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**USO Puget Sound Flagship Event on Track to Break Attendance Records
Auction features day with Gary Sinise on CSI set in Los Angeles
Swimming with dolphins at the Mirage Hotel Las Vegas
Sponsor KMPS to bring surprise entertainment – rising star Mallery Hope**

SEATTLE – The USO Puget Sound Area (USOPSA) announced today that the 2009 5 Star Gala and Auction is on track to break attendance records. The annual fundraising event will be held on Friday, Oct. 9, 6:00 p.m. at the Museum of Flight in Seattle. Sponsor KMPS 94.1 FM announced surprise entertainment for the gala by rising star, country artist Mallery Hope. Top auction items include:

- Behind-the-scenes with Gary Sinise on the set of CSI New York in Los Angeles
- Swim with the dolphins - Day as a trainer at the Las Vegas Mirage Hotel
- Dine like a president – Former Secret Service member, Michael Endicott, native of Tacoma and gourmet chef. Served 20 years in the US Secret Service protecting Ronald Reagan, Richard Nixon, and Walter Mondale, to name a few. Spent over 5 years in the private service of Richard and Patricia Nixon.

Special guests include: Sloan Gibson, president and CEO USO World, Gen. John Shalikashvili, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff USA (Ret.), and Mrs. Joan Shalikashvili, USOPSA board member, Brig. Gen. Marcia Clark USAF (Ret.), Don Brunnel, president, Association of Washington Business, and the 2009 honorary gala chairman, Stan and Mary Harrelson, CEO and president, Pinnacle Realty Management, Port Commissioners Bill Bryant, John Creighton, Gael Tarleton, Lloyd Hara, Martin Selig and Catherine Mayer-Selig, owner, Selig Real Estate, Todd and Donna Rosenberg, Vic and Mary Odermat, founder and president Brown Bear Car Wash, John Rindlaub, CEO, Wells Fargo Bank, and Sarah Rindlaub USOPSA board member, Randy Talbot, president and CEO, Symetra Financial and Margaret Chavez-Talbot, USOPSA board member, Mike Flood, vice president of community relations and special projects Seattle Seahawks and Sounders, and USOPSA board member.

Tom Jaffa, USOPSA board chairman, and president and CEO of The Jaffa Company, says, “We are delighted to see the outpouring of support for the gala. A successful event means the USO Puget Sound Area can continue to offer the comforts of home and support to thousands of service members and their families around-the-clock.” For more information on the gala and auction go to usopsa.org

