

USO, West Point host soldiers at Derby

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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.

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