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ThanksUSA Treasure Our Troops Gala



Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) awards the Honorary Senator John McCain-ThanksUSA Scholarship to Arizona resident and military dependent Shandiin Sam



Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Caroline Suplizio and Christopher Chipps

The 2012 ThanksUSA Treasure Our Troops Gala was held July 11 at the **Newseum**. The event awards scholarships to children and spouses of those who are currently serving in the Armed Forces.

The gala takes place every other year. It is typically attended by members of the Administration and Congress, business leaders and military leaders.

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A guest and Rep. Joe Wilson (R-S.C.)



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Sen. Joe Lieberman (I-Ct.) and guests



Jacob Humerick and Sen. Joe Lieberman (I-Ct.)



Deanie Dempsey, Captain Dawn Halfaker, USA, RET and Gen. Martin Dempsey, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff



Jeff Schroeder of Goldman Sachs and ThanksUSA scholarship recipient and military spouse Anteah Jones