

20th Annual Red, White
& Blue Golf Classic

Grand Opening & Ribbon
Cutting Ceremony for the
SeaTac Center



Northwest

USO NORTHWEST BRIEF

February 24, 2015



New Center at SeaTac Airport Allows USO Northwest to Better Serve Troops and Families



On Wednesday, February 4th, USO's 74th birthday, USO Northwest Board of Directors, staff and volunteers welcomed community officials, local military leadership and key stakeholders to the much anticipated Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new 7,500-square-foot USO center at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

Home to one of the largest concentrations of military personnel in the United States, USO Northwest provides critical support to more than 600,000 service members and their families annually in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska.

Efforts to transform the center began in 2012 with the launch of USO Northwest's first capital campaign Enduring Support. That push brought in donations from more than 400 groups, businesses and individual donors, ultimately raising over \$1.5 million in funds and in-kind gifts to make the expanded center possible. Three of the largest contributors to the campaign were the Employee Community Fund of Boeing Puget Sound, the USO Northwest Board of Directors and the Ellison Foundation.

"This was a day that I could only dream about," said Hossein Khorram, Treasurer of the USO Northwest Board of Directors. "When we started going through the process a few years ago, this was still just a dream. The money was hard to come by, but we got amazing donors who really stood up to make this all possible."

From a full-service kitchen to an enlarged luggage storage space and enhanced entertainment amenities, the new center will provide a touch of home for service members and their families as they travel through the SeaTac Airport and beyond. The center will continue to offer travel assistance, sleeping facilities, showers, meals and snacks, a lounge, gaming equipment, free Wi-Fi, laptop commuters and a separate family room. All of these services will continue to be provided to our military and their families free of charge – and now they will be delivered in a more comfortable and inviting space.



Highlights of the new center include the installation of the original teakwood decking from the World War II battleship USS Colorado (BB-45). During WWII, the Colorado took part in 10 amphibious landings and several naval battles. She fired more tonnage at Japanese forces than any other ship in the American fleet. The teak shows evidence of the vessel's storied history, scarred burn marks and scratches from its service. Ninety-four men died and 338 were wounded serving aboard the ship fighting in the Pacific. It was decommissioned and scrapped in Bremerton Navy Yard in 1959, thankfully Boeing had the foresight to preserve it.

Another feature to the new center is the Patriot Wall, which features over 300 commemorative tile bricks purchased in memory or honor of a loved one who previously or currently serve in the military. Our Patriot Wall will continue to preserve and honor loved ones as the USO Northwest will continue to sell bricks to help sustain the new center's operating costs.

"This is where it happens and this is the pointed edge of the spear of the USO," said Dr. J.D. Crouch II, CEO and President of the USO. "This is where we meet the men and women and their families who we are dedicated to supporting. It's places like this all around the world... which allows us to always be by their side."



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All programs and services provided by the USO Northwest (USONW) are provided free of charge to military members and their families. The USO is not part of the U.S. government and relies 100% on the generosity of individuals, organizations and corporations to support its activities. As a result, we depend heavily on the success of our two annual special events, our Five-Star Gala Dinner & Auction and our Red, White & Blue Golf Classic.



Plan to join us for an amazing day of golf as we host our 20th Annual Red, White and Blue Golf Classic on June 12, 2015.

The USO Northwest's Red, White & Blue Golf Classic is the premier charity golf tournament in the Pacific Northwest and one of the largest tournaments in the country. Join over 300 golfers, local celebrities, and military heroes from all our service branches for an unforgettable day of world-class golf spanning both courses at The Golf Club at Newcastle. Adding to the pre-tournament festivities include an 18-gun salute from the United States Marine Corps, a special performance of our National Anthem, an aircraft flyover, delicious food and/or something special located at each tee!

And then there's The Golf Club at Newcastle's panoramic views of Lake Washington, Mt. Rainier, the Seattle skyline and both the Olympic & Cascade Mountains.



We're gearing up for our Golf Classic by engaging with sponsors, staffing volunteers, and enrolling golfers. If you are interested in participating in our extraordinary 20th Annual Red, White and Blue Golf Classic email Jennifer Kelly: events@usonw.org. We look forward to seeing you there!