

EAA AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH 2015 WELCOMES RETURN OF GARY SINISE AND LT. DAN BAND ON JULY 24



May 4, 2015 – Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band will return to [EAA AirVenture Oshkosh](#) in 2015 as the grand finale of a daylong salute to veterans on Friday, July 24. Performing for the fifth time at EAA AirVenture since 2008, the popular band will be hosted by the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) and EAA Warbirds of America at the Boeing Plaza stage.

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, plays bass in The Lt. Dan Band and is a well-known supporter of veterans and active-duty personnel. The concert will be a highlight of AirVenture’s own Salute to Veterans Day on July 24 and is included with the day’s admission to AirVenture.

Other highlights throughout the day include extended warbird aircraft performances during the afternoon air show, a flight line parade honoring veterans, and other activities to salute those who have served.

“The performance by Gary and the band is always outstanding, but we know that we’re doing this to honor all the veterans and active duty personnel who are here at AirVenture,” said Harold Cannon, president of EAA Warbirds of America.

The [Lt. Dan Band](#) covers everything from Bruce Springsteen to Beyonce, and the Zac Brown Band to Jimi Hendrix. Following the band’s first concert in front of thousands at EAA’s Theater in the Woods in 2008, Warbirds of America and the DAV teamed to sponsor the band’s return in 2010, 2011 and 2013.

“The DAV is thrilled to bring our message of service to America’s veterans and their families to this year’s air show at Oshkosh,” said DAV National Commander Ron Hope. “Sponsoring such a talented band is our way of thanking the patriotic citizens who attend events like this in their unwavering support of honoring the men and women who served.”

About DAV

The 1.2 million-member [DAV](#), a non-profit organization founded in 1920 and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1932, represents this nation’s disabled veterans. It is dedicated to a single purpose: fulfilling our promises to the men and women who served.

About EAA Warbirds of America

[EAA Warbirds of America](#) is a non-profit organization within EAA that is dedicated to the preservation of former military aircraft known as “warbirds.” Since 1964, EAA Warbirds of America has worked to “Keep ‘em Flying.”

About EAA AirVenture Oshkosh

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.eaa.org/airventure. 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. Immediate news is available at www.twitter.com/EAA.