



## Welcome to the Veterans Across America Virtual Chapter Meeting August 18, 2020

1. Welcome
2. Minutes of Last Meeting
3. Committee Reports
4. Please send all email communication directly to me and/or other officers:  
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5. New Outreach Activity
6. New Business
7. Next Meeting – September 15, 2020
8. Speaker – David Schible, Vice-President VAAVC



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# The Organization

## Our Mission

*The USO strengthens America's military service members by keeping them connected to family, home and country, throughout their service to the nation.*

Since 1941, the USO has been the nation's leading organization to serve the men and women in the U.S. military, and their families, throughout their time in uniform. From the moment they join, through their assignments and deployments, and as they transition back to their communities, the USO is always by their side.

Today's USO continuously adapts to the needs of our men and women in uniform and their families, so they can focus on their very important mission. We operate USO centers at or near military installations across the United States and throughout the world, including in combat zones, and even un-staffed USO service sites in places too dangerous for anyone but combat troops to occupy.

USO airport centers throughout the country offer around-the clock hospitality for traveling service members and their families. Our trademark USO tours bring America and its celebrities to service members who are assigned far from home, to entertain them and convey the support of the nation. And our many specialized programs offer a continuum of support to service members throughout their journey of service, from the first time they don the uniform until the last time they take it off.

The USO is not part of the federal government. A congressionally chartered, private organization, the USO relies on the generosity of individuals, organizations and corporations to support its activities, and is powered by a family of volunteers to accomplish our mission of connection.



An estimated 200,000-plus service members transition out of the military each year, and more than 650,000 military spouses are constantly transitioning.

**The USO Pathfinder® program extends the USO experience to active duty, Reserve, National Guard and military spouses as they transition from the military and settle into their new communities.**

The program also supports military spouses at any point in their military journey as they transition from one installation to the next.



# What We Do



**The USO Pathfinder operation works with strategic partners to connect service members and military spouses to resources within these focus areas:**

employment, education, financial readiness, veterans' benefits, housing, legal, family strength and wellness and volunteerism.

# Transition Period

USO Pathfinder Scouts can support service members and military spouses up to 12 months prior to transition and extend that support for up to 12 months beyond their date of separation or transition from the military through personalized, one-on-one support.

With sites located across the country, the USO Pathfinder program connects people to resources and opportunities before they separate as well as at their point of destination.



# Heroes with Hearing Loss

**Heroes With Hearing Loss<sup>®</sup>** is about reconnecting veterans with the people who are most important in their lives, including their families, friends, colleagues, communities and healthcare professionals.

We accomplish this by providing lifestyle-focused solutions and information that minimize the impact of hearing loss.



# Heroes with Hearing Loss

Life after serving in the military brings a host of challenges and it can be difficult for veterans and their families to adjust—even with Veterans Service Officers working tirelessly to support them, resources are often limited.

**Hearing related issues are the top service-connected injuries affecting veterans of all generations<sup>2</sup>**—often correlating with many other physical and mental health conditions. The most important thing for veterans to know is: **You are not alone.**

That's why Hamilton® CapTel® built the **Heroes With Hearing Loss®** program, providing resources, guidance and support needed within the veteran community.

# Veterans Benefits

- MyArmyBenefits contains a wealth of information on the benefits available to Soldiers and their Families from the time they enter the Army through their retirement or separation and beyond.
- <https://myarmybenefits.us.army.mil/>



# VA Disability Claims Representatives

- VFW
- Wounded Warrior Program
- DAV
- American Legions
- And more



# VA Disability Calculator

- Transitioning service members have a hard time understanding the VA Disability Calculations
- We provide this information to better understand the mathematics behind the VA Disability Claims Ratings



# USO Transitions

Find your nearest  
USO Transition Specialist at

<https://www.uso.org/campaign/usopathfinder>



If you have questions, please contact:

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Thank you for joining us!

Please join us again **September 15** for the next  
meeting of the

**Veterans Across America Virtual Chapter.**