

The United States Entertainment Force



WHO WE ARE:

The United States Entertainment Force (USEF) is the life's work of 1997's Veteran of the Year, Jerry Payne. After a decorated and illustrious career in the military, Payne joined forces with the USO, producing popular and successful celebrity-studded events. His memorable *Welcome Home* shows for returning troops set the stage for his notable *Flight Week* (featuring the Blue Angels) at Miramar and El Centro Naval Air Stations, which honored the leading pilots at the Navy's famed TOPGUN fighter weapons training school. He also produced many celebrity events, from Camp Pendleton's *USA vs. Russia* boxing match and the San Diego New Year's Eve, "USO Gala Event" for military families and civilians; to celebrity Christmas shows for the children and family of deployed soldiers.

In 1995, Payne co-founded the non-profit **The USEF** with his partner, Jeffrey "Skunk" Baxter, for the purpose of supporting the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces. Using the platform of troop entertainment and celebrity-supported events, Payne expanded **The USEF's** mission to include the families of the Fallen and Injured Soldier, providing support to those who champion our soldiers the most.

The USEF's goal is to raise awareness of the needs of the Fallen Soldier and their families, while also providing much-needed access to financial resources, medical assistance, emotional support and social networking between families and the troops abroad.

This fall, **The USEF** was selected by the Los Angeles City Council to be the official charity and co-producer of Hollywood's legendary Santa Parade -- providing **The USEF** with the necessary funds to continue their important work providing for Fallen Soldiers and their families.

These are just a few of the special events he did in support of the men and women of our Military. With his extra time he put together and produced over 200 Concerts to help insure the positive morale of our Armed Forces to let them know that our Country say's THANKS for all that they do to keep American's free.