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Dear Friend of the USO:

Thank you for your gift of \$1,735.00 on April 10, 2026 and for standing with the USO and the people who serve.

I want to share why your generous support means so much. I spent 35 years in uniform. I know what military life looks like. It's pride and purpose, yes – yet it's also long nights, missed holidays and moments that change families forever. What gets people through isn't ceremony. It's knowing they're not alone. Because of you, the USO shows up in **moments of joy . . . and moments of heartbreak**.

We're there at **Easter**, when service members are far from home and the distance feels heavier than usual with a familiar food, a Wi-Fi connection to call home and a reminder that someone is there.

We're there during the month honoring military children. We show up for kids who say goodbye too many times and learn resilience before they should have to in support of their hero. We pay tribute to **Medal of Honor recipients** – not as symbols, but as people whose courage came at an incredible cost. We stand beside **Gold Star spouses**, who wake up every day carrying loss that most of us can't imagine. There are no right words in those moments. What matters is showing up.

That's what your generosity does. It makes sure the USO is there – not just when it's easy or uplifting, but when it's painful, quiet and deeply personal. In joy. In grief. And everything in between. For the People Who Serve is much more than a tagline – it's our North Star – and your support makes every moment possible.

Thank you for being the cornerstone of that promise.

For the People Who Serve,

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Chief Executive Officer and President, USO

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