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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMERCE**

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Standing for American Freedom Event Pays Tribute to Veterans this Sunday, December 5**

**JACKSON, Miss.** – Mississippi Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson invites the public to the Mississippi State Fairgrounds on Sunday, December 5, for the Standing for American Freedom event to recognize the 80th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, which will be observed nationwide on December 7.

The event will kick-off with an exposition in the upper concourse of the Coliseum from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The expo will include 18 information booths with representatives from various military and veterans programs, services and resources, as well as recruitment opportunities for military branches, law enforcement departments and other first responder organizations. There is no admission fee to attend the expo.

Military equipment, including a helicopter and Humvees, will be on display in front of the Coliseum beginning at 2:00 p.m. Operators will be on hand to provide information about the equipment. This is a great opportunity for kids and adults to see the equipment up close.

The main event, the Standing for American Freedom concert, headlined by country music artist Travis Tritt with a special appearance by Lee Greenwood, will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the Coliseum. During the concert, veterans and active military personnel and first responders will be honored with a special tribute.

All active-duty military personnel and military veterans will be eligible to receive one (1) complimentary admission ticket to the concert. The complimentary military tickets must be picked up in person at the Coliseum Box Office. A valid military ID will be required. In addition, all church groups, schools or established organizations purchasing 20 or more tickets, will receive \$5.00 off each ticket. In order to receive the discounted group rate, admission must be purchased at the Coliseum Box Office. Tickets start at \$25.00 and can be purchased online at [www.Ticketmaster.com](http://www.Ticketmaster.com) or at the Mississippi Coliseum Box Office. The Box Office will open at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Standing for American Freedom is being held in partnership with the Friends of Mississippi Veterans. A portion of the proceeds from each ticket sold will benefit the construction and improvements of Mississippi Veterans Homes. Attendees will also have the opportunity to purchase Christmas ornaments and flags in various sizes at the event with all proceeds benefitting the Friends of Mississippi Veterans.

For more information on this event, visit [www.mdac.ms.gov](http://www.mdac.ms.gov). To contact the Mississippi State Fairgrounds Coliseum Box Office, call 601-359-1133 or email [mfc@mdac.ms.gov](mailto:mfc@mdac.ms.gov)

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**MEDIA NOTE:** Commissioner Gipson will be available for interviews on the afternoon of Sunday, December 5. Please contact Paige Manning at 662.312.5897 to arrange an interview or if other assistance is needed.