

OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES

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Our Community Salutes (OCS) is a non-profit, tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organization. It was created in 2009 in New Jersey to recognize and honor high school seniors (and their parents/guardians) who plan to enlist into the military after high school graduation. OCS also provides future service members and their families with access to educational resources and connects them with military support groups.

What started as one OCS ceremony in southern New Jersey has now spread across the nation. These events are planned and conducted independently in each community by volunteers, including military veterans, high school and college educators, local businesses, community leaders, and active duty military personnel. Our Community Salutes DFW has been honoring future service members in the DFW area since 2021.

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Program



Welcome

Invocation

National Anthem

2023 Gen. Colin Powell Award Recipient

U.S. Army Honorees

U.S. Navy Honorees

U.S. Marine Corps Honorees

U.S. Air Force Honorees

Service Songs

Farewell

2023 General Colin Powell Award Recipient

Ms. Kim Rhodes



Kim Rhodes has been a Career Counselor at Braswell High School in Denton ISD for 6 years helping students prepare for post-secondary education in the workforce, military, trade, and college. Her educational career includes a variety of settings: Elementary Special Education Teacher, Middle School Counselor, and her current position as a High School Career Counselor. She has a passion for learning and experiencing new things to help her students choose the right path for their future.

She has attended the Marine Educator Workshop in San Diego and was privileged to learn and work alongside educators and Marines. This allowed her to get a glimpse into the recruiting process, see “the behind the scenes of a recruit, experience the physical and mental aspect of boot camp, and learn about the Marine Corp”. She also attended the Army Educator Workshop in San Antonio at Ft. Sam Houston where she learned about the Medical Education & Training Programs offered in the Armed Forces. Most recently, she attended the Navy Talent Acquisition Group for educators in San Diego where she gained knowledge in a variety of aircraft and naval vessels, and Navy Culture. She was awarded the Impact Influencer Award from NTAG in April 2023 and Staffer of the Month for Braswell High School.

Honorees

U.S. Army



Elias Orlando Alvarez

Joseph Alexander Amaya

Piper Lily Bernard

Manuel Alejandro Botello Barriga

Marcus Daniel Bussard

Bryan Camacho

Brandon Carrillo

Miguel Angel Casas

Jayson Ross Conway

Edgar Homero Cruz

Issac Espinoza

Noe Francisco Espinoza

Paloma Nava Frausto

Derick John Gageby

Leslie Mariela Galdamez

Alyssa Mrie Galvez

Carolina Garcia

Vida Natalya Gonzalez

Efren Hernandez

Asya Nichole Holtzclaw

Matthew Peter Hughes

Huy Nhat Huynh

Jabria Fatimah Denise Jinks

Marcus Deshon Jones

Samah Salim Kasmani

Samuel James Leon Lias

Ty Pepper Long

Jobanne Marcos

Roy Mcdonald

Mario Alexis Sevilla Mora

Dario Gael Munoz

Richard Nguyen

Dillon Ray Nichols

Caleb Brent Parker

Stephani Arely Polanco

Joaquin Ray Rodriguez

Gregory Louis Schaefer

Tessai Amaru Shaker

Christopher Stephenson

Alexis Vergara

Honorees

U.S. Navy



Vincent Alvela
Angel Armandariz
Edward Baxter
Jonathan Chavez
Griffin Doherty
Pamela Garcia
Jayden Gonzales
Ian Hall
Gloria Henriquez-Quintanilla
John Hoffman
Gavin Lyons
Kyra Mack
GianCarlos Marquez-Rivera
Conner McCloud
Jason Miller
Kamari Morrow
Konner Moore
Tia Moss
Jaylen Orr
Madilyn Pallin
Trinity Reed
Julian Spurgeon
Eric Tran

Honorees

U.S. Marine Corps



Aaron Armstrong

Alexander Berry

Holden Conner

Melanie Gaona

Isabel Hernandez

Elijah Lane

David Lopez

Priscila Martinez

Riely O'Neil

Devon Perez

Jacob Regalado

Angel Rostro

Dawsen Sandlin

River Schwerdt

Honorees

U.S. Air Force



Arnold Abikou
Tae Aphayyong
Emmanuel Aranda
Aajani Brown-Ester
Joshua Campos
Diego Castro-Pineda
Stephen Chhem Jr
Gabriel Deckert
Trenton Duffer
Christopher Estell
Javonni Estudillo
Denzi Gatsi
Johan George
Marisa De Luna Gomez
Brandon Gray
Matthew Hafele
Jake Hamby
Preston Hart
Kantapon Hirunyodom
Jacob Jackson
Robert Jarrett
Mackenzie Jolley
Ndja Kole
Christopher Lacey
Jonathan Lach

Leo Lampa
Darian Leon
William McLaughlin
Ramiro Mejia
Ashley Melchor-Vasquez
Shane Mitchell
Jonathon Montez
Gomezgani Ngulube
Alec Petrone
Samaria Potts
Keith Pritchard
Adrian Puga-DeAnda
Carlos Puga-DeAnda
Abraham Rios
Harold Roberts
Jennifer Saucedo
Armando Salinas
Jordan Tolbert
Diangel Vazquez
Guzman Vasquez
Devin Walker
Carla Ward
Christian Washington
Jahvon Williams



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U.S. AIR FORCE



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- Presidential and merit scholarships are available to DC seeking veterans

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**Salutes
This Year's Seniors**

The top half of the PGL advertisement features a close-up of an American flag. The PGL logo, consisting of a stylized globe with red, yellow, and green lines, is positioned to the left of the bold, black text "PGL". Below the logo, the tagline "CONNECTING BUSINESS ON TIME" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

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The North Texas Wreaths of Honor logo features a green wreath on the left and the text "NORTH TEXAS Wreaths of Honor" on the right. The background of the advertisement is a photograph of a cemetery with many white headstones, each adorned with a red and white wreath.

REMEMBER
the Fallen...
HONOR
those who Serve...
TEACH
our children the
value of Freedom.

The AUSA North Texas Audie Murphy Chapter logo features three green stars at the top, followed by the text "AUSA NORTH TEXAS AUDIE MURPHY CHAPTER" in white, and three more green stars at the bottom. The background is a solid green color.

EDUCATE

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CONNECT

The logo for the AUSA North Texas Audie Murphy Chapter, featuring a circular emblem with the text "ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" and "AUDIE MURPHY CHAPTER" around the perimeter, and a central figure of a soldier.

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Good fun!

Service Songs

United States Army & Guard

March along, sing our song, with the Army of the free. Count the brave, count the true, who have fought to victory. We're the Army and proud of our name!

We're the Army and proudly proclaim:
First to fight for the right,

And to build the Nation's might,
And The Army Goes Rolling Along.

Proud of all we have done,
Fighting till the battle's won,

And the Army Goes Rolling Along. Then it's hi!
hi! hey!

The Army's on its way.
Count off the cadence loud and strong; For
where'er we go,
You will always know

That The Army Goes Rolling Along.



United States Navy

Anchors Aweigh, my boys, Anchors Aweigh.
Farewell to foreign shores,
we sail at break of day, of day.
Through our last night ashore, drink to the
foam, Until we meet once more
Here's wishing you a happy voyage home!



United States Marine Corps

From the halls of Montezuma
To the shores of Tripoli
We will fight our country's battles
In the air, on land and sea.
First to fight for right and freedom, And to keep
our honor clean.
We are proud to claim the title of, United States
Marines.



Space Force

We're the mighty watchful eye,
Guardians beyond the blue,
The invisible front line,
Warfighters brave and true.
Boldly reaching into space,
There's no limit to our sky.
Standing guard both night and day,
We're the Space Force from on high.

United States Coast Guard

From Aztec Shore to Arctic Zone,
To Europe and Far East,
The Flag is carried by our ships
In times of war and peace;
And never have we struck it yet
In spite of foemen's might,
Who cheered our crews and cheered again
For showing how to fight.

Chorus:

We're always ready for the call,
We place our trust in Thee,
Through surf and storm and howling gale,
High shall our purpose be.
"Semper Paratus" is our guide,
Our fame, our glory too.
To fight to save or fight and die,
Aye! Coast Guard we are for you!



United States Air Force & Guard

Off we go, into the wild blue yonder,
Climbing high into the sun.
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder,
At 'em boys, give 'er the gun.
Down we dive, spouting our flame from under,
Off with one hell-uv-a roar!
We live in fame or go down in flame,
Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force.



God Bless America

God bless America,
Land that I love,
Stand beside her and guide her
Thru the night with a light from above;
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam,
God bless America,
My home, sweet home.
God bless America,
My home, sweet home



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