Treasure Hunt
Aiding Needs of Kids (and spouses) of those Serving the United States of America

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A Message from the Children

Welcome to ThanksUSA — a Treasure Hunt Aiding Needs of Kids (and spouses) of those Serving the United States of America. We wanted to find a way for the country to say thanks to all the brave men and women in our armed forces and especially to help their families. We pray for them every day, but we wanted to do something more.

Since both of us like treasure hunts, we had this “brain blast” to create a national treasure hunt focused on American history with lots of cool prizes for kids and grown-ups too. By joining our hunt, you have the chance to win something fabulous, learn more about America’s history, and make a difference in the lives of our troops and their families. The money raised by ThanksUSA will help fund scholarships for kids and spouses of our service men and women.

So turn the page and find the clues to start you on an exciting hunt. You can also find out lots of information at www.ThanksUSA.org. One more thing: Be sure to turn to the back of the book for the Official Rules that all the grown-ups said need to be followed.

Rachel (Age 10) and Kelsi (Age 8)

A Message from their Parents

Our children’s sense of enthusiasm became contagious. With the help of many people too numerous to mention individually, a family dinner conversation grew into this elaborate treasure hunt. If you’re catching this sense of enthusiasm, we hope you will consider making a tax-deductible contribution to ThanksUSA so that more money can be provided for scholarships. We are hopeful that the treasure hunt raises awareness, excitement and funds for the scholarship program in an educational, family-friendly way.

During 2006, scholarships will be funded by a combination of federal, corporate, and individual contributions. You can make a
contribution at www.ThanksUSA.org, using a secure system that protects your financial data and your privacy, or you can call 1-888-thx-usa06 (1-888-849-8720).

Throughout the book, you will find “action items” appropriate for families, classrooms and organizations to thank our troops by raising money to provide scholarships for their kids and spouses. We encourage you to find ways to get involved in this national effort.

A Message about the Scholarships

To apply for one of the ThanksUSA scholarships, look for the information about the application and eligibility requirements in the chapter on scholarships. You will also find more information at the website — including an application!

THANK YOU

They are called to freedom
They never ask why
They fight for freedom
For you and I.

Their families and friends
Are left behind
Their goal is peace
For all mankind.

Fighting for liberty
And justice for all
Some live to see it
But some do fall.

Each one risks his life
So freedom can ring.
Thank you all
For everything.

— Anonymous
About ThanksUSA

ThanksUSA, a non-partisan, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, is a unique national effort to mobilize Americans of all ages to “thank” the men and women of our armed forces and their families. How? By providing scholarships to the children and spouses of active-duty military personnel. To raise awareness and funds for the campaign, ThanksUSA has launched this American history treasure hunt.

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In addition, participants who successfully solve all 12 stages of the treasure hunt will be eligible for a unique Grand Prize — an awesome opportunity to experience American history first-hand in the nation’s capital, including a stay in the Presidential Suite at the historic Willard Intercontinental Hotel.

For a complete list of the prizes, along with the applicable rules and restrictions, please check the ThanksUSA website during the contest period.

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Rules for Joining the Hunt

It’s time to get started. All you need is this official set of ThanksUSA treasure-hunting clues (also available at www.ThanksUSA.org or upon written request to ThanksUSA), access to the Internet or a library, and your own energy for pursuing clues to unlock the mysteries found in the riddles, puzzles and questions.

Oh, and this will help too: A readiness to learn a lot more about our country, its values and special places. The idea of the “hunt” is to bring the sometimes blah topic of "American history" alive, so pop culture, sports, state trivia, and other references are included.

In preparing this treasure hunt, we walked a zigzag path between simple connections and mind-twisters; between the obvious and the obscure; and between classic history, pop culture and business trivia. As a result, some of the chapters might be relatively easy for an elementary-school or middle-school student to figure out on his or her own. Other chapters might be so difficult that even high-school students will look to a teacher or parent for assistance.

In many cases, a household might end up with collaborations — or even competitions — between brothers and sisters and their friends. And, since part of the purpose is to bring families closer together, certain questions and “logic” will demand the reasoning and/or detective work of a savvy parent or wise aunt, uncle or grandparent. But this point offers assurance: Each and every solution — even the really “hard” ones — should be discoverable or discernable on the Internet.

This Official Treasure Hunt Clue Book is where it all starts. Each stage of the “hunt” begins with a riddle to help identify the state on which a large portion of the clues are based (and in one case, not actually a state). The idea behind each stage of the “hunt” is to follow the clues in the puzzles or questions as they lead you to the one-two-or-three-word answer. As soon as you think you’ve got the answer to that stage, log in your answer at www.ThanksUSA.org or send it by mail.
If you are correct, you’ll be eligible for one of the fabulous prizes. To be eligible for the Grand Prize, you must complete all stages of the “hunt” and spell out the unique 23-word statement that reflects the heart-felt inspiration behind this project.

The Treasure Hunt begins on Memorial Day (May 29, 2006) and ends the day after Labor Day (September 5, 2006). Winners of the prize for each of the stages of the “hunt,” along with the grand prize winner, will be announced on or before October 31, 2006. Please consult the Official Rules (at the end of the book) and the ThanksUSA website for more information.

The Treasure Hunt Begins

Our Treasure Hunt begins with a riddle, but start at the end and not in the middle.
CHAPTER ONE

This lovely lady gave birth to a king.
“It all adds up, next to the river”
For this puzzle, it’s a little Sudoku and a lot of fun number facts. Follow the directions below to fill out the Sudoku grid based on the written clues. As Sudoku players know, you then fill in the remaining squares using the numbers 1 through 9. Your numbers are correct if every row, every column and every 3x3 box contain the numbers 1 through 9.

1. This state’s number of electoral votes. Place that tally in Column 4, Row 1.

2. The year it became a state. Add the first two digits, then subtract the sum of the last two digits, and put the resulting number in Column 5, Row 2.

3. In what year was the hit song “Ode to Billie Joe” released? Put the last digit of that year in Column 7, Row 1.

4. What year was playwright Tennessee Williams born? Add the first, third and fourth digits, and place in Column 5, Row 5.

5. The number of times Archie Manning was selected for the Pro Bowl — plus the number of his sons who play professional football. Answer goes in Column 5, Row 8.

6. Hurricane Camille struck during this year. Take last digit and put in Column 7, Row 4.

7. The number of states (count a state only once), that sent troops to Vicksburg for the decisive Civil War battle. Take the first digit and place it in Column 3, Row 6.
8. The date in July when Vicksburg surrendered. Answer goes in Column 1, Row 3.

9. Coca-Cola was first bottled in Vicksburg — in what year? Add first 2 digits, subtract the fourth, and put in Column 8, Row 1.

10. What decade saw the B.B. King single “The Thrill is Gone” climb the pop charts? Add 1 to the fourth digit and put in Column 7, Row 7.

11. The year this state was readmitted to the Union. Subtract the first digit from the third digit and put in Column 5, Row 4.

12. What year was Oprah Winfrey born? The third digit goes in Column 6, Row 9.

13. The first African-American was elected by the state legislature to the U.S. Senate in what year? Take the third digit and put in Column 5, Row 6.

14. Hurricane Audrey descended upon the U.S. in what year? Take the last two digits and add one year and put the two digits in Column 9, Row 4 and Row 5.

15. Bob Dylan’s “Only a Pawn in Their Game” was about the Medgar Evers assassination. In what year did the latter atrocity occur? Place the last two digits in Columns 2 and 3, Row 9.

16. The number of states that share a border with this state. Answer goes in Column 9, Row 1.
17. Watch out for that kudzu vine because it grows a _____ a minute. Convert that to feet, add up all the digits and subtract 6. Put the answer in Column 3, Row 3.

18. The most destructive river flood in U.S. history (no, it wasn’t Katrina, which was a Gulf hurricane, not a river flood) occurred in what year? Take the last digit and put in Column 1, Row 9.

19. Country songstress Tammy Wynette said you should “Stand by Your Man” in what year? Put the last digit in Column 2, Row 3.

20. The year Elvis was born. Take the last two digits, subtract 20 years and put in Column 1, Rows 5 and 6.

21. The _____ of June is when “Billie Joe” jumped off the Tallahatchie Bridge. Put the answer in Column 9, Row 7.

22. What year did James Meredith enter the University of Mississippi? Take the last digit and place it in Column 8, Row 7.
And the Answer is . . .

Take the number in Row 6, Column 2, and add the number in Row 7, Column 8, to get a page number in the autobiography of Ida Wells (Crusade for Justice: The Autobiography of Ida B. Wells, University of Chicago Press, 1970 soft-cover edition).

Page __ __

Then go to the number in Row 5, Column 5, for the paragraph on this page.

Paragraph __

Go to the number in Row 4, Column 5, for the line in this paragraph.

Line __

Finally, go to the number in Row 8, Column 9, for the word on this line.

Word __

Now you’ve found the one-word answer!

__ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

Go log in your answer at www.ThanksUSA.org.

Taking Action
Tell a friend! The number and size of ThanksUSA scholarships can grow if lots of your friends participate in the hunt and make donations to the scholarship fund. Look for the "Tell a Friend" button on the ThanksUSA website.
CHAPTER TWO

From Athens to Troy, this buck keeps its eye on the beautiful river.
Playing fair and square with a place high in the middle and round on both ends — An Unusual Crossword.
ACROSS

1. On Route 7, very close to the Ohio River, east of Jackson Lake.


11. Hardware chain headquartered in Cincinnati.

14. First Ohio Governor to serve three consecutive terms.

19. Like Ohio, one of an array of states playing host to U.S. Route 20.

21. The second-most numerically dominant recorded Amish surname in Ohio.

22. The ___-Steel Co. is fewer than 10 miles from Lake Erie.

24. In North Olmsted, this street has a zip of 44070.

26. The ______ Foundation of Ohio. Hint: Think Francis Scott Key.


30. FM 101.5.

31. This type of music is more popular in the southeast part of the state.

32. The Scioto River runs through this county.

33. Official abbreviation for another county, south of Lorain.

35. 22 and 40 bring you to the “zany” end of Ohio’s alphabet.
DOWN

1. Oversized SUVs tired this blimp out.

2. This southern state has no use for U.S. 20, but it does play host to Interstate 20.

3. She was a pro tennis player during 1981-94, and has no link to Ohio (sorry, kids, but this was a hard puzzle theme). What is her last name?

4. Katrina 2005 — this is the final clue without an Ohio link. Where?

5. Heading west from Cleveland, U.S. 20 gets you to this neighboring state.

6. What is the abbreviation for Ohio?

7. The Greater Ohio Lacrosse Society — second part of their boiled-down name.

8. You're in the mountains, still on U.S. 20. Since Ohio doesn’t have any mountains, it must be a western state. Which one?

9. They prefer country-western music in this part of Ohio.

12. A cross-county highway in one of the big Ohio cities is named after this American President — and here, you just need his initials.

13. The biggest city in this part of Ohio is also a President’s name, but the founder of the city — and thus the reason it was called that — never ran for President. In fact, no other sizable city anywhere in Ohio has the same name as a U.S President. What section of the state is this large city in?

15. Ohio has one of these at each end. Just put them together.

16. __. __. ______ & Co. is based in Solon, starts with the founder’s two initials, and teams with Emerson.

17. In the state legislature, a house resolution — and don’t think too hard about this one.
18. The stock “ticker symbol” of a company whose yummy eateries — five types! — are all over the state, and whose headquarters is in neighboring Kentucky. Think KFC, Pizza Hut, Taco Bell.

19. The formal nickname for the organization put together to implement the Dayton Accords, a 1995 international agreement on Bosnia-Herzegovina.

20. He served Ohio as both Governor and Senator.

23. In Ohio, football bets cause at least one of these every weekend.

24. The formal abbreviation for a type of virus afflicting the state’s alfalfa crop.

25. The biggest maker of bricks in the U.S. actually has an Australian parent, and three of its locations are in southwestern Ohio: ____ Brick Inc. operates out of West Chester, Cincinnati and West Carrollton.

27. One of the towns in Ohio has a festival for them every year. The festival and the town both start with these four letters. When you are one, you can almost be beside yourself.

28. Do you really want to go up against the Buck____?

32. This time, get on U.S. 20 going east, and you’re in and out of ____.

34. On U.S. 22, heading northwest from Cincinnati, very close to Ogden, you’ll see __ __ igo.

The three letters highlighted in the puzzle form the first word of this answer.

__ __ __
This treasure is found in not one place but two.
ACROSS

2. Blow out your breath for this famous pitcher

4. Name this Ohio city common to two states in the south

6. A light bulb goes on when you think of this man

8. Name the President born in this state — and it’s not Garfield, Harding or Hayes

10. What’s the last name of this chatty former Cincinnati mayor who shares a first name with the Grateful Dead’s Garcia?

12. Last name of the original telephone guy, who lived in this state

13. A famous mound, but not on the baseball diamond

DOWN

1. The first capital of this state

3. Name this Ohio city common to two northern states

5. The first pro baseball team in this country

7. First name of a Young who sang about, and an Armstrong who lived in, this state

9. The 15th spaceship in the series “splashed down” permanently in this state

11. A famous lake and canal have an unsettling ring
The three letters that are highlighted in the puzzle form the second word of this chapter’s answer when put in the order below.

3 4 11

Do you know it? We think you do. And all you needed to solve was a puzzle, or two.

Go log in your two-word answer at www.ThanksUSA.org.

Taking Action

4th of July Block Party! Ask your parents, friends and neighbors to organize a neighborhood party to “Thank the Troops and Their Families.” Help prepare the meal and ask everyone to consider a small donation.
CHAPTER THREE

A French baby organized this swamp at 38 degrees.
So many places to go, so many people to see.

1. A black, a white, a marshall and a hand made this bench. Where am I?

2. Guarded by gargoyles, close to the pinnacle, this place in-spires. I am the . . .

3. The key to my “Ambassadorial” skill was bringing black and white together to make beautiful music. Who am I?

4. It’s important to flag Mount Suribachi. Where am I?

5. A gentle mountain awakens here. Where am I?

6. There is nothing to fear about this quiet place. Where am I?
7. Established in 1864, I am a place of eternal gratitude. Where am I?

8. The notes in his hat were “top” secret, and this party-er both split US and knit US. Who was he?

9. Despite its malodorous nature, the Titan Arum is growing on me. What am I?

10. Farmer, founder, patriot, purchaser — and I share the name with a starship. Who am I?

11. I am a medieval structure that has no moat, but lots of national treasures. What am I?
12. Two Presidents speak volumes about me. Yet you will need to whisper if you come here. What am I?

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___  __  __  __  __  __  __  __

13. I am a structure that holds many stories, and I make a strong point. What am I?

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14. I am a long granite wall that holds many names. What am I?

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15. Taking good care with the same first name as this Raleigh. Where am I?

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16. In a quiet booth, shots rang out. Where am I?

___  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __

17. At this mass, there’s lots of light. Do you still have enough energy to find out who I am?

___  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __
18. Hold a tune, dance a jig, for the 35th. Where am I?

Now unscramble the letters with the number 1 to form the first word. Next, unscramble the letters with the number 2 to form the second word. Finally, unscramble the letters with the number 3 to form the third word. Using all the letters, you will know who I am.

I was reflecting when I said these now famous words.

You are looking for the three words following “rooted in” for the answer.

Your search is complete. Go log in your answer at www.ThanksUSA.org.

**Taking Action**

Write your senator or congressman! Ask them to support the ThanksUSA scholarship program.
CHAPTER FOUR

Cherries, peas and silver, this state has six neighbors yonder and hither.
Pick up a guide to get a “handle” on this state.

1. You will find your guide on the gold dollar. She helped adventurous Americans in the past, and can help you now. What is your guide’s name?

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   1

2. Once you know your guide, find a fishy place with a Memorial bearing her name in this state.

   __   __   __   __   __   __   __   __   __

   2

3. Your guide helped two very famous explorers. These explorers relied on her and her husband. What was her husband’s first name?

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4. She would guide the expedition over the Salmon River, which is also referred to as the:

   __   __   __   __   __   __   __   __   __

   20

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5. The explorers might not have made it over the LoLo Trail if your guide did not help them trade for horses with this Indian Tribe.

   __   __   __   __   __   __   __   __   __

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6. Crossing the LoLo trail in 1805, the explorers and your guide wintered with a “piercing” Indian Tribe that referred to themselves as the Nimiipuu, but we know this tribe as the:

   __   __   __   __   __   __   __   __   __

   6
7. Staying with the Indian tribe in the clue above, an explorer might have “spotted” an animal unique to this tribe at the time. Name it.

__   __   __   __   __   __   __   __   __

7

8. The explorers survived off the land. The party ate well whenever they saw the game that has a city and river named after it.

__   __   __

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9. Both explorers and pilgrims faced these formidable obstacles on their way west.

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4

10. Your guide went with the explorers over the LoLo trail, but later guides would lead their parties over another trail, one preferred by early pioneers on their way to the promised land.

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11. According to Indian legend, the deepest gorge in North America was dug by “coyote” in a single day to protect his people from the evil Seven Devils. Name the gorge.

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12. Your guide knew this was an area rich in natural resources. From the Kaniksu National Forest that borders Canada to the Sawtooth National Forest that borders Utah, both you and the explorers would find constructive uses for this product. Also the legendary call of lumberjacks.

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9
13. Silver and gold discoveries came after your guide’s work was done. These discoveries led to the growth of mining towns throughout the state. Among the famous people to move to these towns long after the mining rush was over were writers, poets, and actors. What is the name of an “impounded” poet who was born in Hailey and spent 50 years writing just one poem?

14. Your guide might have followed deer trails, but if you came to Ketchum in October you’d be trailing a different type of animal to celebrate this festival (not Halloween).

15. If your guide went through the southern part of the state today, what “magic” would she see had transformed the landscape of the Magic Valley?

16. A Senator from this state for over 30 years whose activities included prosecuting “Diamondfield Jack Davis” and “Big Bill” Haywood. His conservation efforts were recognized by a peak bearing his name.

17. Your guide will be glad she did not step on one of these noisy slitherers.
18. If your guide went to the state capital building, who would she learn served as Governor before being called to service in Washington, DC, and who returned to serve as Governor again?

__   __   __   __   __   __

13

19. Your guide would not have known about the famous potatoes, but even people today might not know that Arco was the first town to be powered entirely by __   __   __   __   __   __   __ energy.

8

20. If your guide headed east from Arco, she would end up in this town on the border with Wyoming and think about doing a little skiing at Grand Targhee.

__   __   __   __   __   __

17

21. And what would your guide think upon learning that this landlocked state once had this type of Station in Farragut?

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Now take the numbered letters from under each answer and put them in order to find the next clue.

__   __   __   __   __   __   __   __   __   __   __   __   __   __   __   __   __   __   __   __   __   __   __   __   __   __   __   __  

123456789101112131415161718192021
Can you tell us the faraway name of this fascinating place?

Those last two words in the official name of this place give you the answer to this state’s treasure.

Go log in your answer at www.ThanksUSA.org.

Taking Action

*Calling all bakers!* Ask your friends to bake their favorite dessert and then sell them to your neighbors.
CHAPTER FIVE

Swing your partner and drop a line for trout, you’ll find flame flowers here as you move about.
Take a virtual drive around this state to answer the questions.

Q: What country established Fort Ross here in 1812?  
A: ____________

Q: What foreign city’s golden horn inspired the name for San Francisco Bay?  
A: ____________

Q: Two-term Governor who became the 40th U.S. President.  
A: ____________

Q: What is the largest, deepest alpine lake in North America?  
A: ____________

Q: Modesto Star Warrior.  
A: ____________

Q: The lowest point on the North American continent.  
A: ____________

Q: Yorba Linda, home to future 37th U.S. President.  
A: ____________

Q: Desert Air Force base.  
A: ____________

Q: Original 1940 name of the Pasadena Freeway.  
A: ____________

Q: Name the filmmaker to present the first open-air silent film. His fame was Universal.  
A: ____________

Q: What fantasy city was modeled after the Coronado Hotel?  
A: ____________

Q: Name this theme park, established in 1968.  
A: ____________

Q: Name this '80s mayor who was no “punk.”  
A: ____________

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Now unscramble your answers to the questions to find three clues. One clue has six letters, one clue has five letters and one clue has four letters.

— — — — — — , — — — — , — — — — — —

We hope that, when you’re done, you’ll say “I’ve found it!” (hint, hint — for your six-letter word).

You will need to take a “virtual” road trip to the town and place you find in the clues to discover an interesting historic replica.

Once you find the replica, go to the second word of the inscription. That word could be read in this city and in Pennsylvania, and in a passage from the Bible.

You will also need to go back to Chapter Two, and use the answer to the second crossword puzzle to combine with the answer for this chapter. What a bonus, one chapter serves double duty!

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Go log in your answer at www.ThanksUSA.org.
CHAPTER SIX

A 1970s singing troupe and a native-son President share this name and fame. You’ll also find a tree appreciated by the Grateful Dead.
A cross-tic is the answer
Answer these questions to fill in the “acrostic” puzzle found on the prior page.

The message in the puzzle will tell you where to go to find this chapter’s treasure.

1. There were 137 of these during the fight for independence.

___ ___ 5 ___ 56 ___

2. This “presidential” town is common to both the District of Columbia and this state’s shore.

___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ T O W N

3. This Challenger shares a common name with Reagan.

23 ___ 48 ___ 53 ___ 10 ___ 51 ___

4. He served as this state’s first African-American Congressman.

___ 2 ___ 31 ___ 8 ___ 63 ___

5. This gutsy “racqueteer” changed the grass in England forever.

___ ___ 29 ___ ___ 24 ___ ___ ___

6. This Andrew born in Waxhaw in 1767 was the 7th one of these.

___ ___ 60 ___ 36 ___ 52 65 ___
7. The two longest serving concurrent Senators in American history (and the eldest comes first).

8. An island that supports Marine life but not found in France.

9. The largest gum trees and bald cypress trees in America can be found in the Francis Beidler forest near this “motorcycle stop.”

10. These two famous Toms starred in famous films partly made here.

11. The key to these “grim” sisters is women’s rights. They are Angelina and Sara

12. A President and a Reverend born here share this same name.

13. Gershwin’s vacation in this state led to what famous musical?
14. This “head” is famous for golf and shares a name with an old and well-known hotel chain.

15. The chewy candy, dance, and city of the same name.

16. This garden has the most statues in America, and they brave the elements year round.

17. Darling, you’ll exhaust yourself looking for the Weatherly Hall.

18. If you hold your breath you’ll get Dizzy playing this kind of music.

19. First name of a Doby baseball trailblazer.

20. The Governor gives a “jump start” in this contest each year in Springfield.
21. A famous French author and a retired hurricane share the same name.

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22. Middle name of cousin to Charles Pinckney, both of whom signed the Constitution on behalf of this state.

—  —  54  13  —  69  —  —  45  —

23. This surgeon was the first English settler to live in the Carolina colony.

46  —  —  67  —  3  —  —  —  —  72

24. Go to the state flag and you will see the tree that saved Moultrie.

7  15  21  18  25  26  28  27
Now you have found the one-word answer.

Go log in your answer at www.ThanksUSA.org.

Taking Action

Car wash! Grab your buckets and your friends and have a “free” car wash, but ask drivers to make a donation to thank the troops and their families.

Taking Action

Pay it forward! Donate to ThanksUSA on behalf of someone you care about. Tell that person, but ask them not to pay you back, but to pay it forward by donating on behalf of another person. Keep the spirit of giving going forward.
CHAPTER SEVEN

Here hello and goodbye are the same, and surfing is the most popular game.
Where on the ground is Miles the beagle hound?

1. Miles is on a ship with a famous cook who discovered these “luncheon” lands. What are they?

2. Miles joins Steve McGarrett and the Hawaii Five-O unit at their Honolulu headquarters. Where is he?
3. Miles reaches the tallest mountain in the Pacific. Where is he?

☐ — — — — — —

4. Miles sniffs around the largest Hawaiian Island -- name it.

— — — — — —

5. Miles is shooting the curl with the father of modern surfing who happens to share a name with a southeastern university. Who is our intrepid beagle with?

— — — ☐

6. Tom Lopaka, detective on Hawaiian Eye, joins Miles on this wild chase. Who played Tom?

— ☐ — — — — — — — — ☐

7. T-Rex of Jurassic Park and Indiana Jones of Raiders of the Lost Ark bumped into Miles while filming here. Where are they?

— — — —

8. Miles scales a volcano and sees the Goddess of Volcanoes, who shares a name with a soccer great. What’s her name?

— — — — — — — — ☐ —

9. Miles is howling along with a king who wrote and sang hit songs (and we don’t mean Elvis). Who is he?

— — — — — — ☐ — — — — —

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10. Miles can’t vote, but he visits the first American of Japanese ancestry elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. Who is he visiting?

[Blank space]

11. Miles also visits the home/library of the first U.S. Senator of Chinese ancestry. Name him.

[Blank space]

12. Make a “wager” on which famous Honolulu singer/actress Miles runs into?

[Blank space]
Now unscramble the letters from your answers that are highlighted to name an important turning point (which occurred not too far from this state).

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__ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

Answer the following questions about the turning point identified above.

1. Japanese code name for this strategically important objective:

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2. Name the American code-breaking team crucial to the defense.

__ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

1 __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

3. Name the four Japanese carriers in the battle.

__ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

1 __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

4. This United States carrier made victory possible.

__ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

Put the letters from the answers above in their respective order.

__ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __
Now crack the code (but not in Japanese!), and you’ll find the two-word English translation. For the second word of the two-word English translation, there are two six-letter words that we will accept as an accurate translation of the clue.

 Go log in your answer at www.ThanksUSA.org.

Taking Action

Walk/play with dogs! Ask your neighbors if you could walk or play with their dog. Tell them that you are not charging for your service, but ask them to make a donation to ThanksUSA.
CHAPTER EIGHT

The key, dear, is to look for angels over clear water.
1. Original name of Cape Kennedy
Answer: __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

2. Home to Disney World and Universal Studio theme parks
Answer: __ __ __ __ __ __ __

3. Miami Beach’s young-adult music place, where you could see Yo-Yo Ma perform
Answer: __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

4. This “great one” filmed his TV show in Miami Beach
Answer: __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

5. Blues Image hit song from 1970
Answer: __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

6. Known as the “River of Grass”
Answer: __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __
7. State tree
Answer: __ __ __ __ __ __ __

8. Oldest city in the nation
Answer: __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

9. First name of 1978 Nobel Prize for literature winner
Answer: __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

10. Miami’s famous end-of-year college football game
Answer: __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

11. The race to space starting in 1958 was organized by
Answer: __ __ __

12. Spacecraft launched in 1969 — series, then number
Answer: __ __ __ __ __ __ __

13. An original dessert from the 1850s
Answer: __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

14. Name a leader of the Seminoles
Answer: __ __ __ __ __ __
15. 1992 hurricane ravages south Florida
Answer: __ __ __ __ __

16. In 1824, this city became the state capital
Answer: __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

17. French builders of Fort Caroline in the 1500s
Answer: __ __ __ __ __ __ __

First, find the two-letter word formed with the first letters of the 16th and 10th answers to the questions above.

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Next, using the highlighted letters in the answers, you will find the document you need to examine. Look at the first line, 10th word, of that document (don’t count the words in parentheses).

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Go log in your two-word answer at www.ThanksUSA.org.

Taking Action

Neighborhood flea market! A bonus project because your parents will be happy if you clean out your room and you can raise funds for the scholarships by selling those items you no longer use to someone who can.
CHAPTER NINE

How could you forget this great land of de longest mountain and de longest shore?
What was hidden is now revealed.

Unscramble the 11 letters to form three words describing a veterans’ monument.

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Now use the numbers in the answers below to identify the three-word answer found on the inscription on this monument. As this is a "virtual" treasure hunt, please use the inscription found on the Internet site describing this monument, rather than looking at the monument, or a photo of the monument, as the number of lines is different.

Q: This state became part of the Union in the same year as Hawaii. What year?
A: __ __ __ __

The third number is the first line to look at on the inscription (you will be taking two words from this line).

Q: This state is more than __ times the size of Texas.
A: __

The number in this answer is the location of the word on the line identified above.

Q: The number of spots on the Skimmer Dragonfly, the official state insect.
A: __

The number in this answer is the location of the word on the line identified above.

Q: The highest point in North America is what distance above sea level (in feet)?

A: __ __ __ __

Add the first and fourth numbers together and that becomes the next line to look at on the inscription to find the third word.

Q: This state has the most lakes of any state. The total is over . . .

A: __ __ __ __ __

The first number in this answer is the location of the word on the line identified above.

And now you’ve found the three-word answer!

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__ __ __ __ __ __ __

Go log in your answer at www.ThanksUSA.org.
Taking Action

Book Donations! Ask a local business to donate the ThanksUSA Official Treasure Hunt Clue Book to schools, libraries and community centers.
CHAPTER TEN

The key lies with a Penn, a bell, a crayon and a kiss.
Find the two-word answer that these windmills are blowing at you.
This lush central valley was named after a Shawnee chief.

One of two writers and composers of the state song.

So important to the Revolutionary war, this state’s nickname is the same as archway’s strength.

A native of this state who played movie Batman.

Still holds the state’s record for a sell-out crowd.
Now tell us the two-word answer that the windmills spell out!

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Go log in your answer at www.ThanksUSA.org.
CHAPTER ELEVEN

Three clicks for Jack and Diane. Kickapoo were here, not Cheyenne.
1. What the Russian Mennonites brought here

2. The state song’s common name

3. Gwendolyn Brooks was the first _______ American to win a Pulitzer in 1949

4. Number of stars (spelled out) in the state flag

5. This Abilene resident was the _______ — _______ President of the United States (another “spelled” number)

6. Wichita was the first city in the U.S. to have one of these restaurants

   — — — — — □ — —
7. First woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean was also an Atchison resident

— — — — — — □ — — — — — —

8. Brown v. Board of Education concerned this historic Kansas town

□ — — — — —

9. Truman Capote’s true story, based on a notorious Kansas crime

□ — — — — — — — — — —

10. First name of political daughter whose father served as Governor and also ran for President

□ — — — —

11. “To the stars through difficulties” is the state

□ — — — —

12. Eskimo Pie guy and candy-man Stover hailed from which city

□ — — — —

13. Doctor who invented the game of basketball

— — — — — □ — — — — — —
14. First female Harlem Globetrotter. The web carries the last name of the first female Harlem Globetrotter with two different spellings. Our question is asking for the spelling with 8 letters.

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

15. Wallace, Harker, Dodge, Hays, Larned, Riley, Scott and Leavenworth are not the names of boys, but of

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

16. Bordering state, but not Missouri, Oklahoma or Colorado

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

17. America’s first female dentist was an important native

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

□ □ □ □ □ □ □

18. Legendary wild-west lawman

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □

19. Cowboy capital and famous Gunsmoke locale

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □
Now take the highlighted letters to spell out a question:

Question: __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

__ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ ?

Now answer the question: __ __ __ __ __

The plural of your answer to the question is the one-word answer to this chapter: __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

Go log in your answer at www.ThanksUSA.org.
CHAPTER TWELVE

A green lady watched new people come to the nation, and macaroni made here was the biggest sensation.
If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?
This young man was given the same name as his grandfather.

He met his first wife when she was only 11 but Dority had to wait until she was older to marry him.

He inherited his family home in Yorkshire, England.

While in England he became interested in a different religion.

With over a hundred acquaintances, he came to the United States — but he had to leave his four-year-old son behind in England.

He wanted to go to Virginia but he ended up in New England.

Because he and his friends were not familiar with the vegetation, the natives or the climate, many people died of hunger.

This leader was searching for food to feed his hungry friends and discovered ears of corn buried in the ground. His friends gathered the corn kernels so that they could plant them in the springtime. Today the site is called Corn Hill.

He was good friends with a man named Tisquantum.

He remarried and had several children.

Because he was a very good politician and leader, he became Governor and public servant for many years.

Do you know who this adventurous person is?
Mystery Man

This man was born in Virginia a long time ago.

He enjoyed math but he wasn’t a good speller.

He wanted to be a sailor, but his mom said no.

He enjoyed fishing and riding horses and spending time with his brothers.

He went to school in Virginia, but his brothers went to school in England.

As a young Virginian soldier he marched in the forests and mountains of Ohio.

After the war he moved to his brother’s farm in Virginia, where he grew tobacco, corn and other crops.

He married a pretty woman who already had children, but he loved them as his own.

He accepted no payment for his leadership during a famous war.

Hippopotamus choppers helped him chew.

Many counties and even universities are named after this famous American.

He never lived in Washington D.C.

If you know your early American history, you have discovered who he is.
Are Your Thoughts a Jumble?

What do these two people have in common? Unscramble the following words that are related to this state and these two people.

SUGQANNIOLA  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __
SRDETMAMA    __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __
LESLI (Island) __  __  __  __  __  __  __
ZETGAET       __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __
QIOISRUO      __  __  __  __  __ __  __  __  __  __  __  __
LEELIVML      __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __
HAOMWK        __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __
RNIAGAA       __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __
GOANANOD      __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __
SLKA          __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __
SEPLEY        __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __
SUARYCSE      __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __
RUENANBV      __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __
GIWSAONNHT    __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __

Take the letters that appear in the 12 highlighted spaces and unscramble them for the next clue.

__  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __  __
What’s in a number? The next three questions take you right up to the final and exciting part of the “Hunt.”

The New York Yankees won the World Series 26 times in what month of the year?

Number of times a New York team has won the Super Bowl.

Our Mystery Man took the oath of office at Federal Hall in what year?

Use the date spelled out from the prior three clues and the clue found from the jumble and let it direct you to an historic — yet not well known — document. Discovering that document will make you all the more grateful for the rights, responsibilities, and above all freedoms that we Americans have developed, defended and been blessed with for hundreds of years.

Time to proclaim that, if you identify words 68 and 69 in this special document, you have the two-word answer.

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Go log in your answer at www.ThanksUSA.org.

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**Taking Action**

**Be a Good Neighbor!** If it is hot and humid where you live, then mow the grass, pull weeds or offer to water your neighbor’s lawns and plants. Not yet warm and sunny where you live? Perhaps you could help your neighbors by shoveling sidewalks or driveways. Ask an elderly neighbor if you could do their grocery shopping for them. Contribute any tips you receive to ThanksUSA.
Grand Finale

We hope that when you reach here, you have already found the correct answers to the 12 stages. If so, you can piece together the “treasure” we have hidden in these pages. Remember to go back to “Where the Treasure Hunt Begins” and make good use of the hint.

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Go to www.ThanksUSA.org and log in the unique 23-word statement about our country that you have discovered. If you are correct, then you are eligible for the Grand Prize — a unique and special trip to Washington D.C. Best of Luck!
ThanksUSA Scholarships

ThanksUSA scholarship applications have been available since April 2006. All legally dependent children age 24 and under, as well as all legal spouses of active-duty U.S. military service personnel, are eligible to apply. ThanksUSA defines “active-duty U.S. military personnel” as those who have served full-time in active duty for at least 180 days since 9/11/01, including all those killed or wounded in action. “U.S. military personnel” are defined as members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard. Members of the military reserves who have been activated, and members of the National Guard who have been “federalized” and who otherwise meet the requirements, are both eligible.

In the inaugural year, ThanksUSA intends to award more than 1,000 scholarships. Awards will range from $1,000 to a maximum of $5,000. Applicants must plan to enroll full-time in an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, vocational or technical school, or already be enrolled in such an institution of higher learning. They must also have at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent on their relevant academic record.

Scholarship recipients are selected primarily on the basis of financial need. Foreign language study, academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities are also factors.

The application form can be downloaded from the ThanksUSA homepage (www.ThanksUSA.org). You can also find additional information about the scholarships and eligibility criteria on the website.

Scholarships are funded by a combination of federal, corporate and individual contributions. Funds raised from the Official Treasure Hunt Clue Book also go to the scholarships. Please help us provide scholarships in the coming years by giving generously.
Official Rules

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. NOTE THAT NEITHER PURCHASES NOR DONATIONS WILL INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING.

Participation constitutes entrant’s full and unconditional agreement to and acceptance of these Official Rules. All applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations apply. Neither the purchase of the Treasure Hunt Clue Book, or Books nor the act of making a donation to ThanksUSA, improves the chances of winning.

CONTEST PERIOD AND ENTRY DEADLINE

The ThanksUSA Treasure Hunt (the “Treasure Hunt”) will be held from May 29, 2006, at 12:01 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (“EDT”) through September 5, 2006, at 11:59 p.m. EDT (the “Contest Period”). The Treasure Hunt will consist of twelve (12) stages (the “Stages”) with twelve (12) corresponding prize packages, as well as one Grand Prize.

Entries must be submitted online (or postmarked if submitted via mail) by 11:59 p.m. EDT on September 5, 2006 (the “Entry Deadline”) to be eligible to win a prize package for any of the twelve (12) Stages, as well as to be eligible for the Grand Prize.

ELIGIBILITY

The contest is open to legal U.S. citizens. Parental permission is required for entrants 14 years of age and younger as of the date of their online registration or as of the postmark date for entries submitted via mail. Online registrations can be made on the ThanksUSA website (the “Website”) -- http://www.ThanksUSA.org. Any individuals (including but not limited to employees, consultants, independent contractors and interns) who have within the past six months performed services for ThanksUSA or any affiliated organization, and the members of their immediate families or those persons living in the same household of such individuals, are not eligible to enter or win. The Treasure Hunt is void in Puerto Rico and where prohibited by law.

HOW TO ENTER

Clues

The Official Treasure Hunt Clue Book contents are available on this website. For those wishing the actual book, please send a self-addressed 9” x 12” or larger envelope to

ThanksUSA Clues
1390 Chain Bridge Rd., #260
McLean, VA 22101
We hope that you will send a contribution of at least $7.50 to cover the cost of postage and handling. Larger contributions are always welcome, since they will help us “thank” our troops by funding scholarships for their spouses and children.

Entry Submission

Answers to each Stage of the Treasure Hunt may be submitted in the following two ways: (1) Online: Complete the online entry form on the Website in its entirety for one or more of the Stages and click on the “Submit” button; or (2) By mail: Legibly hand-print on a 3”x 5” card answers to one or more of the Stages of the Treasure Hunt along with your name, address, e-mail address (if available), telephone number, statement affirming status as U.S. citizen, and date of birth (with signature of parent or guardian if entrant is under 14 years of age) and mail the entry to:

   ThanksUSA Treasure Hunt
   1390 Chain Bridge Rd., #260
   McLean, VA 22101

Entrants will be eligible to win the prize package for each Stage for which the correct answer was submitted, however no entrant can win the prize package for more than one Stage of the Treasure Hunt. All entrants who successfully solve all twelve (12) Stages of the Treasure Hunt and submit the correct 23-word answer will automatically become eligible to win the Grand Prize.

Only one entry per Stage is allowable per person and all those who enter more than once will be disqualified. All entries become the exclusive property of ThanksUSA and will not be acknowledged or returned. Any use of robotic, automatic, programmed or any other non-manual entry methods will be void and all those who use these methods will be disqualified. Entry materials or data that have been tampered with or altered are void and all those who tamper with or alter entries will be disqualified. Further, ThanksUSA will prosecute, to the full extent of the law, any applicants who use illegal entry methods.

Lost Entries

ThanksUSA is not responsible for lost or incomplete entries due to interrupted or unavailable networks or telecommunications transmissions; problematic phones, computer hardware or software, servers; miscommunications; technical failures; garbled or jumbled transmissions; or other errors of any kind, whether human, mechanical or electronic (including without limitation the incorrect or inaccurate capture of entry information online), or for lost, late, incomplete, damaged, destroyed, delayed, stolen, misdirected or illegible entries submitted by mail.

Odds

The odds of winning depend on the number of eligible entries received. There
will be one winner per Stage and one Grand Prize winner.

**WINNER SELECTION**

**Entry into Random Drawings**

Entries will be considered eligible only if (1) they are received by the Entry Deadline and (2) the correct one-, two-, or three-word answer is submitted for the particular Stage, or the correct 23-word answer for the Grand Prize, as determined in ThanksUSA's sole discretion. All decisions made by ThanksUSA in connection with answers to the answers to each Stage are final and binding. Entrants may not win the prize package for more than one Stage, however entrants will remain eligible for the Grand Prize even if they also win the prize package for one of the Stages. After the end of the Contest Period, the answers to the Stages may be obtained on the ThanksUSA website or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope (VT residents may omit return postage) to:

ThanksUSA Answers  
1390 Chain Bridge Rd., #260  
McLean, VA 22101

**Winner Selection by Random Drawing**

One (1) winner for each of the twelve (12) Stages will be determined by random selection among eligible entries. Once a winner is selected for any particular Stage, his or her entry will be removed from the drawings for any remaining Stages. One (1) winner will also be determined by random selection for the Grand Prize from among all those eligible entrants who successfully solve all twelve (12) Stages of the Treasure Hunt and submit the correct 23-word answer. Winners will be announced and notified on or before October 31, 2006.

**Claiming Prizes**

The winners will be posted on the Website and all winners will be notified by e-mail or U.S. mail on or before October 31, 2006. Winners will have 15 days from the date of notification (as determined by the date of email or date of postmark, as applicable) to accept their prize either by e-mail or by U.S. mail to the address specified in the notification. Within five (5) days of acceptance, winners will be required to sign a declaration of eligibility and to furnish certain documentation to support such declaration. Prizes will be awarded in the name of a parent, guardian or other authorized adult for winners under the age of 18 at the time of prize collection. Winners may also be required, where lawful, to sign a publicity consent agreement authorizing the use of their name, photographs, voices and likenesses for publicity purposes.

ThanksUSA is not responsible for and shall not be liable for any late, lost, or misdirected notifications or acceptances (e.g., in the case of any change of address), or for a winner's unsuccessful efforts to claim any prize. If a selected winner cannot be contacted, is ineligible, fails to claim a prize, or fails to timely return the completed and executed declaration and releases as required, the
prize may be forfeited and an alternate winner may be selected in accordance with these Official Rules. In the event of the dispute regarding who submitted an online entry, the entry will be deemed submitted by the authorized account holder of the e-mail account. The right to claim a prize may not be sold, traded or transferred, and prizes may not be substituted or redeemed for cash value. Winners must take possession of prizes and/or complete travel and utilize tickets by 12/31/07 or on the date specified in the prize description. Scheduling travel and accommodations are the responsibility of the prize winner.

Change of Contact Information Policy

It is the sole responsibility of the entrant to notify ThanksUSA in writing if the entrant changes his or her e-mail address, mailing address or phone number during the Contest Period or before the winners are notified or prizes are awarded. To inform ThanksUSA of a change in contact information, please write to:

ThanksUSA Address Change
1390 Chain Bridge Rd., #260
McLean, VA 22101

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded in the following manner: Prize #1 to the winner of the random drawing from eligible entries for Stage #1; Prize #2 to the winner of the random drawing from eligible entries for Stage #2; Prize #3 to the winner of the random drawing from eligible entries for Stage #3; and so forth for each of the twelve (12) random drawings corresponding to each of the Stages of the Treasure Hunt. The Grand Prize winner will be determined by random selection from among all those eligible entrants who successfully solve all twelve (12) Stages of the Treasure Hunt and submit the correct 23-word answer.

Chapter One -- Estimated Fair Market Value of Prize Package: $4,500.
Chapter Two -- Estimated Fair Market Value of Prize Package: $6,000.
Chapter Three -- Estimated Fair Market Value of Prize Package: $4,500.
Chapter Four -- Estimated Fair Market Value of Prize Package: $8,000.
Chapter Five -- Estimated Fair Market Value of Prize Package: $5,500.
Chapter Six -- Estimated Fair Market Value of Prize Package: $4,000.
Chapter Seven -- Estimated Fair Market Value of Prize Package: $15,000.
Chapter Eight -- Estimated Fair Market Value of Prize Package: $8,500.
Chapter Nine -- Estimated Fair Market Value of Prize Package: $6,400.
Chapter Ten -- Estimated Fair Market Value of Prize Package: $4,500.
Chapter Eleven -- Estimated Fair Market Value of Prize Package: $5,000.
Chapter Twelve -- Estimated Fair Market Value of Prize Package: $4,000.
Grand Prize -- Estimated Fair Market Value of Prize Package: $105,000.

ThanksUSA’s Treasure Hunt prizes do not include ground transportation, meals and incidentals except where noted. All applicable federal, state and local taxes and any expenses not expressly included in the prize are the sole responsibility
of the winner. No alternative prize, cash, or other substitution is permitted except by ThanksUSA in the event of prize unavailability. Scheduling travel and accommodations are the responsibility of the prize winner.

**INDEMNIFICATION**

By participating in and entering the Treasure Hunt, each entrant agrees, and by accompanying a winner on any travel involved with a prize or otherwise utilizing a prize, the winner’s guest (or guests) agrees (agree), to hold ThanksUSA, its affiliated entities, agents and representatives, its parent companies, subsidiaries, advertising, promotion, and fulfillment agencies, sponsors and legal advisors harmless from any claim, damage, loss or injury which may arise, directly or indirectly, as a result of any and all elements of such entrant's participation in the Treasure Hunt or the acceptance or use of any prize(s) awarded therein.

**GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**Cancellation, Suspension or Modification of Treasure Hunt**

ThanksUSA reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel, suspend and/or modify the Official Rules at any time.

**Disqualification**

ThanksUSA reserves the right in its sole discretion to disqualify any individual they find to be tampering with the entry process or the operation of the contest or to be acting in violation of or contrary to the Official Rules.

**Resolution of Disputes**

Any and all disputes and claims relating to the Treasure Hunt shall be resolved by binding arbitration under the laws of the District of Columbia. District of Columbia law shall apply to the resolution, award, enforcement and collection relating to any dispute or claim. Each party shall pay one-half of the costs of the arbitration. The dispute and claims and arbitration proceedings shall at all times be kept confidential except to the extent necessary to enforce or collect the arbitration award.

**Privacy**

ThanksUSA will not rent, swap or sell an entrant’s information to any third party.

**Winners List**

The list of winners will be available on the Website and may be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope (VT residents may omit return postage) to:
ThanksUSA Winners
1390 Chain Bridge Rd., #260
McLean, VA 22101

THE OFFICIAL RULES, SEEN HERE IN DIGITAL FORM, CAN ALSO BE
OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE BY SENDING A SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE
TO:

ThanksUSA Rules
1390 Chain Bridge Rd., #260
McLean, VA 22101

We hope that you will send a contribution of at least $5.00 to cover postage and
handling costs, and, of course, larger contributions to help “thank” our troops
by giving the gift of education to their families are always welcome.
T.H.A.N.K.S. USA