

USO: FORCE BEHIND THE FORCE



A STRONG AMERICA IS A FORCE FOR GOOD IN THE WORLD AND THE STRENGTH OF OUR MILITARY IS PARAMOUNT TO THAT MISSION. WHEREVER THEY GO, THE U-S-O IS THERE TO KEEP OUR SERVICE MEMBERS CONNECTED TO EVERYTHING THAT GIVES MEANING TO THEIR SERVICE. FAMILY, HOME AND COUNTRY. THE U-S-O IS TRUSTED TO SUPPORT OUR SERVICE MEMBERS ON ALL SEVEN CONTINENTS WITH MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED LOCATIONS. HOME FOR OUR TROOPS IS AS CLOSE AS THE NEAREST U-S-O CENTER OR PROGRAM. THE U-S-O PROVIDES CRITICAL PROGRAMMING, CONNECTING WITH SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES MILLIONS OF TIMES EACH YEAR. FROM THE MOMENT THEY SWEAR AN OATH, NEW RECRUITS ARE WELCOMED BY THE U-S-O'S FAMILY OF STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS. I'M HERE TO WITNESS MY SON'S SWEARING-IN. IT'S NICE TO HAVE BASICALLY A LIAISON TO HELP PEOPLE SO THEY AREN'T AS NERVOUS OF WHAT THEIR CHILDREN ARE GOING TO GO THROUGH. SEPARATION AND CONSTANT MOVEMENT ARE AN EVER-PRESENT CHALLENGE FOR SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR LOVED ONES. THE U-S-O KEEPS MILITARY FAMILIES STRONG, PROVIDING CONNECTION, HOME AND EVENTS FOR FAMILIES AND COUPLES. FROM THE LITTLE CHRISTMAS EVENTS FOR THE KIDS OR LIKE WE HAD A DATE NIGHT, THE U-S-O HAS GIVEN US TIME NOT ONLY TOGETHER, TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN AND THINGS TO DO. WHEN TROOPS ARE DEPLOYED, THE U-S-O PROVIDES A HOME AWAY FROM HOME TO HELP BRIDGE THE DISTANCE. ON THE FRONT LINES, A CARE PACKAGE, A PHONE CALL HOME, COMFORT FOOD, A FAMILIAR SONG OR A MOMENT TO RELAX CAN MEAN EVERYTHING. WHEN THEIR MILITARY SERVICE TO THE NATION IS COMPLETE, THE U-S-O CONNECTS TRANSITIONING VETERANS WITH RESOURCES IN THEIR NEW COMMUNITIES AND HELPS THEM PLAN FOR THEIR NEXT CHAPTER. WE SPEND MOST OF OUR TIME SERVING THE COUNTRY THAT WHEN IT'S TIME TO GET OUT, WE'RE USUALLY BEHIND THE CURVE A LITTLE. THE U-S-O HAS COME IN AND KIND OF GIVE US A LEG UP ON THAT TRANSITION SO WE CAN MAKE THE BEST MOVE INTO A SECOND CAREER. WE ARE THE U-S-O, THE FORCE BEHIND THE FORCES. GO TO U-S-O--DOT--ORG TO LEARN MORE.