CONTEST OFFICIAL RULES

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY TO ENTER OR WIN. <u>VOID</u> WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW. THIS CONTEST IS OPEN TO ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED SERVICES STATIONED IN VIRGINIA, MARYLAND AND WASHINGTON, D.C. MEETING THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS BELOW, WHO ARE AGE 18 OR OLDER. Employees and their immediate families (parents, husband, wife, brothers, sisters and children) of Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City (the "Sponsor"), its agents and the subsidiaries and affiliated businesses of each, are not eligible to enter or win.

Eligibility requirements:

- Active member(s) of the United States Armed Services, level E6 or below. Entries are submitted by couples, but only one of the couple must be active military.
- Entry forms may be submitted on line, by mail or dropped off to the Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City 1250 South Hayes Street, Arlington, VA 22202.
- Eligible entrants must be stationed in Virginia, Maryland or Washington, D.C.
- Winning couple must agree and be available to have their wedding and reception at the Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City on Sunday, November 10, 2019.
- Winning couple and all attendees of the wedding are responsible for providing their own transportation to the wedding and all planning activities thereof.

ENTER ONLINE, BY MAIL OR IN PERSON.

Enter on-line, by mail or in person at The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City beginning 12:00.00 p.m. Eastern Time May 6, 2019 through 5:00.00 pm Eastern May 24, 2019. Only one entry per couple. In the event multiple entries are received by a couple in good faith, only the first entry received will be eligible; the additional entries will be voided and disregarded.

Along with your completed entry form, please provide a brief narrative, no more than 800 words, addressing why you should be selected to win this prize. Your response will be judged based on originality, grammar, humor and how your experience relates to your military service. Issues you may want to address could include:

- Why you joined the military
- Hardships you and your partner have endured
- The impact of the military on your relationship
- Limited time available to plan and execute your wedding
- Either, or both, partners military service and its impact on family members
- Number of places of deployment and number of places you have resided
- Amount of time you have spent apart
- Volunteer work either or both of you do

ON-LINE METHOD: To enter on-line, access the Sponsor's web site at www.operation-i-do.com and provide requested information, enter your email address and click "Send." Entries

made through the internet are deemed to be made by the authorized account holder of the email address at the time of entry. Sponsors' administrator's server/computer is the official time keeping device for the Contest.

MAIL-IN METHOD: To enter by mail, complete and print out an entry form and send it with sufficient postage, to:

The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City 1250 South Hayes Street Arlington, VA 22202 Attn: Carole Sala (Sales Department)

All entries become the property of the Sponsor and will not be acknowledged or returned. Incomplete entries are void. Entries which are completed or entered by other means or otherwise not in compliance with these Official Rules will be disqualified.

PRIZES

One winning couple will be selected and the winner will be notified on June 5, 2019, pursuant to the rules described herein. Upon being selected, the winner, and the winner's eligibility to participate in this contest shall be verified and the winner will receive:

- Wedding Ceremony at The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City
- Cocktail Reception and plated dinner for up 80 guests
 - o Menu created by hotel's culinary team and celebrity chef Robert Irvine
 - Open Bar for four hours
 - House wine service with dinner
 - Champagne Toast
 - Wedding cake
- Two night stay in a suite at The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City (November 9 and November 10, 2019)
- Floral Décor by EDGE floral events
- Event Décor by Party Rentals, Ltd.
- Select wedding invitations, escort cards and menu cards by Creative Parties
- Two custom designed wedding bands by Belmont Jewelers
- Photography by Jack Hartzman Photography
- Videography by Suburban Video
- DJ by Bialek's Music
- Make up for bride by Nordstrom to include one (1) trial session and day of application
- Additional in-kind gift donations provided by retailers in the Fashion Center at Pentagon City, the Great Republic and Georgetown Allure. Additional wedding gifts may be added.

Vendor participation may be modified in the discretion of Sponsor.

SELECTION OF WINNERS.

All entries will be reviewed by Sponsor to ensure that minimum required information is included with the entry by May 24, 2019. All such qualified entries will then be reviewed by a panel of independent judges from the Robert Irvine Foundation, the USO Metropolitan Washington-Baltimore, ABC7/WJLA 24/7 News and Engaged! Magazine. Individual Judges will be selected prior to assessing the entries; however, Judges, their families and co-workers are not eligible to enter or win. The winner shall be notified June 5, 2019. The selection by Sponsor of the winning couple shall be final and binding. Odds of winning will be determined by the number of eligible entries received. Entries received after 5pm on Friday, May 24, 2019 Eastern Time will not be eligible for contest.

JUDGING CRITERIA

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Wedding planning will begin in June, 2019. Dates and times of planning activities to be determined based upon schedule and availability of winning couple and participating Sponsor.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS.

Winner will be notified by phone and in person on or about June 5, 2019. If the selected winner cannot be reached after five (5) business days from the first notification attempt, is found to be ineligible, declines to accept a prize, the prize will be forfeited and that winner will not be eligible to receive the prize thereafter. In the case of a prize forfeiture, Sponsor shall select a new winner from the pool of remaining entries received according to these rules, described hereinabove.

Winners will be required to furnish picture proof of identification which may include a driver's license, passport, voting card or similar government issued identification as well as a letter confirming eligibility from their Commanding Officer. Each selected winner will be required to sign an affidavit verifying eligibility, release of liability and publicity, including, but not limited to, the use of winner's name, hometown and photograph without additional compensation (where lawful) which must be signed, notarized and returned to Sponsor within fourteen (14) days of receipt, or prize will be forfeited and selected winner will be disqualified.

The winners' names, photos and cities of residence will be shown on the Sponsor's web site within fourteen thirty (14) days after notification of winning. A list of winners may also be obtained by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Sponsor, The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City, 1250 South Hayes Street, Arlington, VA 22202.

PRIVACY NOTICE.

Any information entrants provide to the Sponsor will be used to communicate with entrant in relation to this contest. Sponsor may also share this information with advertisers to contact entrants at a future date about new product and services Sponsor believes entrants will find of interest. IF YOU DON'T WANT YOUR INFORMATION SHARED, DO NOT ENTER THIS CONTEST.

By entering and providing the required entry information, Entrants acknowledge that, unless they opt out, the Sponsors may send them information, samples, or special offers Sponsors thinks may be of interest to Entrant or other complementary goods offered by the Sponsors or other companies the Sponsors may carefully select.

Entrants further agree that they do not have any right of approval, claim to compensation, or benefits claim, including without limitation, claims based upon invasion of privacy, defamation, or right of publicity arising out of any use of names or biographical and/or corporate information.

GENERAL RULES

- 1. No purchase or on-line access fee is required to enter this contest.
- 2. This contest is void wherever taxed, prohibited or restricted by law.
- 3. By entering the contest entrants agree to abide by all terms of the Official Rules and the decisions of the Sponsor, made in its sole discretion, which shall be final.
- 4. The odds of winning this contest will be determined by the number of eligible entries received.
 - 5. All donations are in kind and are not redeemable for cash. The retail value of the

prize is approximately \$40,000.00. A list of items and services in the prize package can be found here www.operation-i-do.com. The goods and services included in the prize package may be increase at the sole discretion of the Sponsor.

- 6. The Sponsor is not responsible for misdirected, lost, late, illegible, forged, destroyed, incomplete, mechanically duplicated, mass machine printed, postage due or entries not otherwise in compliance with the Official Rules (and such entries will be disqualified).
- 7. If for any reason the Internet portion of the program is not capable of running as planned, including infection by computer virus, bugs, tampering, unauthorized intervention, fraud, technical failures or any other causes beyond the control of the Sponsor which corrupt or affect the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of this Contest, Sponsor reserves the right at its sole discretion to disqualify any individual who tampers with the entry process, and to cancel, terminate, modify or suspend the contest.

Sponsor assumes no responsibility for any error, omission, interruption, deletion, defect, delay in operation or transmission, communications line failure, theft or destruction or unauthorized access to, or alteration of, entries. Sponsor is not responsible for any problems or technical malfunction of any telephone network or lines, computer on-line systems, servers or providers, computer equipment, software, failure of any e-mail or entry to be received by the Sponsor on account of technical problems or traffic congestion on the Internet or at any web site, or any combination thereof, including any injury or damage to participants or any other persons computer related to or resulting from participation or downloading any materials in this contest.

CAUTION: ANY ATTEMPT BY ANY PERSON TO DELIBERATELY DAMAGE ANY WEB SITE OR UNDERMINE LEGITIMATE OPERATION OF THE CONTEST IS A VIOLATION OF CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LAWS AND SHOULD SUCH AN ATTEMPT BE MADE; SPONSOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SEEK DAMAGES FROM ANY SUCH PERSON TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

8. Should the Contest be terminated prior to the stated expiration date, notice will be posted on the Sponsor's web site.

Sponsor is not responsible for technical, hardware or software failures of any kind, lost or unavailable network connections or failed, incomplete, garbled or delayed software transmissions which may limit an entrant's ability to participate in the contest or damage users system as a result of participation in the contest or downloading any information necessary to participate in the Contest.

- 9. If a dispute arises regarding who submitted an online entry, the entry will be deemed submitted by the person in whose name the entry was made.
 - 10. No substitution or transfer of prizes permitted by winners. Taxes, if any,

are solely the winners' responsibility. Winners shall provide Sponsor with a completed IRS Form W9, and an IRS Form 1099 shall be issued to the Winner at the end of the tax year. The Winner shall be fully responsible for reporting the prize (if it meets correct thresholds) as taxable income. Sponsors expressly disclaim any responsibility or liability for any further reporting or other responsibility related to Winner's tax liability, if any, relating to the delivery and/or subsequent use of any prize awarded.

- 11. Winners, by acceptance of a prize, agree to release the Sponsors, its parent, subsidiary and affiliated businesses and each of their officers, directors, shareholders, employees, advisors, assignees, agents, licensees, representatives and any other person or entity associated with this Contest from any and all liability claims or actions of any kind whatsoever for losses, injuries or damage to persons and property which may be sustained in connection with the receipt, enjoyment, ownership or use of the prize. The Sponsors expressly disclaim any responsibility or liability for injury or loss of any kind to any person or property relating to the delivery and/or subsequent use of any prize awarded.
- 12. Entrants agree to be bound by the Official Rules and agree that if Winners fail to provide proof of identity, are found to have violated the Official Rules, or otherwise do not meet eligibility criteria, prize will be forfeited and awarded to an alternate winner. Entrants understand that Sponsors are not liable for injuries, losses, or damages of any kind arising from participation in this promotion and acceptance, possession, and use of prize.
- 13. Each entrant agrees that: (i) any and all disputes, claims, and causes of action arising out of or in connection with this Contest, or any prizes awarded, shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, and any judicial proceeding shall take place in a federal or state court within the Commonwealth of Virginia; (ii) any and all claims, judgments, and awards shall be limited to actual out-of-pocket costs incurred, including costs associated with entering this Contest, but in no event attorney fees; and (iii) under no circumstances will entrant be permitted to obtain awards for, and entrant hereby waives all rights to claim, punitive, incidental, and consequential damages, and any other damages, other than for actual out-of-pocket expenses, and any and all rights to have damages multiplied or otherwise increased.
- 14. All issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforceability of these Official Rules, or the rights and obligations of entrant and Sponsor in connection with the contest shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law rules or provisions (whether of the Commonwealth of Virginia or any other jurisdiction), that would cause the application of the laws of any jurisdiction other than the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- 15. Any use of robotic, automatic, programmed or the like entry methods will void all such entries by such methods.

- 16. Sponsors are not responsible for any typographical or other error in the printing of the offer, administration of the contest, or in the announcement of the prizes. Decisions of Sponsors are final and binding in all respects.
- 17. This promotion is sponsored by The Ritz-Carlton, Pentagon City, 1250 South Hayes Street, Arlington, VA 22202, and Sponsor reserves the right to cancel the Contest at any time.