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## Comics on Duty I

Comedians take the stage in Southwest Asia to entertain our troops.

**Washington, D.C. (June 6, 2012)** – [Armed Forces Entertainment](#) sends comedians Keith Alberstadt, Steve Bills, Paul Ogata, Derek Richards, Andy Ritchie and Sarah Tiana to the Middle East to perform for the men and women in uniform. The hilarious comics will perform stand-up, sign autographs, pose for pictures and extend their gratitude to the men and women in uniform.

Alberstadt is a regular performer for the U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and has been described as "a hidden gem" by the *Boston Globe*. He's also a contributing writer for *Saturday Night Live Weekend Update*, *Late Night With Jimmy Fallon*, *National Lampoon* and various online magazines. Bills spends several months a year on the road as an auto show host for GM and has served as the CONUS tour manager and master of ceremonies for the Comics On Duty World Tour since 2008. Ogata has appeared on the Showtime presentation of *Pacific Rim Comedy* and has been featured on Comedy Central's *Live at Gotham* and the syndicated *Comics Unleashed with Byron Allen*.

Richards is a regular on Comics On Duty tours and was featured in *Newsweek* for taking part in one of the first comedy shows (post 9/11) at Cam X-Ray, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. His most recent military tour took him to Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait, Djibouti, Qatar and United Arab Emirates. Ritchie has performed at the prestigious Just for Laughs Comedy Festival in Montreal where his New Faces performance was recognized as one of only four "standouts" in the festival by *Time Out New York*. And, last but not least, Tiana has done nine tours of comedy for the troops in Germany, Singapore, Afghanistan, Guam, Okinawa and several Wounded Warrior Facilities and she recently wrote and starred in *The Burn* with Jeffrey Ross for Comedy Central.

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