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Pensacola USO unveils \$26,282 upgrade for troops

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PENSACOLA, Fla. – The [Armed Forces Families Foundation](#) (AFFF), a charity organization helping military families in the southeast U.S., is scheduled to hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on Dec. 14 at the USO Naval Air Station Pensacola, unveiling \$26,287 in upgrades donated by the charity.

New upgrades to the facility include multiple flat screen televisions with wall mounts, 16 rolling, reclining chairs in both children and adult sizes, shelving, 16 HDMI cables, 16 pairs of headphones, 10 gaming systems (Xbox One & Playstation 4), 30 videogames for the gaming systems including 15 geared for children, new WI-FI access points and fresh paint for each room.

The AFFF-funded technology upgrade will help expand the entertainment options offered by the USO, for an estimated 200 military families visiting the base each week. On average, the USO Center at NAS Pensacola attends to an average of 300 parents and children each week, with that volume of traffic doubling during the summer.

AFFF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides 100 percent of the funds raised back to the development of permanent or semi-permanent infrastructure [projects to help military families](#).

“The USO is such an important resource for military families and we are thrilled to provide the upgrades it desperately needed,” said John Wright, a member of the board at AFFF. “One hundred percent of the funds raised by AFFF go towards similar projects throughout the southeastern U.S.”

The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. CST and will include a brief ribbon cutting and presentation of the upgraded facility to military members.

To date, the Armed Forces Families Foundation has raised and given back more than \$1.3 million to benefit military families. Recent projects include:

- \$46,000 to install a new playground, accessible to over 300 families stationed on MacDill Airforce Base
- \$55,000 to refresh and renovate the USOs at Nashville International Airport and Fort Campbell
- \$40,000 renovation of the six-lane bowling alley at the Charlotte N.C. VA medical Center
- \$30,000 to purchase playground equipment for Naval Station Mayport’s Lake Wonderwood Trail Project.

To learn more about the Armed Forces Families Foundation or help fund other projects to help military members and their families, please visit www.armedforcesfamilies.org/.

About Armed Forces Families Foundation:

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