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**USO Announces Strategic Relationship with EY to Expand Career Opportunities for the Military Community**

*The three-year partnership offers service members and military spouses continued career support through the USO’s signature programs*

**Arlington, VA. (Feb. 3, 2022) –** The United Service Organizations (USO) and Ernst & Young LLP ([EY](https://www.ey.com/en_us)) are joining forces to support professional development within the military community. During a three-year strategic relationship, the USO and EY will create career and mentorship opportunities for service members and their spouses.

“The USO and EY share a commitment to helping others become the best versions of themselves. This relationship will allow thousands of our brave troops and their spouses to plan rewarding professional lives that leverage their unique skillsets,” said USO CEO and President J.D. Crouch II. “EY representatives already sit on six USO advisory boards throughout the United States, and we are looking forward to even more cross-organization engagement in the future.”

A $1.5M donation and pro bono services from EY will support numerous USO initiatives between Jan. 2022 and Dec. 2024. These include the [USO Pathfinder® Transition Program](https://www.uso.org/programs/uso-pathfinder-transition-program), which connects the military community to employment, education, financial readiness, and mentorship opportunities. It is a crucial resource for the 200,000-plus service members and 650,000-plus military spouses who experience a major life transition each year.

The strategic relationship will also strengthen EY’s hiring initiatives while raising awareness of the USO’s important role in military career development. EY employees will have a chance to meaningfully engage with service members through mentorship, board positions, and storytelling. Each interaction will help bridge the military-civilian divide and give more than thanks to those in uniform.

“EY’s long-standing commitment to supporting veterans is an important part of our diverse and inclusive culture. A strategic relationship with the USO builds on our shared commitment to supporting military members and their families, particularly as they begin the transition back into civilian life,” said [Anthony Caterino](https://www.ey.com/en_us/people/anthony-caterino), Executive Sponsor of the EY US Veterans Network and EY Global Deputy Managing Partner – Business Enablement. “By expanding the meaningful work that’s currently done through EY engagement on local and Regional USO boards, we’re honored to create new opportunities to support those who serve our nation and be the employer of choice for veterans and military spouses.” On the EY side, the relationship will be led by Paul Estrada, EY Partner, Executive Chair of the EY Veterans Network and USO West Region Board member, as well as Orlan Boston, EY Americas Sustainability & Environmental, Social, and Governance Markets Leader and USO Board of Governors member.

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