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your day just gets better.”



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When a Mobile USO pulls up, you know it. It looks like a cross between an oversized RV and a truck, with a giant USO painted on the camo-covered exterior. But, in fact, the inside is even more eye-catching. A Mobile USO is a USO center on wheels, offering troops the same kind of support we provide at our stationary centers.

Mobile USOs drive out to remote training areas or communities where troops are helping out during disasters or other emergencies. Taking a quick break to e-mail family to make sure everything is okay (and to reassure them), unwinding with a video game in the gaming area or grabbing a cup of coffee in the canteen have an amazing impact on the will to keep going. If troops cannot get to a USO center, we take a center to them.

For example, a Mobile USO traveled to Southern California to provide relief to National Guardsmen battling wildfires. As one officer said, “the Mobile USO was a blessing from the minute the staff started setting up. They were the sole source of entertainment and morale for more than 500 troops at our location.” Mobile USOs went to the Texas Gulf Coast to support troops called up to help in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike. “It’s the little things that keep you going,” said one grateful visitor. “Just to put your feet up for 10 minutes is a relief.”

It’s hard not to notice when a boldly painted Mobile USO pulls up on a street or in a parking lot. When we take a Mobile USO out on the road (and they have logged hundreds of thousands of miles), fellow travelers honk their horns and wave in appreciation. When not out in the field, we’ve driven the vehicles to parades, NASCAR races, festivals and all sorts of events where folks gather. Mobile USOs are a great way for the general public to learn more about what we do and to show their support for the troops.

In fact, people’s overwhelmingly positive reaction gave us a great idea. When they see a Mobile USO, they naturally come over to see what we’re about. Now, when they do, they can sign banners and videotape messages to send to troops in Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait. We call it “HELLO! From the Homefront.” It’s turned out to be a simple but powerful way for people across the country to say thanks to our troops.



This program is one of the many ways that the USO fulfills its mission to lift the spirits of U.S. troops and their families. Through special programs, targeted services, entertainment tours and in more than 140 USO centers around the world, this private, nonprofit organization continually seeks ways to build morale and express appreciation to active duty military personnel and their families.

