



Private Luncheon to Honor Chairman Howard “Buck” McKeon & Military Families in Memory of Senator Ted Stevens and Senator Dan Inouye

Tuesday, March 25, 2014
Charlie Palmer Steak – Washington, DC

Program

Thank you for attending the Commemorative ThanksUSA military family scholarship Luncheon. Today we will be announcing our fourth year of scholarships in honor of the late Senator Ted Stevens and announce the first year of scholarships in honor of the late Senator Dan Inouye. We will also be honoring Chairman Buck McKeon (R-CA) for his outstanding service to our country in his leadership roles in the Congress on the House Armed Services Committee and on the House Education and Workforce Committee.

Honoree Chairman Howard “Buck” McKeon



represents the 25th District of California in the U.S. House of Representatives. He was first elected in 1992. Since January 2011, McKeon has chaired the House Armed Services Committee (HASC). He backs a strong national defense and is a champion for the men and women of America's armed forces and their

families.

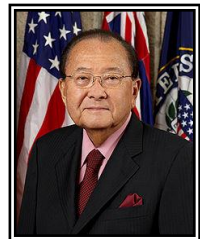
Prior to serving as the lead Republican on HASC, McKeon was the top Republican on the Education and Workforce Committee; in that role, he advanced school choice, teacher quality and accountability, and higher-education access and affordability. McKeon still serves as a senior member of the Education and [Workforce](#) Committee.

The Honorable Ted Stevens



was a U.S. Senator from Alaska, and was the longest-serving Republican in the United States Senate. He served continuously from 1968 to 2009. Senator Stevens enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Force in 1943 and served in the China-Burma-India Theater and received the Distinguished Flying Cross.

The Honorable Dan Inouye



was a U.S. Senator from Hawaii and was the second longest-serving Member of Congress. He won his ninth consecutive term in 2010. Inouye was a WWII veteran who enlisted in the U.S. Army shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor and received the Medal of Honor.

About ThanksUSA

ThanksUSA is a non-partisan, charitable effort to mobilize Americans of all ages to “thank” the men and women of the United States armed forces by providing need-based college, technical and vocational school scholarships for their children and spouses.

ThanksUSA Scholarship Program Highlights

- Over 3,000 scholarships awarded for a total value of nearly \$10 million
- Our scholarship recipients come from each of the 50 states and D.C.
- Recipients represent all military branches including the National Guard and Reserves

Attending Scholarship Recipient

Jennifer Benecke | U.S. Navy Spouse



Jennifer earned her Bachelors of Science in Psychology from the University of Maryland University College in 2012. She is currently enrolled in Walden University's “Master's in Mental Health Program” with the goal of becoming a Licensed Professional Counselor.

Alaska Scholarship Recipient

Andra Woodard | U.S. Coast Guard Spouse



Andra Woodard is a Coast Guard spouse, mother of three, and full-time student. During the 2012-2013 academic year, Andra was awarded a \$3,000 ThanksUSA scholarship to pursue a Social Work major at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

With a concentration in Military Medical Social Work, Andra plans to counsel PTSD patients and their family members.

Hawaii Scholarship Recipient

Paige Schulze | U.S. Marine Spouse



The spouse of an active-duty Marine, Paige Schulze wants to obtain her Certified Public Accountant License so that she can assist young military families with financial planning.

Since 2012, Paige has received consecutive ThanksUSA scholarships totaling \$6,000 and is currently in her final year of studies at Hawaii Pacific University.

We want to thank our sponsors for supporting these scholarships.

Congressional Attendees

Congressman Jim Bridenstine, *Oklahoma*
Congressman William Enyart, *Illinois*
Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa, *Hawaii*
Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler, *Missouri*
Congressman Buck McKeon, *California*

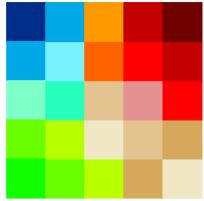
Former Congressman Alan B. Mollohan, *West Virginia*
Congressman Steven Palazzo, *Mississippi*
Congressman Adam Smith, *Washington*
Mrs. Catherine Stevens

Military Attendees

Mrs. Shelia Casey
Maj. Gen Jack Catton, USAF (Ret.)
Lt. Col. Jason Gibson, National Guard
Lt. Steve Masterson
Mrs. Mary Jo Myers

Maj. Gen. Hawthorne L. Proctor, USA (Ret)
Capt. Michael Riley, National Guard
Col. David W. Sutherland, USA (Ret)
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