

USO - August,

Just prior to the onset of America's involvement in World War II, President Franklin D. Roosevelt sought to unite several service associations into one organization to lift the morale of our military and nourish support on the home front. Those entities – the Salvation Army, Young Men's Christian Association, Young Women's Christian Association, National Catholic Community Services, National Travelers Aid Association and the National Jewish Welfare Board - became the United Service Organizations or, the USO.

Since then, the USO has been the nation's leading organization to serve the men and women in the U.S. military, and their families, throughout their time in uniform. From the moment they join, through their assignments and deployments, and as they transition back to their communities, the USO is always by their side.

Today's USO continuously adapts to the needs of our men and women in uniform and their families, so they can focus on their very important mission. There are USO centers at or near military installations across the United States and throughout the world, including in combat zones, and even un-staffed USO service sites in places too dangerous for anyone but combat troops to occupy. Four such centers are established in Indiana.

USO airport centers throughout the country offer around-the clock hospitality for traveling service members and their families. A USO facility is housed in Indianapolis International Airport. USO tours bring America and its celebrities to service members who are assigned far from home, to entertain them and convey the support of the nation. Specialized programs offer a continuum of support to service members throughout their journey of service, from the first time they don the uniform until the last time they take it off.

The USO is not part of the federal government. A congressionally chartered, private organization, the USO relies on the generosity of individuals, organizations and corporations to support its activities, and is powered by a family of volunteers to accomplish our mission of connection.

Keep working on your auxiliary's fundraisers for USO. Work toward the goal to generate enough funds to equal \$3.00 per member by April 1, 2022. Report form will be distributed at School of Instruction and included in September General Orders. Report as often as you like but be sure that you meet October 1 and April 1 deadlines

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