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April Is Named 'USO Month'

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The USO, as we know, started its 21st year last Feb. 4, and as stated many times, it is a volunteer federation of agencies through which the American people assist in serving the many needs of service people.

The Monterey Peninsula USO not only serves the men and women in uniform, but also serves as a town hall for many of the community activities during the off hours.

The board of management always is inviting groups to hold either a weekly or a monthly meeting at the USO, especially during USO Month in April. The building is equipped to accommodate groups of 40 people; and the social hall can accommodate some 200 persons. Such service, as dessert, luncheons and dinners will also be provided at a nominal cost. The management would enjoy serving groups and would suggest that early reservations be made for rooms.

George T. Cunningham, the USO Month chairman who is also program chairman for the year, announces a kick-off dinner on Sunday, April 1, starting at 6:30 o'clock in the evening. The invitation is extended to the board of management and a friend, a number of volunteers and former hostesses.

The California Historical Society will visit Monterey April 14 as one of the stopping places during the Spring Romeria. After a visit at San Juan Bautista, the group will proceed to Monterey where it will be headquartered at Casa Munras.

The following day, April 15, there will be alternate tours available to CHS members - one to San Simeon and the other a walking tour in Monterey to specially - opened adobes. Outstanding features of the trip include a catered luncheon by Cademartori's to be held in the famous San Juan Mission garden.

Dwight Clarke, board member from Los Angeles and author of "Kearney: Soldier of the West," will speak on Kearney's exploits in Monterey at the evening banquet at Casa Munras in Monterey.

The Monterey History and Art Assn. Board of Directors is inviting the membership at large to open house at Casa Serrano, 412 Pacific .St., on Sunday afternoon,

March 25, from 3 until 5 o'clock. Most of the restoration and the refurbishing of these headquarters for the association will be finished and it is hoped that the membership will attend and appreciate and enjoy the charm of this historic house which now is their clubrooms for future meetings. Refreshments will be served by the hospitality committee. The annual Adobe Tour and Party Table Fiesta sponsored by the Monterey History and Art Assn. will be held Saturday, Sept. 22. Each historic adobe visited on the tour will display an authentic party table setting arranged under the direction of Mrs. Robert Stanton of Carmel Valley, party editor of House Beautiful magazine.

Mrs. Henry Jones is general chairman for this annual event. She has appointed Mrs. Rudolf ver Mehr as ticket chairman, Mrs. Lawson Little, publicity; Mrs. John Shephard, hostess chairman; Mrs. George Leutzinger, table settings; Mrs. William E. Oberholtzer, printing, posters, etc.

Several of Monterey's most charming old adobe homes, dating back to the early 1800's, will be opened by the owners for this occasion, a rare treat for the reason that these homes are private and only opened once a year for the history and art association tour.