

H2O for the USO

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Linda Hochstetler in her home in Timberlake over July 4th Water Drive.

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When Chapin Woman's Club member and USO volunteer Linda Hochstetler found out there was a need for bottled water for the troops, she got busy. She called on her Chapin Woman's Club members and the Chapin community to provide 40 cases of bottled water for incoming recruits to Ft. Jackson.

The USO is a private, nonprofit, congressionally chartered organization to assist America's troops and their families.

According to Anne Elise Goudelock, Center Operations Supervisor at the USO, they are seeing over 1,500 recruits arriving

weekly at the airport until the beginning of August. "With the heat and humidity, we try to keep them as hydrated as possible. If each new recruit only takes one bottle of water that is 1500 bottles!"

Volunteers also check in members of the military, help them navigate the airport, maintain the center and ensure that service members have a safe and comfortable environment in which to relax between flights.

If you are interested in more information about the USO check out the website at <https://southcarolina.USO.org/support/gifts-in-kind>. You can find more information on the Chapin Woman's Club at www.chapinwomansclub.com.