



# Armed Forces Families Foundation



Dear AFFF Partners,

On August 19, 2012 the Tampa USO held a VIP preview event to honor the completion of the USO Center at Tampa International Airport. AFFF funded the furnishing of the USO so that traveling troops and their families will have a place to enjoy while on the go.

The AFFF has funded multiple projects for USO Centers across the United States and we are thrilled to have the opportunity to make the Tampa USO feel as if it is a “home away from home” for our busy military.

The official ribbon cutting to unveil the Tampa USO has been set for September 6, 2012.

Another project that our AFFF team recently finished is a multi-age playground at the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville (Florida). Like most bases, NAS Jacksonville has a lot of children living on and visiting the base; and we are very excited to be able to provide a fun and safe area for them to play.

In the Orlando market, at Patrick Air Force Base, the Armed Forces Families Foundation has been diligently working on a recreation project that includes an upgrade to the Base’s basketball court and a new picnic pavilion. We feel that these two projects will benefit Base residents by providing them with an area to hold social gatherings, homecomings, and to have a place to hang out and have some fun!

At Homestead Air Force Base (Homestead, Florida), we are in the process of another playground project for Base children to enjoy. We officially broke ground on this project on September 4<sup>th</sup> and anticipate a ribbon cutting ceremony to take place by the end of the month.

In addition to our current and completed projects, the AFFF has several more projects in the making.

At the USO in Ft. Eustis, (Virginia) our Team is working on upgrading the facility. This upgrade would include remodeling of both the restroom and the kitchen.

Another potential USO project is at the Jacksonville International Airport. This project would include providing the center with a microwave and cooler, as well as replacing the flooring.



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In Nashville, at the Pavilion Military Reserve Center, we are hoping to start the process of installing a picnic pavilion. This pavilion would allow Base residents to have a nice gathering place for food, fun and various celebrations.

As always, we want to give a special thanks to everyone who has made the Armed Forces Families Foundation possible. We are so thankful that we are able to give back to those who fight for our freedom.

Sincerely,

*Your Armed Forces Families Team*



**Check presentation of \$30,181 raised by Jacksonville Sharks during July 14<sup>th</sup> Military Appreciation Night.**