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Somerville business owner coordinates USO fundraiser

USO of New England proudly announces the date of its annual charitable fund raising event to be held at the Indian River Country Club, Andover, on Saturday evening, 20 March. The event is being planned and sponsored by the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts under the command of Captain Michael W. Downing of Salem, New Hampshire and will feature a full sit-down dinner, dancing and silent and live auctions of donated gifts.

Sixty-eight years ago, the USO (United Service Organization) 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.

LT Domenic Previte, of Lechmere Auto Wash Centers of Somerville, is a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. of Massachusetts and a principal coordinator for this year's USO fundraiser. Citizens who may be interested in sponsoring a meal at the event for an active duty service member or donating an auction item may contact LT John Mitchell at (781) 389-4445. All donations are tax deductible and all proceeds to support the USO of New England. Corporate and private sponsorships please contact partnership@uso-newengland.org.