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Veterans Saluted at Philadelphia International Airport

PHILADELPHIA –Congressman Brendan Boyle, Mayor Jim Kenney and the famed USO Show Troupe highlighted Philadelphia International Airport’s first annual Veterans Day celebration.

Airport CEO Chellie Cameron, who served as a U.S. Air Force Captain, opened the event in the International Arrivals Hall, which paid tribute to our veterans and recognized Airport employees who serve in the military.

Other speakers included Paul J. Mulhern, Chief Officer of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) at PHL and a U.S. Army veteran; Gary Renfrow, Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Philadelphia Acting Federal Security Director and Air Force veteran; and Cedric Rockamore, American Airlines Vice President PHL Hub and Navy veteran.

The TSA-CBP Honor Guard gave a Presentation of Colors, followed by the USO Show Troupe singing patriotic songs and the fight songs of the armed services.

The Liberty USO is based at the Airport in Terminal A-East. The USO Troupe also performed at the stage across from the B/C food court.

“I learned so many lessons in the military – about teamwork, dedication to duty and personal responsibility,” Cameron said. “And I especially learned to love even more deeply, our country - the United States of America.”

Earlier this year, Cameron was recognized as a Veteran of Influence for her outstanding dedication to the Philadelphia business community.

“My experience in the United States Air Force helped prepare me to take on the challenges and opportunities that come along with running a first-class airport like PHL,” Cameron said. “I am proud to honor all veterans today.”

The Veterans Day Tribute was streamed on Facebook Live. It can be viewed at <http://bit.ly/2fXmUcy>

Philadelphia International Airport is owned and operated by the City of Philadelphia. The Airport is a self-sustaining entity that operates without the use of local tax dollars. It is one of the largest economic engines in Pennsylvania, generating an estimated \$14.4 billion in spending to the regional economy and accounting for more than 141,000 jobs.