

ThanksUSA Newsletter August 2013

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Greetings!

We hope you are having a great summer!

ThanksUSA has been **sizzling** with excitement this summer. So, dive in and take a look at what we have been up to.

Also, be sure to keep in touch. We will be announcing our **2013-2014 scholars** soon!

Treasure Hunt 8

And the TH8 Grand Prize winner is... Andrew Johnson!



"I always look forward to each installment of ThanksUSA's Treasure Hunt. I love learning about areas of American history that are sometimes neglected. And I will neither confirm nor deny that I have missed a meal because I was focused on tracking down an answer."

Congratulations again, Andrew! We appreciate your support of ThanksUSA and admire your perseverance in answering all six chapters of TH8 correctly.

There's still a chance to win some great prizes this summer. The bonus chapter, **TH8 2: Summer Learning, Fun & Games**, is now open and participants have until August 15th to submit the correct final answer.



Five lucky winners will each receive a fully customizable Mad Catz Cyborg R.A.T. 7 Gaming Mouse, a Elad Catz XXL Cyborg G.L.I.D.E. Gaming Surface, and a \$100 Walmart gift card. Good Luck!

ThanksUSA Events

Jackson Casey Memorial Golf Tournament

Belle Haven Country Club - Alexandria, VA



"Thank you for graciously supporting military personnel and their families through Jackson's life!"

**Hannah Solem,
Jackson Casey Scholarship Recipient**

On July 15th, players gathered from all over the country in memory of a loving and caring 11-year-old named Jackson. The day began with a golf tournament and continued to a reception with both a live and silent auction.



A special treat this year for the reception guests was getting to meet one of the young people who benefitted from the tournament last year - Hannah Solem, one of the 15 scholarship recipients who received an award in Jackson's name.

Through the golf tournament and individual contributions, the Jackson Casey Fund raised over **\$150,000** to benefit ThanksUSA's military scholarship program. We are so grateful for their donation and are honored to have been involved with this special event for the second year.

Please visit the [website](#) to learn more and to donate to the Jackson Casey Fund.

Home Run with KPMG



On June 27th, KPMG reminded Washington Nationals baseball fans to thank and honor the men and women of our Armed Forces by presenting a check for \$13,239 to ThanksUSA.

While the Nationals did not prevail that night, those military families who will benefit from KPMG's generosity sure did!

On the top as which presented the check to ThanksUSA, St. George and Cass Park of KPMG, ThanksUSA Scholarship Recipient and her family, and her husband Chief Petty Officer George Danekia, U.S. Navy, and son Dominic.

Rally the Troops

Tennis Thanks The Troops was on the go this month! We attended Washington Kastles Military Appreciation Night on July 22nd - they generously donated tickets to our group and we were happy to have our military families in attendance with us!

Our next stop was at the Citl Open from July 27th to July 29th. We had fun face-painting and spreading the word about this great campaign.

We loved being at both events and look forward to being back again next year!



Tennis Thanks the Troops



A big congratulations to our Grand Prize winner of Tennis Thanks The Troops, Berkley Hills Country Club in Duluth, Georgia, who raised a whopping \$3,700 for the campaign!

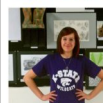
Not only will a ThanksUSA Scholarship be awarded in their name, they will also get to send two people to the U.S. Open in New York City! Let's give them a (back) hand!

Contact [Mandy Johnson](#) and check out the [Facebook Page](#) for more info.

ThanksUSA Scholars

Jacelyn Hejtmanek

Current ThanksUSA Scholar



Army spouse Jacelyn Hejtmanek received a \$3,000 ThanksUSA scholarship to enroll in Kansas State University. Completing her first year with a perfect GPA, Jacelyn is one of only 18 students accepted into the K-State Graphics Design Program. She is dedicated to her field of study and eager to succeed in the graphic design industry, eventually becoming an artistic director, partner, or even owner of a major design firm.

"The ThanksUSA scholarship has played a significant role in my academics. I graduated with an Associates degree in 2011. The ThanksUSA scholarship took away some of the money-related barriers that come with returning to school. I am a driven student who strives to get the most out of my education and to achieve the best that I can. With the assistance of ThanksUSA, I was accepted into my degree program and will graduate with my Bachelors in two years. Scholarships for military spouses that are not degree specific are hard to find. We greatly appreciate what ThanksUSA is doing for the families of service members. Thank you!"

Allia Grace Martinez

ThanksUSA Alumni

Congratulations to ThanksUSA scholar Allia Grace Martinez! This past May, the Navy dependent and her family celebrated her graduation from the University of South Alabama and her commissioning as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force.



"We as a family would like to, once again, express our gratitude to ThanksUSA and all the grantors who make it possible for students like our daughter to finish college." - Dwayne & Amy Martinez

Be sure to check out the [ThanksUSA Scholarship News Blog](#) to read about Allia Grace and other deserving ThanksUSA scholarship recipients.

What We're All About



Finally, be sure to check out the ThanksUSA founders, Rachel & Kelsi Okun discussing ThanksUSA's mission with [New Yorker](#) on Sports Talk. **Just click on the above image.**

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