



USO TIMES

OUR MISSION

The mission of the USO is to enhance the quality of life of the US Armed Forces personnel and their families worldwide and to create a cooperative relationship between US military communities and involved or supporting civilian communities by providing morale-boosting and support programs and services.

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Center Hours

Monday-Friday 8am-5pm
 Wednesday until 7pm
 Saturday 10am-1pm

About Us...

The USO of Wisconsin is a 501(c) 3, non-profit organization currently operating a family center and office at the Milwaukee County War Memorial. In mid-2011 we will open an Airport Lounge at Gen. Mitchell Intl. Airport. Our Chapter serves over 25,000 military personnel and their families from military installations in Wisconsin.

The USO has had a continuous presence in Wisconsin since 1943. We were incorporated as a charter center of the USO organization in 1984. As a chartered center, the USO of Wisconsin receives no financial support from the government or military. Additionally, we do not receive direct financial support from the USO worldwide organization.

2011 Event Calendar

Military Day - May 15th, Milwaukee Brewers v. Pittsburgh Pirates at Miller Park. Game time 1:10pm.

2nd Annual "Support the Troops" Golf Outing & Fundraiser—May 23, at the Silver Spring Country Club, N56 W21318 Silver Spring Dr., Menomonee Falls, WI. Details will be forthcoming

Memorial Day—Salute the Troops—May 29th-May 3 from noon until 6pm at the Italian Community Center located at 231 E. Chicago St, Milwaukee.

WING Youth Camp— July 29-31 at Volk Field and Ft. McCoy for children of all military branches.



2nd Annual Sporting Clay Shoot Fundraiser— August 14, 2010 at Milford Hills Hunt Club, W5670 French Rd, Johnson Creek, WI 53038



2011 Event Calendar

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2nd Annual "Salute our Heroes" Gala & Fundraiser— October 15, 2011 at St. John's Northwestern Military Academy located at 1101 Genesee St, Delafield, WI 53018

Notes from the President

Greetings and welcome to the USO of Wisconsin. We have a wonderful and unique organization. Our soul mission is to serve the proud men and women of the US Military and their families. It is only with the kind and generous support of individuals and organizations within our communities throughout Wisconsin, that we are able to accomplish this important mission.

Over the past two years the USO of Wisconsin has gone through an exciting transition. We now have a greater ability to reach our Military community and provide a positive impact to the active military members and their families.

We are working diligently to grow our organization and continue to support those who sacrifice so much for our freedom. I want to thank everyone who has supported our mission. I especially want to extend my gratitude to all of the USO of Wisconsin volunteers who deliver our services to our men and women of the Armed Forces and their families.

I am proud to be a part of this organization and excited for the future of the USO of Wisconsin. I invite you to come join us, to watch us grow and to see what great things, together, we can do for our Military service members across Wisconsin.

Thank you.
SFC Don Grundy,
President, USO of Wisconsin

What The Future Holds

2011 will be an exciting year for the USO of Wisconsin. We are proud to announce that we will be opening a Lounge at Gen. Mitchell Intl. Airport in the spring. This Center will provide support for military service members and their families as the travel.

As our operation grows, so does our need for volunteers. Volunteers are essential for the delivery of our services. We are looking for individuals with excellent communication and people skills, basic computer skills and the desire to make a difference. If you are interested in volunteering, applications are available in a downloadable form from our website at www.usowisconsin.org, via email at support@usowisconsin.org, or call us at 414-271-3133.

Supporting our troops throughout the state requires planning and vehicles to take our operations to our troops. We are currently looking for sponsors who would support this mission by providing the USO of Wisconsin with a large passenger van and RV. These vehicles would require custom wrapping to advertise the USO and our sponsors/partners. The van will be used for our events. The RV will allow us to operate a Mobile Canteen to bring a mini USO to our troops stationed throughout the state.

Programs and Services

The USO of Wisconsin provides a number of programs and services to enhance the lives of our military service members and their families. Among our programs are United Through Reading and ticket distribution.

USO of Wisconsin's Center

Our facility at the Milwaukee War Memorial Center offers a warm, comfortable environment for visiting military personnel and families. We provide our military visitors snacks, beverages, TV, video games, reading materials, and internet connectivity. In addition to the home-away-from-home atmosphere we provide free or discounted tickets to local sporting events, concerts, museums, water parks, car races and other recreational activities for active duty military and their families.

Ticket Distribution Program

We have partnered with local businesses and entertainment venues to provide free or discounted tickets for events throughout the year. Through their generosity we are able to provide tickets for the Milwaukee Admirals, Brewers, Bucks, the Domes, summer festivals, Betty Brinn Children's Museum, Noah's Ark and Six Flags Great America.

Information and Referrals in Emergencies

The USO of Wisconsin provides information to local military personnel and their families. We maintain a directory of organizations that assist members of the armed forces and their families in various situations. We also strive to sustain relationships with these organizations in order to keep abreast of their services allowing us to provide solid referrals in response to issues outside the scope of the USO.

United Through Reading



United Through Reading provides deploying service members an opportunity to read a children's story aloud while being recorded to a DVD. The child receives the DVD and book. This program keeps children connected with their deployed parent and encourages children to read.

Sesame Street's Talk Listen Connect program gives DVD's, in English/Spanish to children and helps them understand and cope with the challenges of deployments, homecomings and transitions.

Military Outreach



Whether providing information, donating food, beverages, prizes, or being present, we support our troops and their families for deployments, homecomings, family days, holiday parties and debriefings.

Community Outreach Programs

We work with local donors, businesses and other service organizations with deployment, homecoming and family day parties. A variety of military appreciation events for the families and dependents of active military are also organized by the USO of Wisconsin, including community meet-and-greets, sporting event commemorations, historical/educational military displays and other activities that link the military and civilian communities.

Care Packages

The USO of Wisconsin provides USO care packages to our deploying military and also coordinates with other organizations to provide items for troops overseas to make their time away from home.

Operation Care Package



Care packages contain personal care items, snacks and recreational items and are distributed to our troops at deployments and homecomings.

Operation Phone Home

Phone cards are made available for deploying troops to offset the cost of maintaining family contact after deployment. These comforts are an ongoing expense that is funded solely through charitable donations.



Volunteer Opportunities

As we continue to grow we need caring individuals to volunteer their time and talents to the USO of Wisconsin. We can only carry out our mission to support our men and women of the Armed Forces and their families with the support of our volunteers.

Our volunteers support our mission at the family center, for events and when we open our airport lounge. We support our service members at pre-deployments, deployments, homecomings, demobilizations, family/holiday and morale-boosting events, as well as various community support events.

We are looking for individuals with excellent people and communications skills, basic computer skills and a desire to make a difference in the lives of our men and women in uniform and their families.

Volunteer applications are available on our website at www.usowisconsin.org or contact the Center at 414-271-3133.

Support USO of Wisconsin

The USO of Wisconsin is supported solely by generous donations from private citizens, veteran's organizations, foundation grants, and corporate gifts. We do not receive any financial support from the government, military. Additionally, we do not receive direct financial support from the USO worldwide organization.

Helping Hands (up to \$99)
 Friend of the USO (\$100–\$499)
 Yellow Ribbon League (\$500–\$999)
 Star Spangled Club (\$1000–\$1499)
 Five Star Society (\$1500–\$4999)
 Patriot Circle (\$5000 and Up)

Donate By Mail: - Please make checks payable to:

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 750 N. Lincoln Memorial Dr., Ste. 303
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Memorials & Tributes – A special way to honor or remember someone close to you, the memorial and tribute program shows how much you care. For more information visit our website www.usowisconsin.org.

CFC (Combined Federal Campaign) - The CFC is an annual workplace fundraising program that gives United Way donors the opportunity to designate where their donation is used.

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Bequest & Wills: - By including the USO of Wisconsin in your Will, you help ensure the uninterrupted delivery of essential services benefiting service men and women and their families. Your attorney can assist you in structuring your Will to include a statement similar to the following. You may designate a specific dollar amount or a percentage of the residual of your estate.

Securities: - Gifts of appreciated stock can support the USO of Wisconsin. If you have owned a stock for at least twelve months, you may donate it to the USO of Wisconsin and deduct the full fair market value of the stock as a charitable contribution.

Thank you!!!

Sponsors, Partners & Donors

We are grateful for all the support we have received from individuals through our Wisconsin. We could not support our military service members and their families without your generosity.

The support of the following organizations has ensured with can continue to provide our programs and services.

Ticket Partners

Milwaukee Admirals
Milwaukee Brewers
Milwaukee Bucks
Rave
Betty Brinn Children's Museum

Summerfest
Festa Italiana
German Fest
Irish Fest
Indian Summer Festival

Noah's Ark, WI Dells
Six Flags Great America

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Organization Partners

American Legion
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Blue Star Mothers of SE Wisconsin
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Honoring our Military
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Community Partners

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