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USO Northwest Aces Support for Local Military with 'Red, White & Blue Golf Classic'
*The Boeing Company, Greenberg Traurig and The Seattle Mariners among top
sponsors of the USO's Annual Golf Classic on June 19 at The Golf Club at Newcastle*

SEATTLE, WA (June 24, 2014) – Patriotism was in full swing at USO Northwest's 19th Annual 'Red, White & Blue Golf Classic, Dinner and Auction,' June 19 at The Golf Club at Newcastle. The Golf Classic is the Northwest's premier golf tournament and auction benefiting USO Northwest and local active-duty military, military families and veterans.

"Many of our local military families are already feeling the effects of continued deployments, so it's vital that local companies and patriots who can afford to do so, stand with us to ensure USO Northwest programs and services continue," said Donald Leingang, executive director of USO Northwest and retired Commander, U.S. Navy. "We appreciate the corporate and community sponsors who stepped forward to help support our military and their families in this time of need."

The Boeing Company, Greenberg Traurig, The Seattle Mariners, Pinnacle Family of Companies, USO Northwest Board Member Joan Shalikashvili and many others led the way by pledging their support. "This year's Golf Classic was a tremendous fundraising event and a great show of community support for military members and their families stationed here in the Pacific Northwest," said Joe Myhra, USO Northwest Board Member and Vice President of Field Operations for The Seattle Mariners.

Each year the USO Northwest's Golf Classic welcomes more than 300 golfers including local celebrities and military heroes from all branches of the armed forces on two courses. Former Seattle Seahawks Fullback Mack Strong as well as numerous staff from ESPN 710 played in the tournament alongside military service members. This year, the Greenberg Traurig team won the overall tournament with a score of 56 and the team from the United States Air Force won the Military Cup with a score of 53. Opening ceremony festivities included an 18-gun salute from the United States Marine Corps and an aircraft flyover from the Blackjack Squadron of Arlington, Washington.

For additional details, and to sponsor and register for next year's USO Northwest 'Red, White & Blue Golf Classic, Dinner and Auction,' please visit the USONW website at www.usonw.org/golf or call USO Northwest at (206) 246-1908 ext. 3.

About USO Northwest

USO Northwest serves more than 600,000 active-duty military and their families annually throughout Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington State, and is an important part of the USO (United Service Organizations), a historic nonprofit organization lifting the spirits of America's troops and their families millions of times each year at hundreds of places worldwide.

USO Northwest provides a touch of home through its centers at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Portland International Airport, its Mobile Canteen RV, and through the delivery of innovative programs and services developed to support our military and their families. USONW provides critical support to those who need it most, including military deploying overseas and arriving home, military families, wounded warriors and their families, and the families of the fallen.

USO Northwest is not a government agency, but a private, nonprofit organization relying on the generosity of volunteers and donors. USO Northwest also is supported through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC-15348). To join us in this patriotic mission, and to learn more about USO Northwest, please visit usonw.org.

About Enduring Support Campaign

The USO Northwest facilities must be remodeled and expanded to sustain the level of USO service and programs for years to come. The current USONW Sea-Tac Center is less than 3,500 square-feet and serves 10,000 military personnel a month. It has been in use for an extended period of time with little or no renovation or refurbishment. With an increased usage of 400 percent since 2005, it is critical for the center to be upgraded and maintained. Through a partnership with the Port of Seattle, the Enduring Support Campaign will fund the build out of 7,500 square-feet of vacated space allowing for a larger USONW footprint to address increased service needs as well as greater visibility and access within Sea-Tac International Airport. Enhancements in the areas of food services, sleeping accommodations, shower facilities and separate family relaxation areas are high priorities. For more information, or to donate, please visit www.usonw.org/campaign.

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