



April 14, 2016

*Private Luncheon to Honor
General James L. Jones and Military Families
in Memory of Senators Ted Stevens and Dan Inouye*

Thank you for attending the ThanksUSA Memorial Scholarship Luncheon. Annually, we announce scholarships in honor of the late Senator Ted Stevens and the late Senator Dan Inouye. We will also be honoring General James L. Jones, USMC (Ret), for his outstanding service to our country.



Honoree General James L. Jones has spent his life serving and protecting America and American ideals. He is sought after for his wisdom, guidance, and political endorsement. As the former commander of U.S. European Command and Supreme Allied Commander Europe, he led all military operations for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and later, as National Security Advisor, he brought clear vision and steady leadership to America's mission in Iraq, the war in Afghanistan, and the country's interests around the world.



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, a WWII veteran, enlisted in the U.S. Army shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor and later received the Medal of Honor.

We enthusiastically thank our sponsors for supporting the ThanksUSA scholarship program.

Attending Scholarship Recipients



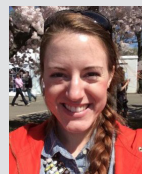
Marine Corps dependent James Green was awarded a \$3,000 ThanksUSA scholarship to continue a Criminology major at George Mason University. James is working toward a position in his dream profession of foreign affairs. To cultivate a wider worldview, he attends global conferences, international-relations discussions, and U.S. foreign policy debates.



Coast Guard dependent Kristine Goffos was born in Kodiak, Alaska, but grew up in Donnellson, Iowa. She received \$12,000 in ThanksUSA scholarships for undergraduate studies at Iowa State University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science with minors in Journalism and Mass Communication. After graduating, Kristine worked as deputy press secretary for Senator Chuck Grassley. She now works as a digital strategy associate at The Heritage Foundation.



Air Force dependent Regan McAllister, of Niceville, Florida, was awarded a \$3,000 ThanksUSA scholarship for undergraduate studies at The George Washington University. Regan majors in International Affairs and Asian Studies with an International Economics concentration. Ultimately, Regan hopes to become a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State.



Army dependent Meagan Roper received a \$3,000 ThanksUSA scholarship for undergraduate studies at Liberty University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Advertising/Public Relations and a Master of Arts in Communication; Interpersonal and Organization Communication. She currently works as a Public Affairs Specialist for the Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration.



“I greatly admire the ThanksUSA scholarship program for everything it does for military families. With the help of ThanksUSA scholarships, I was able to dedicate more time to my studies rather than struggling to finance them. I am honored to be a ThanksUSA alumni.” —*Kristine Goffos*

Armed Forces and Congressional Attendees

Gen. George W. Casey, Jr., USA (Ret)

Maj. Gen. Jack Catton, USAF (Ret)

Gen. James L. Jones, USMC (Ret)

Sgt. Maj. Alford McMichael, USMC (Ret)

Adm. Mike Mullen, USN (Ret)

Mrs. Deborah Mullen

Mrs. Catherine Stevens

Senator Dan Sullivan, *Alaska*

Maj. Gen. Scott A. Vander Hamm, USAF

Col. Lanier Ward, USA

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About ThanksUSA

ThanksUSA, a 501(c)(3) non-profit founded in 2005, thanks 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.

Scholarship Program Highlights

- Nearly 3,700 scholarships awarded for a total value of more than \$11 million
- Our scholarship recipients come from each of the 50 states and Washington, DC and represent all military branches including the National Guard and Reserves