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# NFL's Troy Vincent Makes USO Visit to Germany and Delivers Keynote Address at NCO Induction Ceremony

**GERMANY (May 5, 2014)** – Former Pro Bowl defensive back turned NFL executive vice president of football operations Troy Vincent participated in his first USO tour to Germany May  $1^{st} - 2^{nd}$ . While in the region, Vincent toured the USO Warrior Center, visited with wounded warriors and medical staff at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center and delivered an inspirational keynote address at the Army Medical Enlisted Birthday Celebration and NCO Induction Ceremony at Vogelweh Air Base.

## **DETAILS:**

- By close of his USO visit to Germany, Vincent visited with more than 800 troops, military families, hospital personnel and volunteers.
- Vincent's USO tour kicked off on May 1<sup>st</sup> with a visit to the USO Warrior Center, where he
  toured the 3,400 sq. ft. facility, attended a USO Warrior Center BBQ alongside troops and
  signed autographs for wounded warriors.
- The good times continued on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, when Vincent walked the halls of Landstuhl Regional Medical Center and spent quality time talking with wounded warrior in the Intensive Care Unit and various hospital wards. Later that evening, Vincent attended the Army Medical Department Enlisted Corp dinner and NCO Induction Ceremony, and provided heartfelt words of encouragement and thanks to hospital staff for their commitment to medical attention and care given to wounded warriors and their families.
- In addition to inducting more than 36 non-commissioned officers, the event commemorated the 127<sup>th</sup> Year Observance of the Medical Enlisted Corp.
- On March 19, 2014, Vincent was named NFL executive vice president of football operations. In this role, he oversees all aspects of football operations in the league office with a focus on quality and innovation. His responsibilities include officiating, integrity of the game, on-field discipline, game operations, player personnel and college relations, among other duties.

- Vincent joined the NFL office in 2010 to lead the league's player engagement department, which provides support programs for players and their families. He was promoted to senior vice president in 2013 and has recruited more than 200 NFL former players as ambassadors to help implement the department's programs.
- Vincent was a first-round draft choice of the Miami Dolphins in 1992. A cornerback from the
  University of Wisconsin, Vincent played 15 years in the NFL for the Miami Dolphins,
  Philadelphia Eagles, Buffalo Bills, and Washington Redskins. He was named a Pro Bowl player
  five times and was the winner of the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award in 2002. Prior
  to his current position, Vincent served as president of the NFL Players Association from 20042008.
- This USO trip marks the continuation of the NFL's long history of honoring veterans and active
  duty military members through its annual Salute to Service campaign, which is designed to
  celebrate and support the contributions of the military community.

# QUOTE:

## Attributed Troy Vincent:

"The security of our nation depends on the dedicated service of our men and women in the armed forces. This visit allowed me to see them face to face, look into their eyes, and gave me the opportunity to express my love and gratitude for their work. The commitment, bravery, and dedication they display every day protects lives, and I am honored to be able to say 'thank you' in person on behalf of all of us at the NFL."

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