



ThanksUSA Newsletter May 2013



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Dear (Contact First Name),

Please take some time this **Memorial Day Weekend** to remember those who have lost their lives serving our country and honor the military veterans and families who have sacrificed so much.

You can show your support by taking part in **Tennis Thanks The Troops**. Kicking off this weekend through Veterans Day, ThanksUSA and USPTA have teamed up to encourage tennis pros and facilities to host tournaments, lessons and other fun events to raise money for our scholarship fund. To find out how you can get involved, go to www.ThanksUSA.org.

Treasure Hunt 8

Final Chapter



Don't miss your chance to win a \$250 Walmart gift card! The final installment of this year's Treasure Hunt, **TH8: American Conflicts**, opened on May 1st. Participants will have until May 31st to submit a correct final answer. All participants who successfully complete all six TH chapters will be eligible to win the Grand Prize -- a \$500 Walmart gift card!

Thomas Smith was only a teen when he began participating in the ThanksUSA Treasure Hunt with his homeschool. Now an adult, he looks forward to a new "Hunt" each year and recently won a \$250 Walmart gift card in this year's Treasure Hunt. Thomas especially likes the mobile app addition to this year's Hunt.



"I love that I'm able to play the Treasure Hunt whenever I have some spare time no matter where I am at. I've always loved learning about U.S. History and the addition of the App is great!" -- Thomas Smith

ThanksUSA Events!

Senator Ted Stevens Luncheon

Honoring Congressional WWII Vets



ThanksUSA Charman Bob Olson, Mrs. Catherine Stevens, ThanksUSA scholar Daniele Lomax, Larry Duncan of Lockheed Martin and Sen. George Casey

ThanksUSA announced the third year of scholarships awarded in honor of the late Senator Ted Stevens on April 24th, at Charlie Palmer Steak in Washington, DC.

This year, the luncheon also honored three Members of Congress who served in WWII: Senator Frank Lautenberg, Congressman John Dingell and Congressman Ralph Hall.

Thank you to all of our supporters who attended!

VIP Golf Tournament



News Channel 8's Dave Lucas, Larry Duncan of Lockheed Martin, Matt Levin (a wounded warrior) and Congressman John Armuth

On Monday, May 13th, wounded warriors, military leaders, Members of Congress, corporate sponsors and supporters of our military gathered at the Creighton Farms Golf Club in Aldie, VA, for the sixth annual **ThanksUSA Charity Golf Tournament** presented by Intelligent Decisions.

The 2013 tournament raised over **\$80,000** in support of the ThanksUSA mission of providing need-based college, technical and vocational school scholarships to the children and spouses of our active-duty military.

Tennis Fest



To help ThanksUSA and the USPTA kick off **"Tennis Thanks the Troops,"** the San Diego District Tennis Association (SDDTA) held it's annual **Tennis Fest** on Sunday, May 9th. More than 800 people participated, many playing tennis for the first time! 39 USPTA Pros assisted. Way to go!

ThanksUSA Scholars!

Eric Allen

Current ThanksUSA Scholar



Eric Allen's love of Anime sparked a cultural interest in Japan that grew into a college major. This Army dependent received a \$3,000 American Airlines/ThanksUSA scholarship for his junior year of Accounting and Japanese majors at the University of Texas in Austin.

Visit our [Scholarship News blog](#) to read about this ThanksUSA scholar's unique combination of majors and his plans to study in the Land of the Rising Sun.

Shadie Andraos

ThanksUSA Alumnus

ThanksUSA Scholarship Alumnus Shadie Andraos has remained involved with ThanksUSA since graduating from Cleveland State University in 2009. Shadie has attended several ThanksUSA outreach events, met with ThanksUSA sponsors, military leaders, Members of Congress, and most recently helped raise funds for tomorrow's ThanksUSA scholarship recipients.



In March, Shadie and his coworkers at FactSet Research Systems held a bake sale in support of ThanksUSA. With FactSet matching the proceeds from the sale, the group donated nearly \$500. Our sincerest thanks to Shadie and the FactSet team!

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



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