

# Mitchell presents USO check for \$32,000

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Burlington - Captain Jerome V. Sweeney of Boston, captain commanding of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, presented the USO (United Service Organization) of New England with a check for \$32,000.

The check represents the net proceeds from the Artillery Company's annual charitable fund raising event, which was held at the Lexington National Guard Armory on 21 March.

Major contributors and awardees recognized at the event included the Masons of Massachusetts who contributed \$2000 and American Airlines, which received a special award for its efforts in support of armed forces personnel and veterans.

Sixty-eight years ago, the USO was formed in response to a 1941 request from President Franklin D. Roosevelt for a private organization to handle the on-leave recreation of the rapidly growing U.S. armed forces. Today, the USO of New England continues this rich tradition by serving those who serve our country, protect our homeland and preserve our freedoms by supporting and bringing the best services and programs to military personnel and their families. USO of New England is headquartered at US Coast Guard Station, Boston. Mitchell and Sweeney are members of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts.



Capt. Jerome V. Sweeney accepts check for USO from fundraising chairman Lt. John S. Mitchell of Burlington.