

USO Media Contact: Tom Hinman, CDR USN (Ret.)

Phone: 206-246-1908 ext 103

Email: tom@usopsa.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

USO Puget Sound Area Names Tom Hinman New President

Seattle, WA (September 1, 2006) – The USO Puget Sound Area today announced the hiring of Tom Hinman as its President effective immediately. Hinman is a retired Navy Commander and non-profit executive who is also serving as President of the Military Officers Association of America's Seattle Chapter.

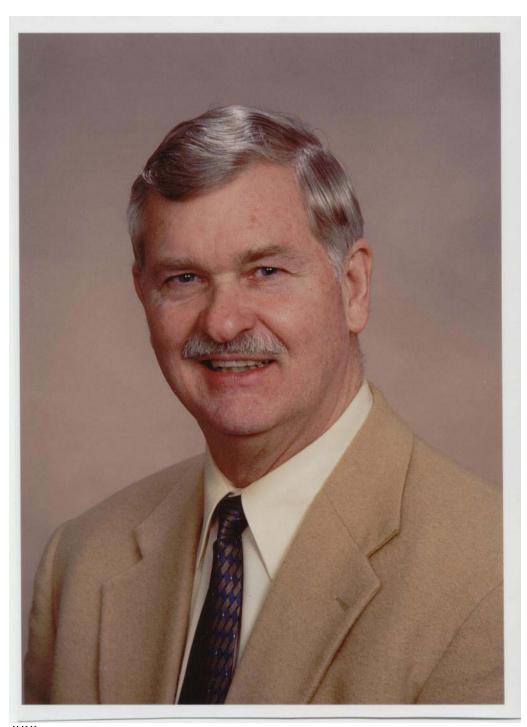
"Tom has a rare blend of talent combining leadership in both business and community service organizations, a distinguished military career and contemporary knowledge of veterans' affairs in our region," said Marcia McCraw, Board Chair of the USO Puget Sound Area. "He has a track record of successful partnerships that will be invaluable to the USO as we grow our programs to further assist service members around the Puget Sound."

Commander Hinman is a retired Naval Flight Officer with operational experience throughout the Pacific and program management background gained on Pentagon staff assignments. After a stint in electronics marketing, Hinman spent 12 years in the San Francisco Bay Area developing military base reuse plans, regional economic strategies and business policy. He served as Vice President of the San Rafael Chamber of Commerce before relocating to Redmond in 2004.

"I am extremely proud to be a part of such a respected organization; one that has focused on supporting our troops and their families for so many years," Hinman said. "The USO was there for me when I needed them and it is a pleasure to help carry on their tradition of service to the military."

The SeaTac USO Center was established at SeaTac International Airport in July, 1966 and the USO at McChord Air Force Base opened in November, 1984. For 40 years, USO Puget Sound Area's dedicated volunteers, working around the clock, have assisted over three million members of America's traveling military and their families. Administrative Offices of the USO are located adjacent to the SeaTac USO Center.

The USO's mission is to enhance the quality of life of the U.S. Armed forces personnel and their families worldwide and to create a cooperative relationship between U.S. military communities and those involved with or supporting civilian communities.



####