

## James Currie

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**From:** Glenn Welling <gwelling@uso.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 12, 2014 12:09 PM  
**To:** James Currie  
**Subject:** USO Admission Policy

Dear Col. Currie,

I am writing in response to the letter that you sent to John Pray referencing USO admission policy and how it pertains to members of the US Public Health Service. First let me say thank you for your commitment and dedication to serving our nation as a member of the USPHS. Secondly, thank you for your thoughtful letter and the points you raise regarding all members of the uniformed services.

The USO's congressional charter focuses our mission on "the men and women in the Armed Forces." Therefore, we raise funds, recruit volunteers, and provide programs and services to support those constituents – Active, Reserve, and Guard service members and their families. The current admissions policy for all USO Centers flows from that same charter, allowing Active, Reserve, and Guard service members and their families to use our Centers. As resources and space constraints permit, we allow Center Directors the discretion to admit military retirees as a way to thank them for making military service a career, and we allow some exceptions in the war zone to support others in harm's way, including other members of the uniformed services, DoD civilians and NATO service members.

I can tell you that as an organization we are examining the current admissions policy to determine if changes are warranted, to include allowing admission across all uniformed services, and if so, what impact any change may have on our ability to continue to deliver our mission.

Thank you again for your service.

Best Regards,

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