Last night we also went to the Treasure Our Troops Gala in the Newseum. We snapped Sen John McCain (who was honored along with pal Sen. Joe Lieberman) surrounded by NC National Guard’s Chad Snyder, Americas Commercial Group prez Russ Owen and his wife Laurie, and by Rep. Howard Coble and Rep. Joe Wilson.

The gala was for ThanksUSA, co-founded by Rachel Okun when she was 10 and her sister to help members of our military and their families get an education. We caught her practicing God Bless America with Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Martin Dempsey.
The organization has given 2,500 scholarships since it was founded but is only able to fill a portion of the requests they receive; the gala is critical to giving out more. Proud dad, ThanksUSA Board chair and NBC VP Bob Okun is with emcee Fox’s Brett Baier.

The dinner had wild striped bass with sautéed zucchini. Here, Rear Adm. Rick Buchannan and his wife Amy with Adm. Thad Allen.
Rep. Bill Posey and his wife Katie enjoyed the terrace.

TFAS!

Last night we also went to the Four Seasons to celebrate the 23rd anniversary of The Fund for American Studies. We snapped one of its directors, Hicks Winters, long-time board member Brownstein Hyatt's Juanita Duggan, and the night's honoree, Senator Lamar Alexander. He urged students at the dinner to pick someone they admire, volunteer for them, and do anything they ask that's legal.