

The USO and West Point Thoroughbreds Partner to Host American Soldiers at the Kentucky Derby

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ARLINGTON, VA, April 9, 2009 – For the first time in the 135-year history of the Kentucky Derby, the USO will host American soldiers and their families from Fort Campbell and Fort Knox at Churchill Downs for the annual “Run for the Roses,” on Saturday, May 2. The day at the race is co-sponsored by West Point Thoroughbreds, a leader in thoroughbred partnerships and Churchill Downs Incorporated, the parent company of Churchill Downs racetrack.

“We thank West Point Thoroughbreds and Churchill Downs for helping us provide this experience for our troops,” said Sloan Gibson, USO president. “Through their generosity, the USO is able to provide a unique day of fun to the brave men and women of our military and their families.”

The USO will have a dedicated hospitality area in the racetrack infield for service members and their families to enjoy the “Greatest Two Minutes in Sports”. A Mobile USO also will be onsite. Participants will be able to watch the big race and have access to the legendary racetrack’s paddock area, as well as food and hospitality offerings throughout the day. A group of attending soldiers will escort the traditional Garland of Roses to the Kentucky Derby Winner’s Circle for the presentation to this year’s champion.

“As a former West Point cadet and graduate, being able to support the USO and host these service members on Derby Day is a privilege for our organization,” said Terry Finley, president of West Point Thoroughbreds. “Horse racing is often about the struggle and heart to win, and our troops give this country that level of contribution every single day.”

For further information on West Point Thoroughbreds and the Kentucky Derby event with the USO, or to set up an interview with a representative from West Point Thoroughbreds, please contact Kaitlin Brower at 518-587-1011 or at kaitlin@shoreypr.com.

About the USO

The USO (United Service Organizations) lifts the spirits of America’s troops and their families. The USO is a nonprofit, charitable organization, relying on the generosity of the American people to support its programs and services. The USO is supported by Worldwide Strategic Partners AT&T Inc., BAE Systems, Booz Allen Hamilton, Inc., Clear Channel Communications, The Coca-Cola Company, Gallery Furniture, S & K Sales Co., TriWest Healthcare Alliance and Xe Services, LLC. Other corporate donors, including the United Way and Combined Federal Campaign (CFC-11381), have joined millions of individual donors to support the USO. For more information, please visit our Web site at <http://www.uso.org>.

About West Point Thoroughbreds

Founded in 1991 by West Point graduate and former Army captain Terry Finley, West Point Thoroughbreds is one of the oldest and most successful organizations in thoroughbred racing. West Point Thoroughbreds has campaigned over 250 horses since its inception. Notable horses include multiple Grade 1 winner Dream Rush, Grade 1 winner Flashy Bull, Grade 1 winner Irish Smoke, Grade 1 winner Lear’s Princess, graded stakes winner Awesome Gem, graded stakes winner High Finance, graded stakes winner Macho Again and graded stakes winner El Gato Malo. For additional information about West Point Thoroughbreds, please visit <http://www.westpointtb.com>.