

**Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association  
Support to the USO Council of Georgia**

AVVBA has partnered with the USO Council of Georgia since January 2005, providing volunteers and cash donations on a monthly basis to support the wonderful men and women of our Armed Forces and their family members as they pass through the Atlanta Hartsfield Jackson Airport. Our donations are raised by way of a USO raffle conducted at the monthly membership luncheons.

**Summary of Support**

**Totals: 2005 through 2014**

Volunteer hours: **13,700**

Cash donations: **\$124,103**

**2014**

- Over 756 volunteer hours contributed during 25 work days at the USO.
- Donations of \$5629 from USO raffles and contributions collected at AVVBA luncheons.
- Additional donations of \$10150 collected in support of the 2014 Kroger/USO "Round Up for the Troops" campaign.
- AVVBA volunteers supported eight Hire Heroes USA Warrior Transition Workshops conducted at Ft. Benning (2), Ft. Gordon (2), and Ft. Stewart (4). Assistance was provided to 86 military service members in career transition skills.

**2013**

- Over 801 volunteer hours contributed during 26 work days at the USO.
- Donations of \$8184 from USO raffles and contributions collected at AVVBA luncheons.
- AVVBA volunteers supported three Hire Heroes, USA Warrior Transition Workshops providing assistance in job search, resume writing, interviewing and networking techniques to military service members at Fort Gordon in April and Fort Benning in September and November.

**2012**

- Over 1536 volunteer hours contributed during 26 work days at the USO.
- Donations of \$7858 from USO raffles and contributions collected at AVVBA luncheons.
- Additional donations of \$6440 collected in support of the 2012 Kroger/USO "Round Up for the Troops" campaign.

**2011**

- Over 1687 volunteer hours contributed during 24 work days at the USO.
- Donations of \$7099 from USO raffles and contributions collected at AVVBA luncheons.
- Additional donations of \$4250 solicited from local businesses/organizations to support Operation Holiday Block Leave.

**2010**

- Over 1717 volunteer hours contributed during 25 work days at the USO.
- Donations of \$7128 from USO raffles and contributions collected at AVVBA luncheons.
- Additional donations of \$3000 solicited from local businesses/organizations to support Operation Holiday Block Leave.

**2009:**

- Over 1687 volunteer hours contributed during 25 work days at the USO.
- Cash donations of \$4938 from USO raffles conducted at AVVBA luncheons.
- Donations of \$2685 for food, drinks and supplies delivered to the USO.

**2008:**

- Over 1575 volunteer hours contributed during 25 work days at the USO.
- Cash donations of \$6663 from USO raffles conducted at AVVBA luncheons.
- Donations of \$1101 for food, drinks and supplies delivered to the USO.

**2007:**

- Over 1425 volunteer hours contributed during 24 work days at the USO.
- Cash donations of \$5641 from USO raffles conducted at AVVBA luncheons.
- Cash donation of \$40,196.50 in partnership with IBEW Local Union 613 from proceeds of our Atlanta Braves “Support Our Troops” parking project.

**2006:**

- Over 1272 volunteer hours contributed during 23 work days at the USO.
- Cash donations of \$6247 from raffles conducted at AVVBA luncheons.
- Support to the Bagram AB, Afghanistan USO:
  - Bill Stanley served as a volunteer from April 16 to June 13.
  - Tom Owens served as a volunteer from June 15 to July 10.
- Support to the Camp Buehring, Kuwait USO:
  - Larry Taylor served as a volunteer from July 5 to September 1.

**2005:**

- Over 1253 volunteer hours contributed during 22 work days at the USO.
- Cash donations of \$4144 from raffles conducted at AVVBA luncheons from March to December 2005.
- Members of the AVVBA deployed to Gulfport/Biloxi, MS during November/December 2005 as USO volunteers in support of Hurricane Katrina disaster relief operations.
  - Max Torrence and Rick Lester: November 12 to 22.
  - Doug Handley and Chuck Leisure: December 10 to 14.
  - Ron Miller and Tom Williams: December 14 to 23.
  - Steve and Mary Bolen: December 26 to 31.