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USO Honors Military Women and Women Business Leaders at 46th USO Woman of the Year Luncheon

New York, NY (May 3, 2012) The USO of Metropolitan New York held its 46th USO Woman of the Year Luncheon and honored the commitment, service and achievements of women who have shown extraordinary dedication to their country. This year's honorees included **Marillyn Hewson**, Executive Vice President, Electronic Systems at Lockheed Martin Corporation, and **General Ann E. Dunwoody**, the first female four-star general in the U.S. Army. **Natalie Morales**, NBC's Today News Anchor, and **Colonel Jack Jacobs (Ret.)**, Medal of Honor recipient, co-emceed the event.

Ann Curry was also in attendance and held a special question and answer session with Ms. Hewson and General Dunwoody as well as presented them with their USO Woman of the Year awards. One outstanding service woman from each branch were also recognized for their leadership and commitment to their country. Recipients included **Sergeant Julia Bringloe** (U.S. Army), **Sergeant Sheena Adams** (Marine Corps), **Lieutenant Katherine Worstell** (U.S. Navy), **Captain Gina Fasciani**, (U.S. Air Force), and **Lieutenant Junior Grade Katherine Ustler**, (U.S. Coast Guard).

Quotes:

Attributed to Natalie Morales:

"What an honor it was to be a part of such an incredible event helping recognize some amazing women in uniform. I grew up an Air Force brat and have benefitted greatly from my military upbringing, but to see and hear the stories of the women on the frontlines or serving here on the homefront truly reminds me of our country's greatness. There are not enough awards to give to all who serve, but thanks to the USO for their Women of the Year awards for allowing some very deserving women to enjoy well deserved honors."

Attributed to General Ann E. Dunwoody:

"We owe today's vets a quality of life that's equal to their quality of service."

"As we reshape our armed forces for a complex and uncertain future - one thing is certain - we'll need the dedicated men and women of the USO standing by our side wherever we serve."

Attributed to Marillyn Hewson:

"On behalf of my fellow employees at Lockheed Martin, I want to thank the USO for all the ways they lift the lives of our troops and their families."

"We're proud to work with the USO on a host of different endeavors, from supporting local USO centers to taking part in Operation Care Package."

"It is my honor to work for a company whose mission is to support our men and women in uniform, and to partner with organizations like the USO, who make performing that mission less burdensome."

Attributed to Brian Whiting:

"Marillyn is the perfect embodiment of the ideals behind our USO Woman of the Year award," stated Brian Whiting, CEO and president, USO of Metropolitan New York. "In addition to being one of the most influential women in business, she and the more than 123,000 Lockheed Martin employees have a long and outstanding history of partnering with the USO to support the troops and their families."

"It was an honor and privilege to present the USO Woman of the Year Award to General Ann E. Dunwoody," stated Brian Whiting, CEO and president, USO of Metropolitan New York. "Being the first female 4-star General in the United States military, she is a trailblazer and true American hero."

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