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THE USO OF NORTH CAROLINA RECOGNIZES LEESVILLE ROAD HIGH SCHOOL BAND FOR FOUR YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

RALEIGH – The United Services Organization of North Carolina presented an award to the Leesville High School Road Band at a concert in downtown Raleigh Sunday.

USO-N.C.'s vice-president of operations, Al Steiner, presented a framed photo to the band in recognition of their service. Each student also received a certificate.

The band has played entry music for the honorees at the USO's Salute to Freedom Gala since the event's inception in 2005.

The gala, a fundraising event that generates operating funds for the USO's facility at Raleigh-Durham International Airport, is held annually in October.

"The band provides a compelling introduction for our Service Heroes of the Year" said Steiner. "It's the emotional highlight of the evening."

The Service Heroes of the Year are men and women serving in or deployed from North Carolina. Each branch of the military chooses one hero for the award annually.

Sunday's presentation was made during a joint concert with the North Carolina Wind Orchestra at the Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts.

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David Albert, who directs the high school band, accepted the award on behalf of his students.

USO-N.C., a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, has helped 100,000 service members and their families travelling through Raleigh-Durham International Airport since 2004. Learn more about USO-N.C. and the Salute to Freedom Gala at www.uso-nc.org.