

## MISS USA 2009 KRISTEN DALTON GETS CALLED TO DUTY BY THE USO AND WILL SPEND THANKSGIVING WITH TROOPS

*ServiceNation Announces Miss USA will be an Ambassador*

**New York, NY – November 11, 2009** – On Veterans Day, Kristen Dalton, Miss USA 2009, visited the historic Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum where she announced that she has been called to duty by the USO and will spend the Thanksgiving holiday by giving back to military men, women and their families at Fort Drum Installation Base, home of the 10<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry Division. The mission of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division is to train and make ready for deployment of almost 80,000 army troops annually.

With over 30,000 military men, women, staff members and their families who are based in this New York State camp, Kristen will serve up holiday meals, visit with enlisted soldiers and their families as well as host a movie night.

"I can't think of anything I want to do more this Thanksgiving than visit our troops. These men and women have given so much for this country and I am honored to be spending this very special holiday with them," said Kristen Dalton. "I urge all Americans to find a way to volunteer and give back in their honor."

ServiceNation, the groundbreaking nationwide campaign to advance service and volunteerism also announced today that Miss USA will be an Ambassador for their organization. Miss USA will travel the nation encouraging Americans to volunteer and champion service as a core element of citizenship. To find out how you can serve, visit [www.servicenation.org](http://www.servicenation.org).

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### **ABOUT MISS USA:**

The MISS UNIVERSE®, MISS USA® and MISS TEEN USA® Pageants are a Donald J. Trump and NBC Universal joint venture. Utilizing its nationwide grass roots infrastructure, the Miss Universe Organization is committed to increasing awareness of breast and ovarian cancers. By forging relationships with organizations committed to research and education, such as Susan G. Komen for the Cure and Gilda's Club. Miss USA also works with the USO during her reign to support the men, women and families of the military. For more information, visit [www.missusa.com](http://www.missusa.com).

### **ABOUT THE USO:**

The USO is a private, nonprofit organization whose mission is to support the troops by providing morale, welfare and recreation-type services to our men and women in uniform. The original intent of Congress - and enduring style of USO delivery - is to represent the American people by extending a touch of home to the military. The USO currently operates more than 135 centers worldwide, including ten mobile canteens located in the continental United States and overseas. Overseas centers are located in Germany, Italy, the United Arab Emirates, Japan, Qatar, Korea, Iraq, Afghanistan, Guam and Kuwait. Service members and their families visit USO centers more than 6.9 million times each year. The USO is the way the American public supports the troops. For more information, visit [www.uso.org](http://www.uso.org).

### **ABOUT SERVICENATION:**

ServiceNation is a national campaign to increase service opportunities and elevate service as a core ideal and problem-solving strategy in American society. Reaching an estimated 100 million citizens through its 250 member groups, ServiceNation played a leading role in the drafting and April 2009 enactment of the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, which authorizes the greatest expansion of national service in America since FDR created the Civilian Conservation Corps. Now that the Act has passed, the ServiceNation coalition is working to inspire a powerful culture of volunteerism in our country. We envision an America in which a commonly asked question is, "Where do you serve?" For more information, visit [www.servicenation.org](http://www.servicenation.org).



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