USO | Metropolitan Washington-Baltimore

MISSION: MAIL CALL

Keeping our military community & friends of the USO connected across the National Capital Region

FIRST USO OPENS FOR NATIONAL GUARDSMEN

We're always looking for new ways to support our military's servicemen and women. Last month, we were honored to take a step forward for the defenders of our Nation's Capital by opening **the first USO center exclusively for the National Guard.**

The full-service USO is located at the **historic DC Armory**, headquarters of the **DC National Guard**, and features the popular USO amenities like lounge space, computers, printers, state of the art gaming equipment, and a big brand new refrigerator for all day "chow."

We celebrated the occasion with a ribbon cutting ceremony featuring some of our region's elite military leadership and, as is USO tradition, a hearty buffet lunch.

You can visit our center, open **Weekdays 8am-4pm** & **drill weekends 8am-5pm**.



General Daniel R. Hokanson, Chief of the National Guard Bureau, speaks at the DC Armory lounge opening



GIANT FOODS KICKS OFF 2022 ROUND UP

For the seventh consecutive year, **Giant Foods named the USO the primary charity beneficiary of the National Capital BBQ Battle**, and they're leading it off with an in-store **Round Up campaign** to fundraise for our mission! Giant shoppers across the district can donate at the register to support crucial USO programs and infrastructure.

After **an incredible 2021 that raised** a daunting **$1.25 Million**, Giant is going all-out to try and top it. Celebrating its 30th year, the BBQ Battle is returning to Pennsylvania Ave. for the first time since 2019, and we hope to see you all there **June 25th-26th.**

Until then, we're traveling across the DMV to say thank you to the Giant Foods family, and making sure to Round Up along the way!

2022 FUNDRAISING EVENTS

WASHINGTON COMMANDERS DELIVER CARE PACKAGES TO DEPLOYING TROOPS AT BWI

The **Washington Commanders** took some time out of draft prep to pass out **care packages** to **deploying servicemembers** and their families at Baltimore/Washington International Airport!

This is only the latest example in a long line of support for the USO's mission. The Commanders have really stepped up their engagement with our USO military community. Their Coach and some of their star players grew up in the military life.

We hope to see you at the **USO-Metro Club at Fed Ex Field**, for our **free tailgate for all service members at every home game**. It's the only USO Club in all of the 32 franchises!

UPDATES FROM THE FIELD



Washington Commanders Head Coach Ron Rivera meets a deploying servicemember at BWI Airport