

Leeann has been on 16 USO tours since September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 – 14 of which were to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Places that Leeann has traveled to in support of our troops abroad with the USO...

Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, UAE, Kyrgyzstan, Kosovo, Bosnia, Macedonia, Korea, Japan, Germany, Alaska, Hawaii, Djibouti Africa, and troops deployed on ships in the Persian Gulf. (She's visited the USS Nimitz, the USS Eisenhower, and the USS Ronald Reagan)

In April of 2009, Leeann traveled to Iraq, Kuwait and Germany as an Ambassador to actor Gary Sinise's Operation Iraqi Children program. OIC donates school supplies to Iraqi children that are distributed by American troops.

Leeann was honored with the Angela Harvey "Heart of a Patriot" Award by the USO of Illinois in November of 2008. Actor Gary Sinise nominated Leeann to the USO Board, and also presented her with the award at the USO's annual gala on the Navy Pier in Chicago. This award was created expressly to honor those in the entertainment industry, as well as supportive citizens of our nation, who have gone above and beyond in support of the troops, but also to honor those whose talent has reflected the spirit of the American soldier, sailor, marine, airman and coast guardsman. Past recipients of the award have been Gary Sinise, Nancy Sinatra, and ABC News' Bob Woodward and his cameraman Doug Vogt who were injured by a bomb blast while covering the war in Iraq.

She has traveled with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on four different occasions and has entertained troops with the likes of Robin Williams, Bradley Cooper, Matt Lauer, John Elway and Gale Sayers- twice over the Christmas Holidays and once for General Myers' farewell/retirement tour. On that particular trip, they traveled literally around the world to 10 countries in 10 days.

She has spent two Thanksgivings serving turkey dinner to the troops in Afghanistan...once with General Tommy Franks in 2002 and the other with actor Gary Sinise in 2009.. In the back of his best-selling book, "American Soldier," Tommy personally thanked Leeann by name as one of the entertainers who dedicated their time to boosting the morale of the troops. She has kept in touch with General Franks and they have been guests at different military events, before and after his retirement.

As part of a USO tour in conjunction with Vanity Fair that also saw the likes of Robert De Niro, Wayne Newton, Gary Sinise, Kid Rock, Alyssa Milano, Rebecca Romjin, John Stamos, Brittany Murphy, Leann Womack, and Jason Taylor, she was part of the very first groups of civilian entertainers into Iraq after the fall of Saddam Hussein.

The Chairman's tour she was on (her second in 2003), which left Washington, DC the very next day after Saddam Hussein's capture, was joined by a crowd of journalists to cover the story firsthand. Her tour was fortunate enough to visit the location of the men and women of the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division to thank them in person.

Four of Leeann's tours to the Middle East have been with the Sergeant Major of the Army, Kenneth O. Preston. She was also invited by the SMA to attend this year's "Best Warrior" competition hosted by the enlisted side of the Army, where she traveled to Fort Lee, Virginia with football legend Franco Harris to say thank you.

Leeann has also participated in numerous opening ceremonies for USO/MWR centers all over the Middle East. In December 2004 while on tour with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, Leeann, Robin Williams, and John Elway broke ground at the Pat Tillman USO Center at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan.

Over the years, Leeann has donated thousands of dollars to the USO through different charity events. She has also donated money to the Wounded Warrior Project to help those injured after they come home from battle.

Leeann has volunteered numerous times on Capitol Hill to stuff USO Care Packages with members of Congress.

Leeann has also visited numerous bases here in the United States to welcome home troops, see them off, or to just say thank you to them and their families. She has spent time with the Knight Stalkers at Fort Campbell, Kentucky on two different occasions to welcome home troops from deployment and spend time with their families.

When she hosted the Fox Sports show '54321,' Leeann and her crew traveled to Camp Pendleton in Southern California to say thank you to the troops and tape their extreme sports show with stars like Olympic snowboarding gold medalist, Shaun White.

When SEAL Team 7 was preparing to redeploy to the Middle East, Leeann traveled to Coronado in San Diego, California with Oscar winning actor Jon Voight to say thank you in person and have dinner with the team and their families.

She has also been involved with the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, attending events on Capitol Hill and at the Reagan Museum and Library in California.

Leeann was asked to be the celebrity co-host at the Army's Birthday Ball in Washington, DC in 2005, and did so with pride. She was also asked back to host the Ball in 2009.

Leeann was also asked to be the host of the Army's first ever "Military Idol" competition at Fort Gordon, Georgia. She was joined by guest judges former Sergeant Major of the Army Jack Tilley and country recording star Mark Wills.

She has participated in different events for our wounded warriors through the USO Metro in Washington, DC. At the recent 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Stars & Stripes, Diamonds & Clubs Casino Night, Leeann was joined by former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Peter Pace, Miss America, Miss Virginia, former Washington Redskin John Riggins, and

former reality star of ABC's "The Bachelor: An Officer and a Gentleman," Navy doctor, Lieutenant Andy Baldwin.

She also just returned from playing in a poker tournament with pros such as Howard Lederer, Andy Bloch and Phil Gordon for our wounded warriors and their families at the Mologne House located on the Walter Reed Army Medical Center premises.

Leeann played in the USO World's first annual charity golf tournament in Miami, Florida. In her foursome, she was joined by her Air Force fiancé, a Coast Guardsman, and a retired Air Force mechanic.

Leeann also played golf at the Chevy Chase Golf Course in Maryland in what is known as the "IED of Golf" (Improvised Explosive Day of Golf). The event was for wounded warriors to try their hand at playing golf again. It was put on by CBS golf commentator David Feherty as well as comedian George Lopez. General Ray Odierno caddied for his son, Tony (a former Army Lieutenant) who lost his arm in an RPG (rocket propelled grenade) attack. General Peter Pace also caddied for some of the wounded warriors. Golf pros included Tom Watson.

Leeann was a guest of honor at Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base's Annual Christmas Toy Drop in 2005. This involved her raffling chances for 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne soldiers who donated toys to charity to get the opportunity to earn their foreign jump wings. German and Irish jump masters participated with our American troops.

Leeann tries to visit the Pentagon whenever she is in the Washington, DC area. She has also been to numerous luncheons there for our wounded warriors and their families.

In 2005, Leeann was invited to fly with the Navy's Blue Angels. This was such an honor for her, and she was able to tape a segment that later aired on "The Best Damn Sports Show Period" on Fox Sports. The very next day, Leeann received a call from the Air Force Thunderbirds asking her to fly with them as well. She has yet to take them up on their offer, but plans to do so soon...

She was also asked by the Army's Golden Knights to jump at Fort Bragg in North Carolina, which she did with her fiancé, an Air Force Major, who was also given the opportunity to jump.

Leeann has also donated her MC skills to the Annual Freedom Festival, hosted by retired SMA Tilley over the past few years in support of various causes pertaining to our military men and women. One of the charities provides college scholarships to children of fallen warriors.

Leeann has written articles about her visits with the troops for numerous publications, and even as a model has done two covers of FHM magazine in honor of our men and women serving in uniform. Anytime Leeann is in theatre visiting the troops abroad, they have magazines with her on the cover that they want signed.

Leeann has visited Walter Reed and Bethesda hospitals so many times, she's lost count. On one occasion, Leeann met a Marine that was wounded in Iraq. When she found out he and his young wife were Yankees fans, she called her friends Derek Jeter and Jason Giambi at the team, who in turn invited this Marine and members of his family to Yankee Stadium to watch a game. Leeann flew to New York on her own to be there to make sure everything went smoothly. Because he was in a wheelchair, he couldn't make it all the way down to the field to watch batting practice. So instead, the Yankees organization invited everyone down into the hallways by the clubhouse so he could get pictures and autographs of his favorite players.

Leeann has also used her personal connections to NASCAR to get members of the military free tickets and pit passes to their favorite races.

In May of 2006, Leeann joined 12 NCAA basketball coaches on a tour of Kuwait called "Operation Hardwood II," sponsored by Nike. The participants were given the opportunity to coach basketball teams featuring the best military players who were currently deployed. The teams then competed in a championship-style tournament to determine the winner.

As a celebrity presenter, Leeann teamed up with a Marine to present the "Marine Comeback of the Year Award" at the 'Arby's Actions Sports Awards' that aired on Fox.

Leeann also took part in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual GI Film Festival in Washington, DC. The GIFF is a non-profit organization, dedicated exclusively to celebrating the successes and sacrifices of the American military through the medium of film. Also in attendance were Gary Sinise, Robert Duvall, and John Ratzenberger. While in town, Leeann spent time with the troops at Bolling Air Force Base and introduced actor Gil Gerard who then showed his film, "Buck Rogers in the 25<sup>th</sup> Century."