



BE A FORCE BEHIND THE FORCESSM

About the USO

For more than 77 years, the USO has connected America's service members back to the things they have fought to defend: their family, their home and their country. Established during World War II by national leaders who understood that maintaining high morale in a fighting force is essential to a nation's military success, the USO continues to be a vital contributor to our military's strength and effectiveness. And our mission of connection – expressed in our founding documents - endures today.

Why the USO?

History: For more than 77 years, the USO has connected America's service members back to the things they have fought to defend: their family, their home and their country.

Trust: Military leadership trust the USO to deliver. Partner organizations trust the USO to reach the people who need assistance. Military families know the USO understand their needs and trust the organization to provide support and services.

Global Reach: At more than 200 locations around the world, the USO supports our service members wherever they are, including on a stateside base, deployed abroad or passing through an airport.

Commitment: If there is one thing that distinguishes the USO, it is the organization's readiness to go wherever our service members are serving.

About the Force Behind the ForcesSM Campaign

The USO launched the **Force Behind the ForcesSM** campaign to encourage Americans to stand behind "The Force" as a community of supporters committed to connecting service members to the things they hold dear. Our military men and women yearn for connection to family, home and country—and the strength that comes from it. Yet today these connections can be hard to come by for those who serve. With less people serving, there is more of a disconnect between those who serve and those who don't. By uniting an American "force" to meet the needs of service members and their families, the campaign forges a meaningful connection between service members and those they protect. To learn more about the **Force Behind the ForcesSM** campaign, visit USO.org/FORCE.

Key Facts

- Not part of the U.S. government, the USO is a nonprofit, congressionally chartered, private organization. The USO relies on the generosity of individuals, organizations and corporations to support its activities.
- The USO's strength comes from over 30,000 volunteers and less than 500 employees globally.
- 4.9M active duty, guard and reserve and their family members are served by the USO.
- There are more than 200 USO locations on seven continents, 14 countries and 31 states and territories around the globe providing services and support to our service members and their families.

Who We Serve:



Active Duty
Service Members



Transitioning
Service Members



Military Families



Wounded, Ill and
Injured



Families of the
Fallen



★ YOUR SUPPORT HELPS 4.9 MILLION ★ service members and their families

USO's Role

The USO is continuously adapting to the needs of our men and women in uniform and their families so they can focus on their important mission. We are constantly evaluating the efficiency and effectiveness of each program, and how it fits into our greater impact.

- Through programs focused on connection, strengthening, wellness and resiliency, we help nurture and maintain a strong bond between service members, their families and the community.
- We bring entertainment, recreation, and celebrations to the doorsteps of service members and their families through a diverse range of activities.
- Through expeditionary outreach support we deliver support to service members stationed abroad, training in isolated locations, on arduous missions and those deployed to remote areas around the world.
- We provide transition resources for service members and military families throughout various points of their military service from the moment their service begins through the time their service is complete.

How You Can Help

- **DONATE:** Give to help the USO through your Theta Chi fundraiser or www.myuso.org. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowable by federal law. (EIN/Federal Tax ID: 13-1610451)
- **SHARE:** A message of support at uso.org/force, #BeTheForce and tell your friends and family about the USO
- **VOLUNTEER:** Be a Force Behind the ForcesSM



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