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## **Aaron Tippin to Perform in 2012 Valentines for Veterans Concert**

**Salem, Va** – Country music artist, Aaron Tippin, will perform in a **free** concert at the Salem Civic Center as part of the Department of Veterans Affairs Salem VA Medical Center **2012 National Salute to Veterans on Thursday, February 9, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.** The concert is being sponsored by the Salem VA Medical Center, Help Hospitalized Veterans Organization (HHV), and others throughout the community.

This concert is part of the annual weeklong National Salute to Veterans celebration, specifically connected to Valentine's Day, and is an ideal opportunity for the community to express its respect and appreciation of all Veterans who have served and protected our great Nation.

"We are very excited to be able to host one of the national concerts in our area for Veterans residing in southwest Virginia. This complimentary concert is being held to honor the men and women who have bravely served our Nation, welcome them home to their community and families, and promote volunteerism at VA medical centers and outpatient clinics throughout the country. We know that the community will want to take part to demonstrate their ongoing appreciation and support to the men and women who have proudly worn a uniform in service to our country," stated Medical Center Director, Dr. Miguel LaPuz.

Aaron Tippin is well known as a country artist who strongly crusades for the working man and woman. With his 1990 release of "You've Got to Stand for Something," Tippin was invited to appear with Bob Hope on tours to the Mideast to entertain troops of Desert Storm. Following his tour, Tippin has been a favorite of America's fighting forces and has traveled back to entertain troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. His other recording credits include, "Where the Stars and Stripes and The Eagle Fly," "I Wouldn't Have It Any Other Way," "My Blue Angel," and many others.

In addition to this honorary concert to recognize returning service members and Veterans of all conflicts, members of the VA Medical Center staff will be available at the venue to provide information about eligibility, enrollment, VA benefits and other services available to Veterans. Voluntary Service staff will provide volunteer information to members of the community who are interested in volunteering. Miss Virginia, Elizabeth Crot, will be appearing and welcoming Veterans to the event.

Tickets are required for admission and must be obtained prior to the date of the concert. Beginning January 9, 2012, Veterans, active military, and their families may obtain tickets at the Salem Civic Center Box Office, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 10am-6pm and Saturdays from 10am-2pm. Tickets for the general public will then be released beginning January 16, 2012 and available at the Salem Civic Center. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m.

To make a donation to support the 2012 Valentines for Veterans Concert or for additional information, please call our toll free number at 1-888-982-2463. When the auto attendant answers, please dial extension 5096.