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## **Fore! USO Northwest Drives Support for Local Military with 'Red, White & Blue Golf Classic'** *The Boeing Company, Lockton Companies, Greenberg Traurig and The Seattle Mariners among top sponsors of the USO's Annual Golf Classic on May 21 at The Golf Club at Newcastle*

**SEATTLE, WA (April 24, 2013)** – Patriotism will be in full swing as USO Northwest hosts the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Red, White & Blue Golf Classic, Dinner and Auction,' May 21 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 sequestration, so it's vital that local companies and patriots who can afford to do so, stand with us now 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 have stepped forward to help support our military in this time of need."

The Boeing Company, Lockton Companies, Greenberg Traurig, The Seattle Mariners, Pinnacle Family of Companies, USO Northwest Board Member Joan Shalikhshvili and others have already pledged their support. Companies and individuals interested in sponsoring the USO Northwest Golf Classic, or making a one-time or recurring monetary or in-kind donation are encouraged to call USO Northwest Office Manager Shannon McManus at (206) 246-1908 extension 3 or visit [www.usonw.org/golf](http://www.usonw.org/golf).

"This year's Golf Classic is shaping up to be a successful 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 Sr. Director of Engineering and Maintenance for The Seattle Mariners. "We look forward to the opportunity to honor and recognize both veterans and present military members during our opening ceremony as well as host a great golf tournament for all of our sponsors and participants. It's going to a great day."

Each year the tournament welcomes more than 300 golfers on two courses including local celebrities and military heroes from all five branches of the armed forces. Opening ceremony festivities will include an 18-gun salute from the United States Marine Corps, a special performance of the national anthem, an aircraft flyover, Northwest cuisine and more. Former Seattle Seahawks Fullback Mack Strong will once again attend and play in the tournament alongside military service members.

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

## **About USO Northwest**

The USO (United Service Organizations) lifts the spirits of America's troops and their families millions of times each year at hundreds of places worldwide. USO Northwest continues that tradition by serving more than 540,000 active-duty military and their families annually throughout Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington State. We provide a touch of home through our centers at Sea-Tac International Airport and Joint Base Lewis-McChord, our USO Mobile Canteen RV, and innovative programs and services. We also provide critical support to those who need us most, including military deploying overseas and arriving home, military families, wounded warriors and their families, and the families of the fallen.

USO Northwest is a private, nonprofit organization, not a government agency. We rely on the generosity of our volunteers and donors. In addition to individual donors and corporate sponsors, USO Northwest is also supported through the United Way and Combined Federal Campaign (CFC-15348). To join us in this patriotic mission, and to learn more about USO Northwest, please visit [usonw.org](http://usonw.org).

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