



Here Comes the Bride Military Dream Wedding Winners at The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City Finalize Details for the Big Day

Arlington, VA [October 31, 2019] U.S. Air Force Airman First Class, Charisma Jansen, and her fiancé, Kenny Olivieri a Health Services Technician in the U.S. Coast Guard, now know that dreams do come true, as they will tie the knot at The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City on Veterans Day weekend, Sunday, November 10, 2019, as winners of the hotel's Operation I Do military dream wedding.

Airman Jansen has planned her wedding with military precision over the last few months with celebrity chef Robert Irvine and The Ritz-Carlton culinary team for the wedding reception, dinner and wedding cake. Decisions have been made, guided by the hotel's Director of Catering and veteran wedding specialist, Carole Sala, and wedding bands, invitations, flowers, music, décor, hair, photography and videography are finalized. The USO connected the couple with chaplain John Kenny, CHC, LT, USN, Naval District Washington, Arlington National Cemetery, who will perform the ceremony.

The USO of Metropolitan Washington-Baltimore recently presented the couple with USO etched Waterford Champagne flutes which will be used for their first toast as husband and wife. ABC7/WJLA-TV and The Robert Irvine Foundation and the generous retail partners and entertainment vendors have met individually with the couple to review their products and services, and to express their sincere gratitude for their sacrifice and service to our country.

The couple will donate all the ceremony and reception floral arrangements to Quantico National Cemetery in Triangle, Virginia.

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 temporarily stationed at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware and Olivieri is stationed at U.S. Coast Guard, sector lower Mississippi River.

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
- Dress by Modern Trousseau
- 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.

About Robert Irvine Foundation

Irvine established the eponymously named non-profit organization, The Robert Irvine Foundation, as a primary focus on giving-back and supporting our military personnel (active, retired, and veterans) and first responders through morale and welfare programs, in addition to financial support of properly vetted Veterans' Organizations and directly to individuals and families in need. For more about the Robert Irvine Foundation, visit www.RobertIrvineFoundation.org.

About USO of Metropolitan Washington-Baltimore

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