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President Franklin D. Roosevelt, prior to America entering World War II, had the idea of uniting several service groups into one organization. This organization was to help lift the morale of the military and help those at home support them. The organizations that he approached were the Salvation Army, Young Men's Christian Association, Young Women's Christian Association, National Catholic Community Services, National Travelers Aid Association, and the National Jewish Welfare Board, and this became the United Service Organizations or, as we know it, the USO.

Since 1941, the USO has supported our nation's military and their families as they defend our country and its freedoms. Providing support to our service members as they meet the challenging duties they undertake around the world. The USO principle is "to be always by their side."

The reach of the USO's more than 250 centers extends to countries on every continent, operated by thousands of staff and volunteers whose goals are to match our service members' commitment and provide the best service to those who sacrifice so much for America.

The USO today continues to serve the needs of our men and women in uniform and their families, so they can focus on their very important mission. The USO operates USO centers at or near military installations across the United States and worldwide. USO centers can be found in most of the major airports, providing hospitality for traveling service members and their families, bringing them a little touch of home.

The USO is not part of the federal government, so they do not receive government funding, and they rely on the generosity of individuals, organizations, and corporations to support their activities. Their centers are manned by generous and giving volunteers, giving of their time and energy, giving back to those who continue to serve their country.

Wish to become a volunteer at a USO? Go to [USO.org/volunteer](https://www.uso.org/volunteer). This will lead you to an application process.

\*Information sourced from the USO website [USO.org](https://www.uso.org)

## Military OneSource: An Essential Resource for Supporting Service Members and Their Families

Submitted by National Security Vice-Chairman Jammie Phillips  
<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/>

Military OneSource is not just a website; it is a vital support system for service members, their families, and the leaders and providers who assist them. Whether you are organizing outreach efforts, providing guidance, or simply trying to connect someone with the appropriate resources, this platform makes it easier to help with confidence.

Military OneSource is a program funded by the Department of Defense that provides free, confidential support and resources to the military community. The section for Leaders and Service Providers is specifically tailored for individuals who guide, counsel, and support service members and their families.

### Key Resources You Can Use

Here are some of the most helpful tools and materials available:

- **Downloadable Flyers & Infographics:** Topics include deployment readiness, spouse career support, and financial wellness.
- **Orderable Products:** Wallet cards, brochures, and educational materials for distribution at events or meetings.
- **MilProvider App:** Yes, there is an App for that! A mobile tool that lets you access and share resources on the go.

### How to Use It in Your National Security Program

Whether you're planning a Unit event, organizing a support group, or preparing a newsletter, Military OneSource can help:

- **Support Families During Deployment:** Share guides that walk families through pre-deployment, active duty, and reintegration phases.
- **Assist with PCS Moves:** Offer checklists and relocation tools to ease transitions.
- **Connect Parents with Resources:** From Sesame Street for Military Families to parenting tips tailored to military life.
- **Promote Education & Career Opportunities:** Help spouses and transitioning service members find scholarships, job training, and career coaching.
- **Provide Confidential Help:** Direct eligible service members or their family to counseling, financial assistance, and crisis support—all confidential and free.

### Get Started

Visit <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/leaders-service-providers/> to explore a complete range of resources. You can also call 800-342-9647 for personal assistance. By sharing these resources in your newsletters, meetings, and outreach efforts, you empower our members to support military families with the assistance they deserve.