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**2003 U.S. Army Soldier Show hits the road with tribute to
“Legacy”**

FORT POLK, La. – The U.S. Army Soldier Show “Legacy” will be at Fort Polk’s Bayou Theater Aug. 12, 2003 for two performances. The first show is at 3 p.m., with the second starting at 7 p.m.

The show is a fast-paced tribute to the many musical genres enjoyed by soldiers over the years.

The musical medley of “Legacy” ranges from classic Motown to Girl Band favorites, Country music to current dance club hits. It also includes show tune adaptations from Aida and Chicago; along with music of Native American, Latin, classical, rock and contemporary Gospel. The tribute also features show-stopping soloists.

Cast talents allow for more dancing in the show than in previous years. Jazz, tap, ballet, Bob-Fosse styled choreography and a Native American Hoop Dance is worked seamlessly into the show.

The troupe is on a six-month tour during which they will perform 103 shows at 57 locations in 21 states, the District of Columbia, Korea and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The cast and crew include active duty, National Guard and Reserve Component soldiers from 11 states, Japan, Korea and Germany. They vary in rank from private first class to first lieutenant and include an infantryman, broadcast journalist, a member of the military police, armored vehicle gunner, licensed practical nurse, food service specialist, microwave systems operator and mental health specialist, among others.

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The soldiers are attached to the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center's Army Entertainment Detachment for 179 days. While in the show, they are assigned additional duties, such as vocal director, dance captain and wardrobe/costume manager.

The Soldier Show operates as a deployable military unit under the leadership of the detachment commander, first sergeant, and a Soldier Show noncommissioned officer in charge who travels with them. A five-member soldier transportation crew manages the show's 44-passenger bus, 18-wheel tractor-trailer and 15-passenger van.

The civilian artistic staff includes Victor Hurtado, a Latin recording artist who performed with the Soldier Show while he was on active duty from 1986 to 1989 and fulltime Army Entertainment Division staff member; Dennis Buck, musical director and Soldier Show alumnus and Tanya Gibson-Clark, Broadway performer and choreographer.

The U.S. Army Soldier Show, an Army Entertainment Division production, is one of more than 50 Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs the Army provides soldiers and families worldwide to enrich their lives, allow personal growth and creative expression, foster self-reliance, enhance physical fitness and promote well-being.

This event, sponsored by First Command Financial Planning and the U.S. Army National Guard, is open to the public. Reservations are not necessary. Seating is limited and available on a first-come first-served basis. For more information, call 531-2337.

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