

West Point
Society of Oregon
Nov 20, 2013

The USO returning
to Oregon

by Colonel Joe Williams, U.S. Army (Ret), USONW Portland Senior Volunteer

**PORTLAND CENTER
AT PDX**



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History

- The **USO** in Portland: started in 1941 by six different agencies, including the *YMCA*, the *YWCA*, and the *Red Cross*
- In 1950, **USO** agencies in Portland briefly closed.
- September 1951: official **USO** office opened at 941 SW Broadway
 - Key driver - vice-chairman of the State of Oregon **USO** and member of the **USO** national board, Mrs. S. Mason Ehrman (later honored as Oregon's "Mrs. USO").
- **USO** Historical Research Initiative
 - *Oregon Historical Society Archives*
 - Interview local people who have knowledge of original USO



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Current

Outreach

- **USONW**-Portland Town Halls
- Fleet Week
- Military unit Family Days
- Governor's Employer Briefs
- Honor Flights Oregon
- MG Rees' Retirement Ceremony
- Welcome Home Ceremonies
- Hollywood District Veteran's Day "Grand Marshal"
- Veteran's Associations



What Others are saying...

Thank you so much for your help and coordination for this morning. It means a lot to our guys to know that the USO is out there and always has our back.

Richard T. Walmsley, Maj

I would be honored to be considered for duty at the airport USO. Please consider me if possible for time there. Remember the USO started here in Portland; its about time we showed who we are.

Richard Granby

I have had wonderful experiences with the USOs... its a wonderful sense of relief for someone who travels as much as I do to be able to go somewhere where you can rest for a bit. The people I have met in the different USOs I've visited remind me of a piece of home - even though we often come from very different places. It's a wonderful thing you are doing, and I wish you the best of everything.

Corrisa Heyes

I received the ODVA newspaper and read the article. I said to myself, "it's about time PDX gets a USO center." ***Patty Reyes***



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Future

- PDX Mezzanine level
- ~650 square feet
- Lounge; TV and movies
- Snacks & Refreshments
- Laptops with Wi-Fi access
- Travel Assistance
- *Xbox* Entertainment System
- List of discounts from airport restaurants / vendors



Project Design & Construction Team



- **Architect: Edward Vaivoda Architecture LLC**
- **Interior Design: Marylhurst University Interior Design Department
Michele Kremers + 3 Interns (Lori, Elizabeth & Katherine)**
- **Engineering : Jacobs Engineering**
- **Electronics: Sharp Microelectronics**
- **General Contractor: Glen/Mar Construction, Inc.**
 - **Plumbing: Columbia Construction**
 - **Electrical: Parkin Electric**
 - **Flooring: Robb Siegenthaler, Floor Solutions**
- **Building Materials & Labor: Home Depot/Team Depot**
- **Project Manager: Joe Williams**

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Project

Opening Costs

Estimated Opening Costs:

Program Manager	\$ 30.0K	✓
Design Fees	\$ 22.2K	✓
Construction & permits	\$ 39.0K	

- **Funded: \$32.5K**
- **Unfunded: ~~\$8.5K~~ \$6.5K**
 - **\$3.2K for permits** (requesting this fee be waived)
 - ~~\$2.0K appliances~~ (Home Depot)
 - **\$3.3K contingency costs** (%5 for cost variance)

Outfitting \$ 26.6K

- **Funded: \$16.0K –**
 - Lounge (Boeing)
 - Electronics (Sharp)
- **Unfunded: ~~\$10.5K~~ \$6.5**
 - **\$2.5K for eating area**
 - ~~\$2.0K for reception desk~~ (desk being donated)
 - **\$3.0K for lighting fixtures**
 - ~~\$2.0K for miscellaneous~~ (DAV #1)
 - **\$1.0K for signage**

TOTAL \$117.8K (\$13.0K unfunded)



2014 Annual Operating Costs:
\$12.5K monthly
\$150K annually



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Capital (2/3) \$100K

In-Kind (1/3) \$ 50K

Capital received and pledged is:
\$25.4K

UNFUNDED for 2014: \$124.6K



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Needed to Open

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OVER 250
VOLUNTEERS
HAVE SIGNED-UP

People & Money

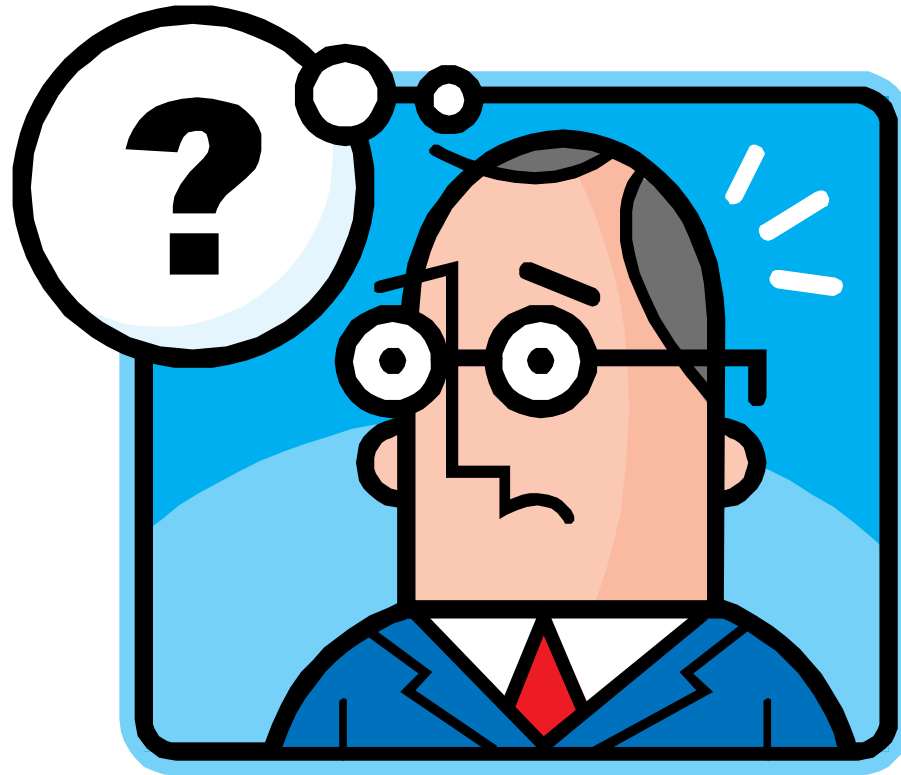
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