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The USO Presents the 3rd Annual Virginia Beach Patriotic Festival

A weekend of Pride, National Entertainment and Military Tributes

Free Concerts all weekend long with special performances by Huey Lewis & The News, Sugar Ray and Country Music Star Gretchen Wilson.

(Virginia Beach, VA – May 23, 2007) For the third year in a row, the City of Virginia Beach, the USO, the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce and Whisper Concerts are honoring our military nation-wide by hosting the Patriotic Festival at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront.

The Patriotic Festival is dedicated to honoring men and women in uniform throughout the United States. This is a time for the Hampton Roads region, home to one of the world's largest concentration of military in the country, to remember the men and women of the United States Military for their heroism and the sacrifices they make for Americans.

During the Patriotic Festival, five individuals representing each branch of service will be recognized for their valor and dedication to our country. These honored guests and their families will be invited to attend a weekend full of military displays and demonstrations, and concerts. The highlight of their weekend will be a reception in their honor on Friday, June 1st at the Ramada Inn, followed by the free 5th Street Concert featuring Huey Lewis and the News.

The weekend of festivities will include free concerts with local military bands as well as national recording artists. The concert line-up includes Huey Lewis & The News (June 1), Better Than Ezra and Sugar Ray (June 2) and Gretchen Wilson (June 3). The concerts will be held at the 5th Street Stage at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront.

New to this year's events will be a children's area brought to you by the USO and sponsored by Disney at 8th Street and Oceanfront on Saturday and Sunday from noon until 5pm. The area will feature Moonwalk Bouncers, kids games, DJ set, a giant slide, face painting, prizes for all and much more. This area is free and open to the public. **In addition, all families presenting active duty military id will be eligible to register for a free trip to Disney World.**

For more information and complete list of weekend activities visit www.usohr.org or www.patrioticfestival.com. To set up interviews contact Liane Bloeser at 757.289.5929 or email at lianebloeser@gmail.com.

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