song or enjoy a jam session. The room is surrounded by fabric wrapped acoustic panels and acoustic glass, making it an ideal recording environment to promote healing and creativity through music.
- The USO Warrior and Family Center at Fort Belvoir is open daily and operated by the USO of Metropolitan Washington.
- The center's design, developed by Huffman Development and Scott Long Construction and designed by STUDIOS Architecture, was based on research, surveys and focus groups to determine the needs of wounded warriors while also focusing on the Warrior and Family Support Center in San Antonio, Texas. The USO and STUDIOS Architecture conducted hundreds of interviews with wounded warriors (including members of the Reserve and Guard), their families, military medical professionals and staff, community groups and subject matter experts in the care of wounded, ill and injured warriors.

QUOTE:

Attributed to RaeLynn:

"Walking the halls of the USO Warrior and Family Center at Fort Belvoir and seeing all there is to offer our servicemen and women, their families and caregivers who have sacrificed so much for America is really inspiring. The USO does very important work and our troops deserve our support every step of the way. I was honored to visit the center, receive the USO Challenge Coin on behalf of my amazing big brother and am excited to do more with the USO in the future."

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