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The Wawa Foundation Honors Our Service Members and Military Families with Grant to Support Food Programming for USCG

Wawa, PA (January 16, 2019) –The Wawa Foundation today announced that it will provide a grant for \$25,000 to the USO. The funds will go directly to the USO locations based throughout Wawa’s operating area and will support the food programming for members of the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and their families. Nationally partnering with the USO and supporting their USCG chapters located in Florida, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and the District of Columbia is just one of the many ways Wawa and The Wawa Foundation show support and thanks for the great men and women who serve our country.

“At Wawa, supporting our military is part of our DNA and that’s why The Wawa Foundation is so honored to nationally partner with the USO as a way to thank our troops and give something back to the dedicated men and women who protect our freedom,” said Jay Culotta, President of The Wawa Foundation. “We are so proud this grant will go towards ensuring the USO centers can respond to requests from our military community and to keep their food pantries stocked with essential food and drink items.”

“Our USO centers are more than buildings, they are community centers,” said Chad Hartman, USO vice president of development. “In times of need, our men and women in uniform and their families need to feel that community rally around them. The generous funds from partners like The Wawa Foundation help our local USO centers and teams jump into action to offer resources and support that help build morale and keep our military community strong.”

About the USO

The USO strengthens America's military service members by keeping them connected to family, home and country, throughout their service to the nation. At hundreds of locations worldwide, we are united in our commitment to connect our service members and their families through countless acts of caring, comfort, and support. The USO is a private, nonprofit organization, not a government agency. Our programs, services and entertainment tours are made possible by the American people, support of our corporate partners, and the dedication of our volunteers and staff. To join us in this important mission, and to learn more about the USO, please visit uso.org.

About Wawa, Inc.

Wawa, Inc., a privately held company, began in 1803 as an iron foundry in New Jersey. Toward the end of the 19th Century, owner George Wood took an interest in dairy farming and the family began a small processing plant in Wawa, PA in 1902. The milk business was a huge success, due to its quality, cleanliness and “certified” process. As home delivery of milk declined in the early 1960s, Grahame Wood, George’s grandson, opened the first Wawa Food Market in 1964 as an outlet for dairy products. Today, Wawa is your all day, every day stop for fresh, built-to-order foods, beverages, coffee, fuel services, and surcharge-free ATMs. In 2015, Wawa was named “America’s Most Beloved Convenience Store” by a Market Force study of 7,000 consumers, and in 2016 and 2017 Wawa was recognized in Forbes as one of



America's Best Large Employers, a survey-based ranking of employers offering the best associate experiences and strongest opportunities. A chain of more than 840 convenience retail stores (550 offering gasoline), Wawa stores are located in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Florida and Washington D.C..

About The Wawa Foundation

The Wawa Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded by Wawa, Inc. to support the company's charitable giving and philanthropic activities, and ultimately to help build stronger communities. The Wawa Foundation focuses its support on organizations committed to health, hunger and everyday heroes through local, state and national grants and / or in-store fundraising, such as donation boxes and point-of-purchase scan materials.

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