

GETTING THE BOOT

CHARITY SPOTLIGHT

■ Three soap stars are taking part in the Boot Campaign's #BootsOn initiative. Boot Campaign is a national charitable organization dedicated to promoting patriotism for America and its military community.

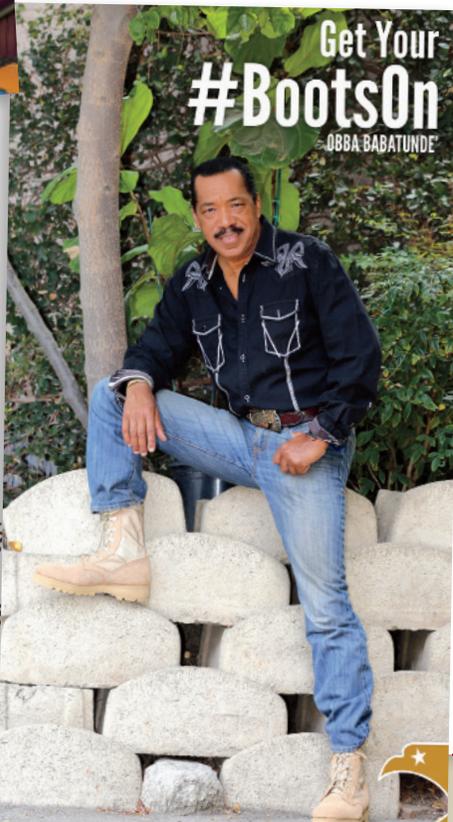


Kate Linder
(Esther, Y&R)

"It means a lot to me to get my boots on," says Linder, who is holding her alter ego's original feather duster in this shot. "I have actually had the honor and pleasure of doing four USO tours. I've been to Afghanistan, Pakistan, Korea, Guantanamo Bay. It doesn't matter what you stand for, if you're for the war or not for the war. I'm for those young men and women who are there. I've seen first-hand how lucky and fortunate we are to have those men and women protecting us."

Obba Babatundé
(Julius, B&B)

"A lot of people might ask, 'Obba, why would you support the Boot Campaign?' Because there are men and women who are giving their lives and limbs for my liberty, and if I can't support them, then my life has no meaning," declares the actor. "Identify, if you will, a perfect stranger,



someone who you don't know who is willing to sacrifice life and limb for your liberty. That's what our vets do for us every single day, and that's why I support the Boot Campaign."

Patrika Darbo
(ex-Nancy, DAYS)

"Patriotism is the loyalty to your country, loyalty to your fellow man and fellow American," notes Darbo. "Patriotism means, no matter what's happening, no matter what this one says or that one says, it's coming together, defending your country, defending the men and women who fight for your country, and just being good Americans. That's what patriotism is. My dad served in the second World War, my brother and brother-in-law both served in Vietnam, and I was brought up to love and respect our military, and love and respect our country. I sing 'God Bless America' and I sing the 'Star Spangled Banner', and I get upset when other people don't. When the flag passes by, I stand up and I put my hand over my heart. This is our country, we need to support it, and we need to support the men and women who do it, so get your boots on, America!"

"I think that the Boot Campaign is wonderful. I got my own boots over five years ago when I read about all the wives that were doing this. This was the perfect way to say thank you to our troops. So, I got my boots."

Retail sales of combat boots, apparel and mission-focused merchandise, general public donations, and corporate sponsorships fund programs that support military families. Learn more at <http://bootcampaign.org> and join the #BootsOn community on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @Bootcampaign.



Darbo with Boot Campaign COO and USMC Staff Sergeant (Ret.) Johnny Joey Jones.

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