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### TOPS IN BLUE TO PERFORM

**CHARLESTON AFB, S.C.** - TOPS IN BLUE, the entertainment showcase of the United States Air Force, will perform at the Charleston Performing Arts Center on Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

TOPS IN BLUE 2003 will take center stage and perform a free, 90-minute show, taking you on a musical journey celebrating 50 years of Air Force Entertainment and 100 years of powered flight. The show, appropriately named, '*Soaring With Eagles*,' is a musical celebration of their proud entertainment history. As always, TOPS IN BLUE will celebrate with music that captures their history, and our American heritage.

According to Tom Edwards, the show's producer and director of Air Force Entertainment, "This year is indeed a milestone in the history of the program and the history of the Air Force. We plan to celebrate with our fans by performing some of our all-time favorite songs. It's the music which reflects the true essence of TOPS IN BLUE, and it's what we do best."

TOPS IN BLUE will put you "In the Mood" for an evening of celebrations as they revisit their favorite songs from the past five decades. The '60s and '70s come alive with some oldies but goodies from the Supremes, Tina Turner's "Proud Mary", and the Village People's ever-popular "YMCA." Favorite hits from Gloria Estefan, MC Hammer, BOYZ II MEN, Ricky Martin and Marky Mark will energize you with all the "Good Vibrations" TOPS IN BLUE has to offer. The night's entertainment builds to the stirring medley that embraces the Soaring with Eagles theme.

Known as the Air Force's Expeditionary Entertainers, this year's team of 35 active-duty military members will travel to 22 countries and perform over 150 shows. "They are indeed a reflection of the *'best of the best'*," added Edwards. "As this year's team continues the tradition of worldwide ambassadors, this group of talented young Air Force men and women displays the pride, patriotism, and dedication felt by all Air Force personnel around the world."

"We're proud to announce the continued sponsorship of AT&T and FIRST COMMAND during the 2003 world tour," said Edwards. According to Edwards, "It's their generous support of the program that gives our Air Force family the opportunity to enjoy a free, premier entertainment showcase such as TOPS IN BLUE". To celebrate the 50-year milestone, AT&T will award 1,000 call-minutes and FIRST COMMAND will award a \$200 AAFES gift certificate to two lucky audience members at each show. As an added tribute, AT&T has provided two 10,000-minute grand prizes, which will be awarded during the 2003 tour year. No separate entry is required, prize entries at the show automatically become entries for the two grand prizes.

For information on the TOPS IN BLUE program or how to join, visit their official web site at [www.topsinblue.com](http://www.topsinblue.com)

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