

Dear Friend of ThanksUSA,

Please remember to thank the men and women who have served in the United States military this **Veterans Day, November 11th**. The sacrifices of those who fight for our country often go unrecognized. This year, make a point to express your gratitude for their service. Whether it's a grand gesture or a simple "thank you", it's important to remind those in uniform and their families of our appreciation.

Looking for an opportunity to honor our Veterans? There's still time to organize efforts for the Tennis Thanks the Troops campaign benefiting the families of military men and women.

In May, the San Diego District Tennis Association raised **\$3,350** for Tennis Thanks the Troops with their "Tennis Fest." The group was able to present a San Diego District Tennis Association/ThanksUSA scholarship check to Kara Andryushina. They also sent Wounded Warrior US Marine Corps SGT Lam Le, USMC, and spouse Holly to New York City for the exciting 2012 US Open competition.



SGT Lam Le, USMC, and wife Holly at the 2012 US Open in NYC



Kara Andryushina (second from the right) receiving the scholarship award with her family

We challenge you to inspire your club to organize a tournament, contest or another fundraising event this Veterans Day to honor our troops. It can be as easy as setting out a donation jar next to the Tennis Thanks the Troops poster. Match or beat this group and you could send someone to the 2013 US Open!

For more information, visit the Tennis Thanks the Troops page on our [website](#) where you can find Tips and Tools for a successful event and watch the PSAs by [Lisa Raymond](#) and the [Bryan Brothers](#).



Special "Thanks!" to the group Stars, Stripes and Hearts for including ThankUSA in their benefit concert honoring America's Latino/Hispanic Heroes & Veterans.

[Stars, Stripes and Salsa](#) was held Monday, October 15th at the historic Warner Theatre in Washington D.C. It was a festive night with incredible performances by Tito Puente Jr. and Gilberto Santa Rosa who had the

audience dancing in the aisles! Don't worry if you weren't able to attend the concert, you can watch the whole night on [USVets TV](#).

ThanksUSA Scholars

Our sincere gratitude to ThanksUSA supporter Intelligent Decisions for hosting the Intelligent Decisions Inaugural Invitational in support of ThanksUSA. The golf tournament was held at the Lake Nona Golf and Country Club in Orlando, Florida, and we were delighted to welcome Orlando area scholarship recipients, Tyler and Shelby Cecchini.



Shelby Cecchini

Together, sisters Tyler and Shelby have received \$9,000 in ThanksUSA scholarships for their collegiate studies. Both attend the University of Central Florida and parents Marianne and LTC Robert Cecchini, USMC (Ret), couldn't be prouder! Shelby is studying Creative Writing, and Tyler is just a few months shy of completing her BFA in Theatre Design and Technology.



Tyler Cecchini



Samantha McEnhill is a young Air Force spouse learning to navigate military life while studying arts and humanities. Read how a ThanksUSA scholarship has made a difference in her life by visiting our weekly [Scholarship News blog](#).

Treasure Hunt

Thank you to all who participated in ThanksUSA's Treasure Hunt 7. Winners have been notified and we will be updating the Winners Page of the website soon. Getting excited about a new Treasure Hunt? You should be - [Treasure Hunt 8](#) kicks off on Thanksgiving Day. This year's hunt will be faster paced with more chances to win prizes!

Amanda Dillard (pictured here with 3 of her 4 beautiful daughters) won a \$500 Walmart gift card for submitting the correct answer to Chapter 6 in TH7. Congratulations Amanda!



Have you made your Combined Federal Campaign pledge this year? Direct your CFC gift to ThanksUSA by entering code **99441** on your campaign pledge card.

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With appreciation for your continued support,

--The ThanksUSA Team