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Gary Sinise, Lt. Dan Band to Lead Entertainment at C*A*M*M*O Tribute to Rolling Thunder XXV on May 26, 2012

Alexandria, VA – Award-winning actor and humanitarian [Gary Sinise](#) and his [Lt. Dan Band](#) will kickoff the entertainment portion of the Center for American Military Music Opportunities' (C*A*M*M*O) tribute to Rolling Thunder's 25th anniversary, on Saturday, May 26, at a special stage set up at the intersection of Henry Bacon Drive and Constitution Avenue in Washington, D.C. The tribute provides a fitting salute to Rolling Thunder's annual Demonstration Run on May 27 for Prisoners of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIAs) and to show patriotism and respect for service members and veterans from all wars.

Sinise's band is one of several musical acts, including nationally recognized military artists who have signed on to support the tribute, which begins at 11:45 a.m. and continues through 8 p.m. A series of guest speakers (to be announced over the next few weeks) will include prominent POW/MIA, military and veterans affairs leaders and activists.

A highlight of the tribute will be the unveiling of five custom-made "tribute" motorcycles—one for each branch of military service—built especially to commemorate the Rolling Thunder XXV anniversary. After the speakers and bike presentations, music will continue well into the evening as many talented entertainers continue to pay tribute to Rolling Thunder, including the following C*A*M*M*O artists:

- Singer/songwriter and U.S. Marine [Mike Corrado](#), who has gained national attention with music videos on CMT and GAC and performed both as a headliner and in support of artists such as Bon Jovi, Black Eyed Peas, John Mayer, Train, and more
- [Dale Beatty](#) and his band, **Outlaw 2 1** will be bringing that North Carolina rockin' country sound to D.C., with Iraq war veteran SSG Dale Beatty on drums . This will be Outlaw 2 1's third appearance in support of the Rolling Thunder Memorial Day weekend program, and their debut as a CAMMO artist. They appeared most recently at the Sturgis (S.D.) Buffalo Chip along with musical legends Stevie Nicks and John Fogerty.

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- Singer/songwriter, U.S. Navy veteran and *NBC Nashville Star* finalist [Tommy Stanley](#), who has performed alongside country artists such as Trace Adkins, Blake Shelton, and Billy Ray Cyrus and has opened for acts such as Switchfoot, Tracy Lawrence, Edwin McCain, and John Michael Montgomery.

C*A*M*M*O is also expecting a number of additional “special” guests, to be announced later.

Complete details of the program, as well as speaker and entertainer biographies, will be available soon in an online press room on [C*A*M*M*O’s web site](#), on the [Rolling Thunder Washington, D.C. web site](#), and a mobile app that will be available shortly.

ABOUT C*A*M*M*O

C*A*M*M*O is a 501c(3) non-profit organization founded in 2009 by U.S. Navy veteran Cathie Lechareas and U.S. Army veteran Victor Hurtado that believes in the healing power of music. Run by veterans for veterans and active-duty service members, C*A*M*M*O develops military and veteran artists, technicians, writers and musicians at its C*A*M*M*O centers. Concurrently it is developing military-specific music therapy programs providing qualified music therapists who can assist past and present service members who are suffering neurological impairments such as traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder. For more information about C*A*M*M*O, visit their [web site](#).

ABOUT ROLLING THUNDER WASHINGTON, D.C., INC.

Rolling Thunder-Washington, D.C., is a 501c(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to make certain that we, as a nation, neither neglect our prisoners of war nor forget our missing in action. Founded in 1987 by four Vietnam veterans—Cpl. Ray Manzo, Sgt. Major John “Top” Holland, Staff Sgt. Ted Sampley, and 1st Sgt. Walt Sides, the organization’s most visible outward symbol is the annual Rolling Thunder First Amendment Demonstration Run through the nation’s capital every Memorial Day weekend. The rally began in 1988 with just a few hundred motorcycles and now attracts hundreds of thousands of participants from all over the world. A less visible, but equally important, expression of our mission is our legislative efforts. We strive to affect national policy in a way that will assist POW/MIAs. We wrote, got introduced and passed, the Missing Service Personnel Act of 1984. For more information, visit Rolling Thunder Washington, D.C., Inc.’s web site at www.Rollingthunderrun.com.

ABOUT GARY SINISE AND THE LT. DAN BAND

Gary Sinise, nominated for an Academy Award for his portrayal of Lt. Dan—the character who lost both legs in battle in “Forrest Gump”—and the star of CBS’ popular “CSI: New York”—is also an accomplished musician. He formed the Lt. Dan Band in 2004 primarily for USO Tours, but now performs 30 to 40 fundraising concerts a year to entertain troops and families, to raise funds for charitable efforts to help wounded warriors and families of the fallen, and to support charities devoted to the same. In 2011 he launched the Gary Sinise Foundation, dedicated to serving the Nation by honoring our defenders, veterans, first responders, their families and those in need by creating and supporting unique programs designed to entertain, educate, inspire, strengthen and build communities. For more information, go to www.GarySiniseFoundation.org.

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