

Lechmere Auto Wash owner helps raise \$32,000 for the USO



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USO of New England was recently presented with a check for \$32,000 by Captain Jerome V. Sweeney of Boston of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts.

The check represents the net proceeds from the artillery company's annual charitable fund-raising event that was held at the Lexington National Guard Armory March 21.

Lt. Domenic Previte of Lexington is a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts and a principal coordinator for this year's USO fundraiser.

Major contributors and awardees recognized at the event included the Masons of Massachusetts, who contributed \$2000, and American Airlines, which received a special award for its efforts in support of armed forces personnel and veterans.

Sixty-eight years ago, the USO (United Service Organization) was formed in response to a 1941 request from President Franklin D. Roosevelt for a private organization to handle the on-leave recreation of the rapidly growing U.S. armed forces. Today, the USO of New England continues this tradition by serving those who serve our country, protect our homeland and preserve our freedoms by

supporting and bringing the best services and programs to military personnel and their families. USO of New England is headquartered at U.S. Coast Guard Station in Boston.