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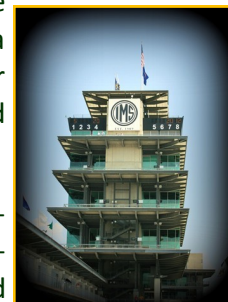
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## Armed Forces Day At the Indianapolis Motor Speedway

What has become one of our major events each year for USO of Indiana takes place on Armed Forces Day. To be more specific, the Sunday of Armed Forces Day weekend. That Sunday is the day the *Indianapolis Motor Speedway* celebrates Armed Forces Day honoring all military personnel.

This year's event was held on Sunday, May 20th, and marks the 4th consecutive year that USO of Indiana has been able to host troops from all branches of the military, including Wounded Warriors.

Through the generous support of corporate sponsor **Rolls-Royce and CIBUS Catering**, 80 troops are invited to spend the day in the Rolls-Royce Tower Suite in celebration of Armed Forces Day! One of the most enjoyable parts of the day for the troops is when USO volunteers lead small groups on a guided tour of the garage and pit areas. Drivers, teams, and other celebrities are glad to visit with the troops, pose for photos, and sign autographs for them.



Throughout the day various distinguished guests stop by the Tower Suite to visit with the troops. This year included: Indiana Senator Richard Lugar, Indiana Adjutant General MG Umbarger, and others.

The planning for our premier event is no small task as the Events Committee begins discussion early in February. Much effort in behind-the-scenes work goes into coordinating the details with the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the various branches of the military, catering, and our corporate sponsor, Rolls-Royce.

In addition, starting with the 2011 event, USO Indiana also opened a 'Mini-USO' center for other military personnel and their families who are attending the track that day. The IMS provides a suite in what is called Legends Row, where USO Indiana creates a Mini-USO for the day. The 'Mini-USO' is open to all military personnel



and the families to stop in, get out of the sun and relax in an air-conditioned suite, and have a cold beverage and a snack. We let the kids unwind a little with games, activities, and face painting.

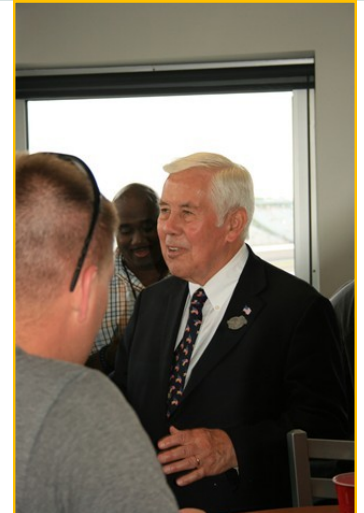
### Did You Know!



Huntington Bank has become USO of Indiana's newest corporate partner!



★ **Track Day 2012** ★

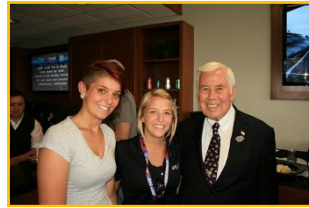


*A few highlights from the day:*

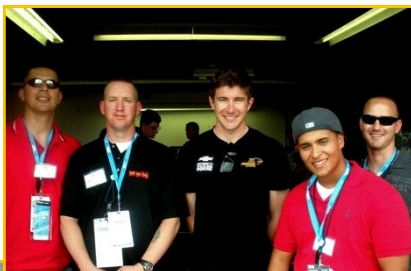
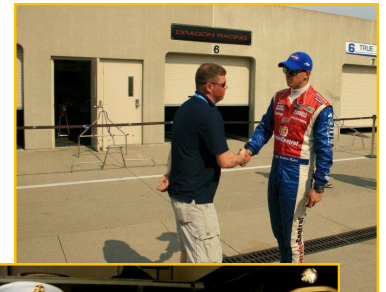
- The most significant highlight of the day was USO World entertainers ***The Liberty Bells*** (director from New York City) who performed for the troops, drivers, and the public throughout the day
- VIP guests that stopped by to visit with the troops included:
  - ★ US Senator Richard Lugar
  - ★ Indiana Adjutant General; Major General R. Martin Umbarger
  - ★ Indiana Air National Guard Brigadier Generals; John Houser and John McGoff
- 500 Gordon Pipers
- Small group tours of the garage and pit row areas to meet the drivers and get autographs













# Blue Star Salute

USO Indiana was on hand to help celebrate the Blue Star Salute. Families from around the state gathered at Stout Field to participate in the annual American Legion Blue Star Salute. This is a yearly event that seeks to honor our local Military families with live music, prizes, and access to resources. We had the opportunity to sweeten the day by sharing Jelly Belly candies with the attendees



# INDIANA BLUE STAR SALUTE

A CELEBRATION OF THE MILITARY FAMILY

★ JUNE 16, 2012 ★

STOUT FIELD

2002 S. HOLT ROAD, INDIANAPOLIS



Gates Open at  
**NOON**  
Ceremony  
**2:00 PM**

Admission and parking  
**FREE to the public**



### SPECIAL TRIBUTE!

Help us pay a special tribute to **Major General R. Martin Umberger**, The Adjutant General of Indiana for his extraordinary service to America and Hoosier military families in over 40 years of military service.



### JOIN US!

Please join us as we show our support for the families of our men and women in uniform. These families sacrifice every day to support their husbands, wives parents and children who serve in the War on Terror. We owe them our unconditional support. This is your opportunity to show YOUR appreciation.

Presented by  
**THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY**  
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## Doug's Corner

USO Indiana Executive Director  
*Doug Warnecke*



The USO of Indiana continues to be very busy. We just wrapped up our first *USO Indiana Roadshow* event at the Indiana War Memorial called 'Who's Laughing Now'. It was the first in many events that will make up the *USO Indiana Roadshow*, as mentioned in the previous newsletter.

We did a salute to women in the military at an Indiana Fever women's basketball game halftime show that was a great success. You may also recall another mention in the last newsletter of the Columbia Club Veterans Association, downtown Indianapolis, which sponsored the first '**Annual Gala**' to support the USO of Indiana.

USO Indiana is working with our corporate partner **Rolls-Royce Defense** for two big events during July:

- ★ The first is the Indianapolis 4th of July fireworks display in which we are a co-sponsor.
- ★ The second event is helping to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Marine Corps Aviation. This event will be held during the **Brickyard 400** between July 27th to July 29th, with several receptions for the aviators and an event at the Brickyard 400 race.

Don't forget, the **Kroger** fund-raiser is still ongoing! Be sure to shop Kroger and support USO of Indiana! Look for the small donation box at check out! USO Indiana will also be working with Kroger during the Brickyard 400 as well. Kroger is a major sponsor of the Brickyard 400!

Couple the events with Rolls-Royce and Kroger with the many troop events and activities we are doing at Camp Atterbury, and you can see that July is going to be a very busy month for USO Indiana.

Moreover, while we continue our year-round fund raising activities, we are also stepping up efforts to get our name, USO of Indiana, out in front of the public as much as possible with the ongoing *USO Indiana Roadshow*, *Who's Laughing Now*, and other activities promoted by Mark Craycraft Productions:

*(visit: [www.myusoindiana.com](http://www.myusoindiana.com))*

This is all in support of the mission of USO of Indiana, in order to continue to support our troops in an outstanding manner. We have had a lot of success with that effort, but we still have a long way to go. Remember, we do need volunteers at these events, so watch for e-mails from: [usoindiana@att.net](mailto:usoindiana@att.net), for opportunities to join in.

*USO of Indiana could not fulfill our mission without our volunteers!*



**Upcoming Events for Troop Support & Fundraising**

**Event:** Star Spangled Symphony  
**Where:** Conner Prairie in Fishers, IN  
**When:** July 2<sup>nd</sup> – July 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Crdntr:** Bethany Anderson  
**Volunteers Needed**

**Event:** 4<sup>th</sup> of July Downtown  
**Where:** Downtown Indianapolis  
**When:** July 4<sup>th</sup>  
**Crdntr:** Bethany Anderson  
**Mission:** Help run a table for admission to the VIP area  
**Volunteers Needed**

**Event:** Minute to Win it  
**Where:** Camp Atterbury USO  
**When:** July 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm  
**Crdntr:** Tanya Sells  
**Volunteers Needed**

**Event:** Boots & Brushes  
**Where:** Camp Atterbury USO  
**When:** July 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm  
**Crdntr:** Tanya Sells  
**Volunteers Needed**

**Event:** Hog Roast  
**Where:** Camp Atterbury Community Center  
**When:** July 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00pm  
**Crdntr:** Tanya Sells  
**Volunteers Needed**

**Event:** Pictionary  
**Where:** Camp Atterbury USO  
**When:** July 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm  
**Crdntr:** Tanya Sells  
**Volunteers Needed**

**Upcoming Fundraising Events**

**Event:** 1500 Gun and Knife Show  
**Where:** Indiana State Fairgrounds  
**When:** August 24, 25, & 26  
**Crdntr:** Tina Coachys  
**Volunteers Needed**

**Next Events Committee Meeting** – the First **Monday** of each month. Held at USO Offices, Tyndall Armory at 6pm.  
*(call Bethany to confirm)*

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**USO INDIANA - MISSION STATEMENT**


THE USO MISSION IS TO PROVIDE MORALE, WELFARE, AND RECREATION-TYPE SERVICES TO OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM, AND THEIR FAMILIES



**USO INDIANA - VISION STATEMENT**

THE VISION OF USO INDIANA IS TO PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THE UNIFORMED SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, INCLUDING THEIR FAMILIES, WITHIN THE STATE OF INDIANA



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