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April Is USO Month

April is USO Month! USO - Wherever you go! Yes, wherever American troops are stationed in defense of the free world today, USO hometown services go along with them.

There are 267 USO clubs and lounges around the world and travelling USO shows regularly play the overseas hardship circuits. USO show troupes bring an hour or so of fun and laughter to servicemen stationed in the truly remote and isolated places in our 20th century world - such as the hundreds of far-flung Nike and radar sites overseas where the sight of faces from home is often something to be talked about for weeks. And the USO provides clubs and lounges where a GI knows he is always welcome and has friends in the civilian community even when he is a stranger among strangers.

April is USO month! National defense is not the responsibility of our Armed Forces alone. It's a duty all of us must share. And through the USO we make sure that our fighting forces are well served wherever they go with off-post clubs and lounges and with USO shows overseas.

April is USO Month! Soldier, sailor, airman or Marine. Whenever he walks into a USO club, he finds the friendly touch of his own hometown. And when he sees a USO show in the wilderness of Alaska or in the freezing winter of Korea he knows that fellow Americans back home haven't forgotten.

April is USO Month! But during the year the USO is busy extending the borders of Hometown, U.S.A, all around the world. With off-post clubs and lounges and with traveling USO shows, the USO serves a strong link with home for our men and women in uniform wherever they go.

Tonight, April 8, there will be a "backwards" dance with plenty of fun in store for those who wear their clothes backwards for the evening. April 8, in the evening, there is scheduled a musical program when Nancy Ness Bowman will present her pupils. To this program the public is invited as they are to most of the entertainment features at USO.

A candlelight dance is announced for Saturday evening this week, it will include a spring fashion show

presented by Holman's Department store. Herb Miller's jazz concert will take place on Sunday at 3 o'clock, followed by Louisiana coffee in the lobby, served by the Civic Club of Seaside. Aletha Worrall will be at the piano for the singers, and after that supper will be served by the VFW Auxiliary.

A progressive house party is planned for Monday evening, April 13. Tickets are 50 cents and reservations - for 16 only - must be made before Saturday. The USO Vagabonds Folk Dance Party for the evening of April 14, will include all such groups in the area as guests.

Just to bring our readers closer to the splendid programs which the local USO plans for the entertainment for the men in uniform we continue the program for the USO Month.

There will be a sack hop party for the evening of April 15. This will be a donation dance with the proceeds going toward the record fund.

The Italian Catholic Federation will serve the supper on Sunday evening, April 19. Eleanor Kidwell will be at the piano for this sing before the supper and on the stage later a group of talented Monterey people will present an outstanding performance, "On the Town" A movie will follow.

Chess in the lobby is announced for Monday night. April 20, with Mr. Beliauskay challenging all comers. There will be roller skating at Del Monte Gardens with free admission, and a ping pong tournament in the lobby.

A hard time dance will be held on Wednesday evening, April 22, with prizes for the most appropriate costume. Junipero Memorial High School will present a musical program on Saturday, April 23, and on April 25 there will be a birthday dance for those who have had a birthday during USO Month. All who are eligible to receive a special birthday cake are asked to leave their names at the USO desk.

Sunday, April 26, Lorraine Emmons will be at the piano for the sing and supper will be served by American Association of University Women. There will be a stage show and a movie.

The final program for the month, April 30 at 8:15 p.m., will be a two-piano concert presented by Marshall and Loretta Williamson. This will mark the tenth anniversary of Williamson's debut as a concert pianist.