

## President's Special Project

### USO Indiana, the Force Behind the Forces

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President Misuraca has chosen as her special project USO Indiana. All funds raised during her term will be designated to apply to the programs that support military from Indiana, stationed in Indiana, or training in Indiana.

The USO is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that supports service members and their families throughout their service and as they transition back to civilian life.

Among the programs initiated through USO, we will touch on:

- Bob Hope Reading Legacy
- Emotional Wellness
- USO Entertains
- Holiday Celebrations
- Feeds the Troops
- Information Services
- Transition Programs
- Military Spouse Programs

The Bob Hope Legacy is proud to partner with the USO to create the Bob Hope Legacy Reading Program. In the spirit of Bob Hope and his dedication to bringing military families together, "the program is largely driven by virtual, on-demand story time offerings that help the USO extend its reach. What a comfort it must bring to a child whose parent is deployed to see the face and hear the voice of that loved one! The video and book are sent to the family. In 2020, USO Indiana reported 422 family members connected through the Bob Hope Legacy Reading Program.

Through raffles, bake sales, dinners, vendor fairs, auctions and other fundraisers, we can continue to provide for the mental and physical comforts of our homegrown military and the military guests of the great state of Indiana.

We will have fundraisers at School of Instructions, Spring and Fall Conferences and State Convention, VFW Auxiliary Indiana will add our hands and hearts to the comforts given to our military and their families through the USO. To that end I want to try something different for the raffle tables. Auxiliaries will pool their raffle items in your District's raffle basket. List the items and total value of them and submit to your District's President Special Project Chairman. First up will be the odd-numbered auxiliaries in the odd-numbered Districts.

Judy Phillips, Chairman