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NFL & USO MARK 40TH ANNIVERSARY;
SEAHAWKS' FISHER, FALCONS' KERNEY & STEELERS' STARKS
TO VISIT TROOPS IN BALKANS & PERSIAN GULF REGIONS

The National Football League and the USO (United Service Organizations) will celebrate the 40th anniversary of their partnership this spring with a tour that will soon head to the Balkans and the Persian Gulf Region to provide a morale boost to troops stationed far from home.

Defensive ends **BRYCE FISHER** of the NFC champion Seattle Seahawks and **PATRICK KERNEY** of the Atlanta Falcons, and tackle **MAX STARKS** of the Super Bowl XL champion Pittsburgh Steelers will meet and greet service members at various locations in the region. Armed Forces Entertainment (AFE) is providing logistical support for the trip.

In 1966, the NFL became the first sports organization to send players to Vietnam and other parts of the Far East on "goodwill tours" to visit U.S. troops. The first group of players to embark on a USO tour overseas included four future Hall of Famers: **WILLIE DAVIS**, **FRANK GIFFORD**, **SAM HUFF** and **JOHNNY UNITAS**.

In 2004, the NFL donated \$250,000 to the USO for the construction of the Pat Tillman USO Center in Afghanistan, located at Bagram Air Base near Kabul. **LARRY IZZO** of the New England Patriots and **WARRICK DUNN** of the Falcons attended the opening of the center last April in Afghanistan. A former Arizona Cardinals safety, Tillman was killed during Army Ranger combat operations in Afghanistan in 2004.

The NFL has a long history of support for the military dating back to the league's inception in the 1920s. During World War II, NFL games were morale boosters and a diversion for a war-weary nation. Nearly 1,000 NFL personnel, from players to coaches to team owners, served in the military

during World War II. Over the next four decades, dozens of football stars have made trips for the USO, including **DON MEREDITH, LARRY CSONKA, DICK BUTKUS, GENE UPSHAW, TERRY BRADSHAW, HOWIE LONG** and **MIKE SINGLETARY**.

In addition, the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders have teamed with the USO for an unprecedented 59 times since 1979 to boost the morale of the men and women of our U.S. military at hundreds of bases and outposts around the world.

For 65 years, the USO has been providing morale, welfare and recreational services to U.S. military personnel and their families. The USO is a nonprofit, charitable organization, relying on the generosity of the American people to support its programs and services. For more information on the USO, visit www.uso.org.

The lineup of NFL players on USO tours:

YEAR	PLAYER	TEAM	REGION	
1966	John Unitas	Baltimore Colts	Vietnam	
	Willie Davis	Green Bay Packers		
	Sam Huff	New York Giants		
	Frank Gifford	New York Giants		
1967	Don Meredith	Dallas Cowboys		
	Dick Bass	Los Angeles Rams		
	Larry Wilson	St. Louis Cardinals		
1968	Bart Starr	Green Bay Packers		
	Wayne Walker	Detroit Lions		
	Ernie Green	Cleveland Browns		
	Lance Alworth	San Diego Chargers		
	Andy Russell	Pittsburgh Steelers		
	Bill Brown	Minnesota Vikings		
	Bobby Bell	Kansas City Chiefs		
	John David Crow	San Francisco 49ers		
	Jack Kemp	Buffalo Bills		
	1969	Billy Ray Smith		Baltimore Colts
Irv Cross		Los Angeles Rams		
Dick Schafrath		Cleveland Browns		
Al Atkinson		New York Jets		
Tommy Nobis		Atlanta Falcons		
Dick Westmoreland		Miami Dolphins		
Dan Reeves		Dallas Cowboys		
Joe Namath		New York Jets	Pacific Hospitals (Japan, Guam, Philip)	
Jim Otto		Oakland Raiders		
Steve Wright		New York Giants		
Marv Fleming	Green Bay Packers			
1970	Tucker Frederickson	New York Giants	Vietnam (Unit No. 1) 17-day visit	
	Jack Snow	Los Angeles Rams		
	Floyd Little	Denver Broncos		
	Chuck Walker	St. Louis Cardinals		
	Paul Maguire	Buffalo Bills		
	Jim Nance	Boston Patriots		
	Len Rohde	San Francisco 49ers		
	Dan Conners	Oakland Raiders		
	Gary Garrison	San Diego Chargers		
	Norman Snead	Philadelphia Eagles		
	Chris Hanburger	Washington Redskins		
	Jim Marshall	Minnesota Vikings		
	Dick Butkus	Chicago Bears		
	Dave Whitsell	New Orleans Saints		
	George Webster	Houston Oilers		
	1971	John Brown		Pittsburgh Steelers
George Kunz		Atlanta Falcons		
Fred Hoaglin		Cleveland Browns		

	Jerry Smith	Washington Redskins	
	Tom Woodeshick	Philadelphia Eagles	
	George Byrd	Buffalo Bills	
	Jon Morris	Boston Patriots	Vietnam (Unit No. 2)
	Clint Jones	Minnesota Vikings	17-day visit
	Greg Landry	Detroit Lions	
	Joe Scibelli	Los Angeles Rams	
	Larry Csonka	Miami Dolphins	
	Bob Lilly	Dallas Cowboys	Pacific Hospitals
	Ernie Wright	Cincinnati Bengals	(Japan, Guam, Philip)
	Tom Matte	Baltimore Colts	(Unit No. 3)
	Tom Dempsey	New Orleans Saints	17-day visit
	Lem Barney	Detroit Lions	Departed Feb. 4
	Mike Curtis	Baltimore Colts	
1972	Manny Fernandez	Miami Dolphins	Vietnam (Unit No. 1)
	Charlie Kruger	San Francisco 49ers	17-day visit
	Jack Gregory	Cleveland Browns	
	Mike Garrett	San Diego Chargers	
	Marlin McKeever	Los Angeles Rams	
	Grady Alderman	Minnesota Vikings	
	John Elliott	New York Jets	
	John Fuqua	Pittsburgh Steelers	
	Marlin Briscoe	Buffalo Bills	
	Roger Wehrl	St. Louis Cardinals	
	Otis Taylor	Kansas City Chiefs	
	Danny Abramowicz	New Orleans Saints	
	Bill Curry	Baltimore Colts	
	Donny Anderson	Green Bay Packers	
	Gene Upshaw	Oakland Raiders	
	Ken Houston	Houston Oilers	
1973	Marty Domres	Baltimore Colts	Korea (Unit No. 1)
	Bill Kilmer	Washington Redskins	17-day visit
	Karl Kassulke	Minnesota Vikings	Departed Feb. 7
	Jim Marsalis	Kansas City Chiefs	
	Ken Iman	Los Angeles Rams	
	Archie Manning	New Orleans Saints	Thailand (Unit No. 2)
	George Atkinson	Oakland Raiders	17-day visit
	Cliff Harris	Dallas Cowboys	
	Joe Morrison	New York Giants	
	Mike McCoy	Green Bay Packers	
	John Zook	Atlanta Falcons	
1974	Jim Mandich	Miami Dolphins	
	John Gilliam	Minnesota Vikings	
	Art Thoms	Oakland Raiders	
	Franco Harris	Pittsburgh Steelers	
	Diron Talbert	Washington Redskins	
	Jack Youngblood	Los Angeles Rams	
	Bill Munson	Detroit Lions	
1975	Rocky Bleier	Pittsburgh Steelers	Pacific Hospitals
	Ray Mansfield	Pittsburgh Steelers	(Japan, Guam, Korea,
	Carl Eller	Minnesota Vikings	Philippines)
	Tom Mack	Los Angeles Rams	
	Ahmad Rashad	Buffalo Bills	
1976	Jack Lambert	Pittsburgh Steelers	
	Lynn Swann	Pittsburgh Steelers	
	James Harris	Los Angeles Rams	
	D.D. Lewis	Dallas Cowboys	
1977	George Buehler	Oakland Raiders	
	Ahmad Rashad	Minnesota Vikings	
	Jack Lambert	Pittsburgh Steelers	
	Carl Eller	Minnesota Vikings	
	Steve Grogan	New England Patriots	
1978	Willie Brown	Oakland Raiders	

	Lawrence McCutcheon	Los Angeles Rams	
	Russ Francis	New England Patriots	
	Mike Montler	Denver Broncos	
1979	Joe Klecko	New York Jets	
	Matt Blair	Minnesota Vikings	
	Hank Bauer	San Diego Chargers	
	Jon Kolb	Pittsburgh Steelers	
1980	Hank Bauer	San Diego Chargers	
	Matt Blair	Minnesota Vikings	
	Bod Brudzinski	Los Angeles Rams	
	Efren Herrera	Seattle Seahawks	
1981	Dave Dalby	Oakland Raiders	
	Mike Davis	Oakland Raiders	
	Efren Herrera	Seattle Seahawks	
	Doug Wilkerson	San Diego Chargers	
1984	Gregg Bingham	Houston Oilers	
	Mike Davis	Los Angeles Raiders	
	Russ Francis	San Francisco 49ers	
	Mark May	Washington Redskins	
	Ray Wersching	San Francisco 49ers	
2000	David Franklin	New Orleans Saints	DMZ, Korea
	Dwight Hicks	San Francisco 49ers	DMZ, Korea
	Brett Bech	New Orleans Saints	Kadena AFB, Okinawa
	Keith Poole	New Orleans Saints	Kadena AFB, Okinawa
	H.R. Silvagni	Minnesota Vikings	Kadena AFB, Okinawa
	Bubba Winkler	Atlanta Falcons	Kadena AFB, Okinawa
	Carlos Bradley	San Diego Chargers/Philadelphia Eagles	Prince Sultan AB, Saudi Arabia
	David Little	Pittsburgh Steelers	Prince Sultan AB, Saudi Arabia
	Sam Hunt	New England Patriots	Prince Sultan AB, Saudi Arabia
	Carlton Bailey	Buffalo Bills/ NY Giants/ Carolina Panthers	South Camp, Egypt
	Kent Hill	Los Angeles Rams	Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo
	Lee Rouson	New York Jets	Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo
	Mike Quick	Philadelphia Eagles	Pristina, Kosovo
	Andy Headen	New York Giants	Pristina, Kosovo
	Lorenzo Hampton	Miami Dolphins	Monteith, Kosovo
	Henry Lawrence	Los Angeles Raiders	Monteith, Kosovo
	Russell Carter	New York Jets	Camp McGovern, Bosnia
	Byron Hunt	New York Giants	Camp McGovern, Bosnia
	Roland James	New England Patriots	Camp Dobol, Bosnia
	Ronnie Lapette	New England Patriots	Camp Dobol, Bosnia
	Don MacNeal	Miami Dolphins	Camp Comanche, Bosnia
	Curtis McGriff	New York Giants	Camp Comanche, Bosnia
	Stephen Baker	New York Giants	Task Force Eagle, Bosnia
	Scott Conover	Detroit Lions	Task Force Eagle, Bosnia
	Pete Shaw	San Diego Chargers/ New York Giants	Sarajevo, Bosnia
	Willie Buchanon	Green Bay Packers/ San Diego Chargers	Sarajevo, Bosnia
	Mark Duper	Miami Dolphins	Taszar, Hungary
	Elmer Bailey	Miami Dolphins/ Baltimore	Taszar, Hungary

		Colts	
2001	H.R. Silvagni	Minnesota Vikings	Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo
	Bubba Winkler	Atlanta Falcons	Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo
	Carlos Bradley	San Diego Chargers/Philadelphia Eagles	Camp Monteith, Kosovo
	David Little	Pittsburgh Steelers	Camp Monteith, Kosovo
	PJ Foster	Houston Oilers	Camo Doble, Bosnia
	Terry White	Philadelphia Eagles	Camo Doble, Bosnia
	Kent Hill	Los Angeles Rams	Korea
	Lee Rouson	New York Jets	Korea
	Russell Carter	New York Jets	Incirlik Air Base, Turkey
	Roland James	New England Patriots	Korea
	Ronnie Lippett	New England Patriots	Korea
	Curtis McGriff	New York Giants	Bahrain
	Scott Conover	Detroit Lions	Bahrain
	Ed Hargrove	Minnesota Vikings	Eagle Base, Tulza, Bosnia
2003	Jerome Bettis	Pittsburgh Steelers	Germany
	Eddie George	Tennessee Titans	Germany
	Paul Tagliabue	NFL	Germany
2003	Duce Staley	Philadelphia Eagles	Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar
	Jason Taylor	Miami Dolphins	Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar
2003	Jason Taylor	Miami Dolphins	
	Zach Thomas	Miami Dolphins	Germany
	Shelton Quarles	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Japan
	Marvin Jones	New York Jets	Japan
	Keith Brooking	Atlanta Falcons	Germany
2004	Warrick Dunn	Atlanta Falcons	Germany
	Todd Heap	Baltimore Ravens	Germany
	Paul Tagliabue	NFL	Germany
2004	Marco Rivera	Green Bay Packers	Kuwait, Qatar
	Brian Baldinger	Dallas Cowboys, Fox	Kuwait, Qatar
2004	Merton Hanks	NFL	Germany
	Mike Haynes	NFL	Germany
	Paul Tagliabue	NFL	Germany
2005	Warrick Dunn	Atlanta Falcons	Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait
	Larry Izzo	New England Patriots	Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait
2006	Bryce Fisher	Seattle Seahawks	Balkans, Persian Gulf
	Patrick Kerney	Atlanta Falcons	Balkans, Persian Gulf
	Max Starks	Pittsburgh Steelers	Balkans, Persian Gulf

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