

## Arlington-Fairfax 2188 Delivers to Reagan USO in September

Arlington-Fairfax Lodge 2188 Veterans Committee member Linda Gardner made three frozen food deliveries to the Reagan National Airport USO facility in September. On September 4 six boxes of frozen sandwiches were delivered to the Reagan National Airport USO facility to stock their freezer for the Labor Day weekend. On September 12 and 25 eleven boxes of frozen sandwiches were delivered to the USO facility. Pictured is USO volunteer Michael accepting the September 4 delivery and USO volunteer Anya accepting the September 25 delivery. Both volunteers asked that their appreciation be shared with Elks Lodge 2188 members who make these deliveries possible by their generous donations.

Attached below is a thank you letter from the President, USO of Metropolitan Washington, thanking the Arlington Fairfax Elks Lodge for the frozen food deliveries.

The frozen food deliveries for the USO are an on-going program that is made possible by monetary donations from many Lodge 2188 caring members. This



program fills the USO freezer storage and provides meals or hearty snacks for the military and veterans who stop by the Reagan National Airport USO Lounge while waiting for their flight connections.

Frozen food deliveries to the Reagan Airport USO facility are scheduled for October 9 and 23, 2015.

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Arlington Fairfax Elks Lodge 2188  
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Dear Elks Lodge 2188:

On behalf of USO of Metropolitan Washington (USO-Metro) please accept our personal thank you for your continuing generous donation of frozen food and snack item to the USO Lounge at DCA during Spring 2015. USO-Metro is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization and your contribution is fully tax-deductible. It is thanks to the support of patriotic Americans like you that we are able to carry out our mission to *All the spirits of America's troops and their families.*

USO-Metro serves those who serve, and their families in in Maryland, D.C. and Northern Virginia. With the help of thousands of dedicated volunteers at 10 locations and across the region, USO-Metro provides programs and services to nearly 300,000 military members and their families living in the area and 150,000 who travel through local airports every year. Proud accomplishments of the past year include:

- The Mobile USO, a 35' customized "deployable USO center" has clocked more than 33,000 miles as it has traveled across the region in support of military members and their families near and far.
- We have continued to provide critical support to our wounded, ill and injured troops and their caregivers through programs like celebrity handshake tours, art and music therapy programs and outdoor excursions.
- We celebrated the two-year anniversary of the USO Warrior and Family Center at Fort Belvoir, which has welcomed 300,000 visitors, 37% of which were wounded, ill and injured and their families/caregivers. The USO Warrior and Family Center at Bethesda has welcomed more than 100,000 guests with nearly 50% made up of wounded, ill and injured service members and their families/caregivers.
- We served approximately 150,000 active duty military travelers, dependent family members and military retirees at four local USO Airport Lounges.
- USO-Metro fulfilled the personal holiday wish lists of nearly 1,400 local military children through our Project USO Elf program in which we pair caring citizens to be an "elf" to a military child.

USO of Metropolitan Washington-Baltimore could not continue the important work of serving our men and women in uniform without your donation. Thank you so much for supporting our troops!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elaine Rogers".

Elaine B. Rogers  
President