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## **Military Couple Wins Their Dream Wedding at The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City** *Marriage Involves U.S. Air Force and U.S. Coast Guard*

Arlington, VA [July 9, 2019] “It is awesome that Operation I Do exists,” wrote U.S. Air Force Airman First Class, Charisma Jansen, when she applied to win a dream wedding for her and her fiancé, Kenny Olivieri a Health Services Technician in the U.S. Coast Guard. Dreams do come true. Kidd O’Shea of WJLA7 informed Charisma Jansen on camera at The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City, that she and her fiancé won. They will tie the knot at the hotel on Veterans Day weekend, Sunday, November 10, 2019.

Airman Jansen will start planning her wedding over the next few months with celebrity chef Robert Irvine and Ritz-Carlton Executive Chef Sriram Hariharan for the wedding reception, dinner and wedding cake. Decisions will be made, guided by the hotel’s Director of Catering and veteran wedding specialist, Carole Sala, concerning wedding bands, invitations, flowers, music, décor, hair, photography and videography.

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Growing up in a military family, Jansen had outstanding role models. “I had always admired the dedication and work ethic that came with those in the military,” she wrote in her application. She is stationed at Joint Base Andrews in Prince George’s County, Maryland. Olivieri is stationed at U.S. Coast Guard Training Center in Petaluma, California, near Long Beach, with plans to move to Memphis later this summer, upon graduation.

Jansen and Olivieri’s wedding package at The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City includes:

- Cocktail reception, wedding cake and dinner, with a menu created by Chef Robert Irvine
- Invitation by Creative Parties
- Flowers by EDGE Floral Events designer
- Event Décor by Party Rentals, Ltd.
- Wedding bands by Belmont Jewelers
- Photography by Jack Hartzman Photography
- Videography by Suburban Video
- Music by Bialek’s Music
- Make-up by Nordstrom
- Hair styling by Remona Soleimani
- Spa treatment by Georgetown Allure
- Wedding gifts from The Fashion Centre at Pentagon City retailers, a Simon Mall

For more information visit <https://www.operation-i-do.com/home>

**The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City**

Set against a backdrop rich in history and tradition, The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City offers a modernly elegant hotel experience near the nation's capital. Luxury accommodations and amenities, including a globally influenced restaurant and event space, are complemented by attentive service and an Arlington, VA location that is moments from historic landmarks, museums and shopping.

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