



## ThanksUSA Congressional Roundtable Discussion

Thank you for participating in ThanksUSA's Congressional Roundtable Discussion, to benefit our scholarships for military spouses and children. We greatly appreciate your support.

When | Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
6:30pm Cocktails  
7:00–8:30 pm Dinner & Discussion

Where | The Monocle  
107 D Street NE, Washington DC

### BACKGROUND

**ABOUT THANKSUSA** | ThanksUSA is a non-partisan, charitable effort to mobilize Americans of all ages to “thank” the men and women of the United States armed forces by providing need-based college, technical and vocational-school scholarships for their children and spouses.

### THANKSUSA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- › Over 1,750 scholarships awarded for a total value of over \$5 million
- › Our scholarship recipients come from each of the 50 states and D.C.
- › Recipients represent all military branches including Guard and Reserves

**KELLEGH COSENTINO U.S. Army Dependent:** “Your support has helped me, the daughter of a U.S. Army colonel, earn a bachelors degree from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service. I am planning to declare a major in international politics with a concentration in security studies. In addition to my academic obligations, I have participated in Habitat for Humanity, Breast

Cancer Outreach, and the international relations club this year. I will be spending the summer working at a think tank downtown, and I look forward to my next three years at Georgetown.”

*Pictured left: My mom, me, my brother's fiancé, my brother, my dad.*



### MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Rear Admiral Richard Buchanan, Navy (Ret.)

### SPECIAL GUEST

Lara Logan, Chief Foreign Affairs Correspondent, CBS News

### PROGRAM

An informal and off-the-record discussion focusing on the future of U.S. Foreign Policy & our Armed Services.

We hope that our honored guests and supporters will join in the conversation.

### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

What are some of the difficulties facing military families in 2009? How do these problems differ, if at all, from seven years ago?

How will the build-up in Afghanistan affect the military personnel and their families?

How will the new Congress and Administration address military readiness and retention issues in light of growing federal budget deficits?

How do we match up military and families with willing employers?

### MILITARY ATTENDEES

General Pete Chiarelli, *Vice Chief, US Army*

Brigadier General Al Aycock, *Deputy Commanding General Installation Management Command*

Major General Jack Catton, *ThanksUSA Board*

Mrs. Sheila Casey, *ThanksUSA Advisory Council*

Mrs. Mary Jo Myers, *ThanksUSA Advisory Council*

### CONGRESSIONAL ATTENDEES

Senator Lindsey Graham, South Carolina

Congressman Steve Buyer, Indiana

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