



**USA Dance**  
**Louisiana Gumbo Chapter #5031**  
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**Fundraiser to Benefit Local Wounded Warriors**

Metairie – USA Dance LA Gumbo Chapter 5031 celebrates National Ballroom Dance Week by joining with American Legion Kenner Post 377 to host a fundraiser Friday, September 26, 2014, at the Jefferson Orleans North, 2600 Edenborn Avenue in Metairie between 7:30 – 11:00 PM.

Why a fundraiser for Wounded Warriors? In response to the many national news stories about the VA not meeting the needs of soldiers returning from the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq, our board wanted a way to show appreciation for the sacrifices our soldiers have made. We expected that there were local wounded warriors we needed to recognize and who are in need of assistance. Our board decided to put our experience in hosting fundraising dance events to work to benefit local wounded warriors.

We were inspired in this decision by wounded warrior fundraising events by other USA Dance chapters in Florida and North Carolina. After discussing the idea with one of our members known to be associated with the American Legion Kenner Post 377, the vision for the dance expanded to planning an event with Post 377 with a broader community appeal.

The event will be an evening of fun, filled with food and an entertaining dance showcase. Music for the evening compliments of the American Legion Post 175 Band and the Jerry Embree Band. The evening begins at 7:30PM and ends at 11:00PM and tickets are \$20 per person. For information and tickets, call (504) 607-1041, (225) 324-9830 or (985) 377-9590. Use our chapter's website [www.usadancegumbo.org](http://www.usadancegumbo.org) for obtaining information, sponsorship, ticket purchases, group table reservations and donations.

USA Dance LA Gumbo Chapter 5031 covers Baton Rouge, Covington, Houma, Slidell and the New Orleans areas. One of its missions is to promote ballroom dancing in our communities and to educate the general public regarding the physical, mental and social benefits of ballroom dancing. The organization promotes and sponsors amateur ballroom competitors and hosts social dances open to the public. The chapter works with and supports youth dance development from elementary through college age students. In the coming year, the chapter is planning projects with the Special Olympics, as well as live demonstrations in retirement homes, and other community events.

USA Dance Inc., is the National Governing Body for DanceSport in the United States and, with more than 160 chapters, is also the representative organization for all social and recreational ballroom and Latin dancers in America, with ages ranging from pre-schoolers to seniors. It is a 501(c)3 charitable organization.

Everyone is invited to join the USA Dance LA Gumbo chapter and the American Legion Kenner Post 377 in the support of those who served our country with honor.

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