



Northwest

## **USO NORTHWEST LEADS EFFORTS TO SUPPORT COAST GUARD FAMILIES DURING GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN**

**Seattle, WA (January 18, 2019)** – USO Northwest is spearheading a donation drive for Coast Guard families affected by the government shutdown on the behalf of the Chief Petty Officer Association (CPOA) and the more than 3,000 active duty and reserve members, civilian employees, and Coast Guard Auxiliarists stationed in the Pacific Northwest.

During the Government shutdown, USO Northwest is proud to partner with two local Fred Meyer stores in support of our local Coast Guard and their families.

### **Where and When?**

Fred Meyer in Ballard (915 NW 45th St, Seattle, WA 98107)

Fred Meyer in Issaquah (6100 E Lake Sammamish Pkwy SE, Issaquah, WA 98029)

Saturday, January 26, from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm (USO Northwest's Mobile Canteen and volunteers will be on site at both Fred Meyer locations)

### **What Is Needed?**

Non-Perishable Food Items

Hygiene Items

Gift Cards (in \$20 increments)

Pet food

We would like to recognize our community partners Sinclair Broadcast Group, Davis Law Firm and Fred Meyer for being the catalyst behind the upcoming Coast Guard food donation drives.

### **Cash Donations**

Per the guidance of Coast Guard District 13 Senior Leaders and the CPOA, USO Northwest has set up a restricted account for those who wish to make a monetary donation directly via our website at [www.usonw.org/donate](http://www.usonw.org/donate). 100% of the donations will go to support local Coast Guard families. We would also like to thank community partners NECA Puget Sound Chapter, Dollar Car Rental (Seattle) and KOMO Problem Solvers for their generous support in matching the first \$20,000 donated.

For more information, or for those interested in providing matching support, please contact USO Northwest Executive Director, Don Leingang, at [director@usonw.org](mailto:director@usonw.org) or 206-422-2476.

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## **About USO Northwest**

For over 75 years, the USO has strengthened America's military service members by keeping them connected to family and loved ones, throughout their service to the nation. USO Northwest (USO-NW) continues that mission today by serving more than 800,000 service members and their families annually throughout Washington and Oregon. USO-NW operates two travel-based centers at Sea-Tac International Airport and Portland International Airport along with two installation-based centers on Joint Base Lewis-McChord, the Shali USO Center and Camp Lewis USO Center and three Mobile USO Canteens. USO-NW provides support to those who need it most, including morale-boosting and family-strengthening programs, deployment and redeployment support to help servicemen and women adjusting to the duty ahead, resiliency training for families facing multiple deployments, as well as support for families coping with the loss of a family member, Families of the Fallen.

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