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Veterans Saluted at Philadelphia International Airport

PHILADELPHIA – Mayor Jim Kenney and the famed USO Show Troupe highlighted Philadelphia International Airport’s third annual Salute to Veterans celebration.

Airport CEO Chellie Cameron, who served as a U.S. Air Force Captain, opened the event in the International Arrivals Hall, paying tribute to our veterans and recognizing employees at PHL who have served in the military. The TSA-CBP Honor Guard gave a Presentation of Colors to begin the ceremony.

The USO Show Troupe, who are based out of New York City, performed a rousing rendition of the National Anthem as well as patriotic songs and the fight songs from the various branches of the armed services.

TSA Federal Security Director Gary Renfrow, a U.S. Air Force veteran, and State Representative Maria Donatucci also spoke at the event.

Mayor Kenney recognized those who have served and continue serve in the military, noting “We are here to honor you and all those who served to protect our freedoms and values. Veterans Day means a little more in Philadelphia, the birthplace of our country and the principles of independence and democracy that these men and women have fought to protect.”

Cameron attributed her professional success to lessons and values learned during her military career. In a nod to the performing USO Show Troupe, the CEO acknowledged work of the Liberty USO, which is based in a state-of-the-art facility that opened last spring in Terminal E at the Airport.

“While Veterans Day is a day on the calendar dedicated to honoring our veterans, I am proud to say that at PHL we honor our veterans every day through the USO, which provides a home away from home for active military members and their families,” Cameron said. “On this day that we honor those who serve our country in the armed services, I want to thank the dedicated USO staff who serve our military families every day.”

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Philadelphia International Airport is owned and operated by the City of Philadelphia. The Airport is a self-sustaining entity that operates without the use of local tax dollars. It is one of the largest economic engines in Pennsylvania, generating an estimated \$15.4 billion in spending annually and supporting more than 96,300 full-time jobs for the 11-county Philadelphia MSA.

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The famed USO Troupe performs patriotic songs at the PHL Salute to Veterans