



2012 TREASURE OUR TROOPS *Gala*

*Military families and United States Senators
John McCain (R-AZ) and Joe Lieberman (Ind-CT)
plus Goldman Sachs Gives were honored on July 11th
at the 2012 ThanksUSA "Treasure Our Troops"
Gala at the Newseum in Washington, DC.*

With sponsors including the Blavatnik Family Foundation and Fluor, this sold-out event raised scholarship funds for the children and spouses of active-duty personnel and was "emceed" by Fox News anchor Bret Baier. ThanksUSA scholarship recipients offered a personal look into how their lives have been touched by the ThanksUSA.

And the keynote speaker, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman General Martin Dempsey, emphasized the importance of the ThanksUSA work and delighted the crowd by leading the singing of "God Bless America."

Since its beginning in 2006, ThanksUSA has provided \$7.5 million in need-based academic scholarships to America's military families, including the families of the wounded and fallen. Scholarship recipients represent all military branches – Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserve – and come from each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia.



Jeffrey Schroeder of Goldman Sachs with ThanksUSA scholarship recipient and military spouse, Anteah Jones pose after the foundation was recognized for its support of ThanksUSA.

Senator John McCain with scholarship recipient Shandiin Sam and the award presented in the Senator's name.

Senator Joe Lieberman with scholarship recipient Jacob Humerick and the award presented in the Senator's name.

JCS Chairman General Martin E. Dempsey (Keynote Speaker) and ThanksUSA founders Rachel (far left) and Kelsi (center) Okun, lead the audience in a group singing of "God Bless America".