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GARY SINISE AND HIS 'LT. DAN BAND' RETURNING TO EAA AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH IN 2010

EAA AVIATION CENTER, OSHKOSH, Wis. — (Nov. 11, 2009) — A weeklong salute to veterans during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2010 will be highlighted by the return of actor Gary Sinise and his “Lt. Dan Band” at AirVenture’s Theater in the Woods.

The concert, sponsored by EAA Warbirds of America and the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), is scheduled for Friday, July 30.

It’s the second EAA visit for Sinise, best known for his role as Vietnam veteran Lt. Dan Taylor in the classic film “Forrest Gump,” and as star of the hit TV series “CSI: New York.” Sinise also plays bass in The Lt. Dan Band, which made its first, hugely popular appearance at Oshkosh in 2008.

The concert will be the highlight of a series of veteran-focused events that will take place throughout EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2010. Further details regarding other events during the week will be announced as they are finalized.

“We are thrilled to welcome back Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band to Oshkosh,” said Tom Poberezny, EAA chairman/president and AirVenture chairman. “The concert will be a fitting finale to a week of events that will honor America’s veterans at AirVenture 2010.”

The Lt. Dan Band covers everything from Bruce Springsteen to Linkin Park, Aretha Franklin to Jimi Hendrix. After 2008’s highly successful Oshkosh concert in front of thousands at Theater in the Woods, EAA Warbirds of America and Disabled American Veterans teamed up to sponsor the band’s return. The concert will follow a series of events dedicated to DAV.

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“Gary Sinise is a longtime advocate for our organization and continues to shine the light on our mission to build better lives for America’s disabled veterans and their families,” said DAV National Commander Bobby Barrera. “As a patriotic and family-friendly venue, EAA AirVenture is an ideal setting to feature the Lt. Dan Band.”

The 1.2 million-member Disabled American Veterans, a non-profit organization founded in 1920 and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1932, represents this nation’s wartime disabled veterans. It is dedicated to a single purpose: Building better lives for our nation’s disabled veterans and their families.

EAA Warbirds of America is a non-profit organization and division of EAA that is dedicated to the preservation of former military aircraft, better known as “warbirds.” Since 1964, EAA Warbirds of America has worked to “Keep ’em Flying.”

EAA AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH is The World’s Greatest Aviation Celebration and EAA’s yearly membership convention. Additional EAA AirVenture information, including advance ticket and camping purchase, is available online at www.airventure.org. EAA members receive lowest prices on admission rates. For more information on EAA and its programs, call 1-800-JOIN-EAA (1-800-564-6322) or visit www.eaa.org.

For more information on Disabled American Veterans, visit www.DAV.org.