

The brave men and women of the U.S. military go to bat each and every day to serve and protect our nation. To honor their service, Kroger and Coca-Cola teamed up with the USO to treat 600 military personnel to a Cincinnati Reds' game at Great American Ballpark on Friday, August 19.

The USO offered the tickets to active duty military, Reserves and National Guard. The service members picked up their tickets prior to the game at the "Tailgate for the Troops" event held at the Castellini Esplanade in Smale Park.

"The USO is about connecting the military to family, home and country. Being able to deliver tickets to the Reds game keeps that connection to America's pastime," said Sherry Ems, Executive Director of the USO of Central & Southern Ohio.

"It's a privilege to be able to take care of our service members and their families. Because of the generosity of Coca-Cola and Kroger, we are able to provide a little slice of home for these heroes, who might not otherwise be able to attend a game," Ems added.

The event was featured on the jumbotron prior to the start of the game, and the local Fox affiliate highlighted the festivities during the evening news.

