

Spend an Evening with the First Lady of Gospel, Shirley Caesar

By Sgt Steven King

If you are a fan of gospel music, then February 15, 2008 is definitely a date that you need to mark on your calendar. Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) is proud to present 11 time Grammy Award winner, 13 Stellar Award winner, 18 Dove Award winner, and Gospel Music Hall of Fame inductee, Pastor Shirley Caesar to perform live at the Camp Lejeune Base Theater at 7:30 p.m.

“Shirley Caesar has performed here at Camp Lejeune two times before, and each time she has filled the house. The Camp Lejeune/Onslow County area has always been a traditional audience so Shirley Caesar is definitely the perfect performer for this region seeing how she has that traditional gospel music style,” said Barbara Burwell, MCCS Corporate Sponsorship Specialist.

Caesar has performed before sold out audiences on Broadway, earned numerous accolades, recorded over 40 albums, and has made several notable appearances including the televised Live from Disney World of Joy, the Gospel According to VH-1, and White House performances for Presidents Jimmy Carter, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush and George Bush. Caesar has also performed with Alicia Keys on the BET S.O.S. (Saving Ourselves): The BET Relief Telethon. “She [Caesar] did her first performance with us here at Camp Lejeune 15 years ago and it was a huge success; she has that same power now that she had 15 years ago,” said Burwell.

Special guest performances for this power packed evening of gospel and praise will include the Virginia based quintet, *The Virginia Aires* and local artists, *The JB Spiritual Singers of Richlands*.

The sponsors for this event are *101.9 KISS F.M.* and *WITN*. The show kicks off at 7:30 p.m. but the doors will open at 6:00 p.m. so that you can have enough time to get your refreshments and find a good seat. Tickets are \$15 each but for groups of 10 or more the tickets will be \$12 each. The tickets are available at Information Tickets & Tours (ITT) aboard Camp Lejeune. You may also purchase tickets at Broaster Chicken & Ribs on Western Blvd, across the street from the Mall (910) 577-5200, or Lighthouse Christian Bookstore (910) 577-7393. For more information call 910-451-3535.