

## Season's Greetings from ThanksUSA!

Dear Friend of ThanksUSA

It's that time of year again -- time to eat, drink and be merry. But as the weather gets colder and the malls get busier, please remember the men and women who have given so much and the many who will spend the holidays away from their loved ones.

This holiday season, you can thank our military and their families for their sacrifice by giving the greatest gift -- the gift of education.

### See the impact of a ThanksUSA scholarship

"It's an acknowledgement...please don't ever think that it's a small thing -- it's a giant thing to us!"



(Watch the full video at the bottom of this email)

No matter how big or small, your gift thanks them all. Please, [donate to ThanksUSA](#) today.

### ThanksUSA Events

#### 2013 Intelligent Decisions Invitational Lake Nona -- Orlando, FL



On Monday, November 18, 2013, golfers and supporters gathered to one of the most beautiful golf courses in the U.S. to participate in the [Second Annual ID Invitational](#) benefitting ThanksUSA and the Camaraderie Foundation Inc.

The event raised **\$40,000** to help military service members, veterans and their families. A big **Thankst** to Intelligent Decisions for their continued support of ThanksUSA and our military! We look forward to the tournament next year.

Be sure to visit the [Intelligent Decisions](#) Facebook page to learn more and see pictures from the tournament.

### Game. Set. Give. Tennis Thanks The Troops

#### Tennis Thanks the...USPTA

The [Tennis Thanks the Troops](#) fundraising campaign had a great year in 2013 and we could not have done it without the support of all the amazing USPTA pros, tennis clubs, the USTA Mid-Atlantic and of course our partner -- the USPTA.

The USPTA has been an essential part in the development and marketing of Tennis Thanks the Troops and this year USPTA CEO, John Embree, presented ThanksUSA Chairman and CEO, Bob Okun, with a generous check from the USPTA Foundation at their annual World Conference.



USPTA's John Embree, ThanksUSA's Bob Okun and Tennis Coaching Legend Nick Bollettieri at the USPTA World Conference in Orlando, FL

We are grateful to the USPTA and all our donors for their continued support and look forward to an amazing year for Tennis Thanks the Troops in 2014.

[Register to take part on Memorial Day Weekend 2014 today!](#)

### Treasure Hunt

#### Congratulations TH8 Summer Winners!

Since we've just kicked off the new Hunt, we want to be sure to recognize the last batch of winners from our Summer bonus, **TH8.7 Summer Learning, Fun & Games**. Each of these players won a Mad Catz Gaming Mouse and Gaming Surface, generously donated by the ESA Foundation, and a \$100 Walmart gift card - Congratulations!



#### TH8 Summer Winners:

Kathy D. from New York  
Annie B. from Arizona  
Terri S. from Wyoming  
Linda H. from North Carolina  
Marilyn S. from Missouri

*"I love doing the ThanksUSA Treasure Hunt as much as I love doing another kind of treasure hunt, geocaching!"*

TH8 Summer winner Marilyn Spoeede, Geocaching.  
-- Marilyn Spoeede, TH8 Summer Winner

Don't forget to [go online](#) or [download the app](#) to play **TH9** -- **The Bill of Rights!** You have until December 31st, 2013, to submit a correct final answer. Good Luck!

### What We're All About: ThanksUSA Scholars

#### ThanksUSA Scholar Haley Schaeffer

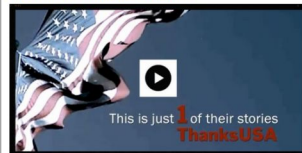


Coast Guard dependent Haley Schaeffer was awarded a \$3,000 ESA Foundation/ThanksUSA scholarship to begin her Conservation Biology studies at St. Lawrence University.

Read the latest edition of [ThanksUSA's Scholarship News blog](#) to learn more about Haley and other 2013-2014 ThanksUSA scholars.

*"Climate Change and Environmental Devastation are two things which I have become personally invested in the past several years."*  
-- Haley Schaeffer, St. Lawrence University class of 2017

#### 2013 ThanksUSA Video Meet one of ThanksUSA's families



Remember to thank America's troops and their families with the gift of education by donating to ThanksUSA!

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