The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance

Freedom Alliance 15th Anniversary Report
“We will always remember. We will always be proud. We will always be prepared, so we may always be free.”

President Ronald Reagan

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Dedication

To a new generation of American soldiers, sailors, airmen, Guardsmen and Marines -- every bit as selfless and dedicated to liberty as any that has gone on before. We honor these heroes, who risk their lives daily in the defense of liberty. They, and their families, have our support, our prayers and our eternal gratitude. All of us at Freedom Alliance dedicate our efforts to them.

Our Mission

The mission of Freedom Alliance is to advance the American heritage of freedom by honoring and encouraging military service, defending the sovereignty of the United States and promoting a strong national defense.
A Message from our Founder and President

America enjoys freedom today because true heroes – the men and women of the United States Armed Forces: our courageous soldiers, sailors, airmen, Guardsmen and Marines, sacrificed their tomorrows for us.

In deep appreciation and recognition of this fact, Freedom Alliance was founded in 1990 with a commitment to support and honor our armed forces, maintain national defense capabilities that are second to none and defend the sovereignty of the United States.

Today, Freedom Alliance remains faithful to these principles and committed to organizational excellence, dedicated service and uncompromising integrity. Freedom’s cause and the premium Americans place on that God-given right has been strengthened because of what Freedom Alliance has accomplished.

We teach the next generation of young Americans about our heritage, our history and the many opportunities for serving this great nation. Our trail-blazing public policy program exposes threats to America’s sovereignty from the United Nations and other international institutions, providing clarity in an age of confusion.

The Support Our Troops program makes a difference for America’s brave defenders of freedom, who have been wounded in the War on Terror, by providing comfort and financial assistance to them and their families. Our support extends also to grieving military families whose loss is immeasurable.

The Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund honors our military heroes who have sacrificed life or limb by providing educational scholarships for their children, reassuring them that the sacrifices their parents made will never be forgotten by their fellow Americans.

At Freedom Alliance we are motivated by a love for our country, along with deep appreciation for the thousands of patriotic Americans, whose faithful and generous support is responsible for the accomplishments of our noble cause.

Our work pays tribute to all of the men and women who wear this nation’s uniform and fight for our freedom. We ask you to keep them, and their families, in your prayers.

Semper Fidelis,

LtCol Oliver L. North, USMC (Ret.)
Founder and Honorary Chairman

Gratefully,

Thomas P. Kilgannon
President
We pay tribute to LtCol Oliver North who, through Freedom Alliance, continues to serve his country and provide support to the men and women serving on the front lines of freedom. After serving 22 years as a United States Marine and as a staff member of President Ronald Reagan’s National Security Council, Colonel North, with the help of LtGen Edward J. Bronars, founded Freedom Alliance to defend American sovereignty and pay tribute to the young men and women who wear the nation’s uniform.
Oliver L. North is a combat decorated Marine, a best-selling author, the founder of a small business, an inventor with three U.S. patents, a syndicated columnist and the host of "War Stories" on the FOX News Channel, yet he claims that his most important accomplishment as being "the husband of one and the father of four."

“Ollie,” as his family, friends and fans call him, was born in San Antonio, Texas, graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, and served for 22 years as a U.S. Marine. His awards for service in combat include the Silver Star, the Bronze Star for Valor and two Purple Hearts for wounds in combat.

Assigned to the National Security Council staff in the Reagan administration, Colonel North was the United States Government’s counter-terrorism coordinator from 1983 to 1986, was involved in planning the rescue of 804 medical students on the island of Grenada and played a major role in the daring capture of the hijackers of the cruise ship Achille Lauro. After helping plan the U.S. raid on Muammar Qaddafi’s terrorist bases in Libya, North was targeted for assassination by Abu Nidal, the infamous terrorist found dead in Baghdad in August 2002. His award winning coverage, while embedded with U.S. Marine and Army units for FOX News during operation Iraqi Freedom, won international acclaim.


Over these past fifteen years, Freedom Alliance, under Colonel North’s leadership, has provided millions of dollars to the troops and their families in the form of college scholarships for the sons and daughters of America’s heroes, supply kits to our warriors in the field, and care packages and financial assistance for the wounded recovering in our military hospitals.

This proud Marine, who has made nine trips to Afghanistan and Iraq, humbly describes his job as the greatest in the world because he gets to “hang around with heroes.”

Freedom Alliance is blessed that Oliver North continues to lead our cause and we are honored to be associated with our own hero who epitomizes the Marine Corps motto: Semper Fidelis.
Every day soldiers, sailors, airmen, Guardsmen and Marines risk their lives fighting terrorism and protecting our country. But securing America’s freedom is not their responsibility alone.

That is why Oliver North founded Freedom Alliance 15 years ago with this mission:

To advance the American heritage of freedom by honoring and encouraging military service, defending the sovereignty of the United States and promoting a strong national defense.

The Founding

In 1990, Oliver North asked his former Division Commander, Lieutenant General Edward J. Bronars, a retired United States Marine, to serve as the first Chairman of Freedom Alliance. As the first President, Oliver North, and General Bronars built and led Freedom Alliance during its early years. General Bronars served as Chairman for six years until our Lord called him home on September 6, 1996. In his honor, Freedom Alliance established the Edward J. Bronars Defender of Freedom Award which is presented annually to an individual who, in the face of adversity, exemplifies faith, courage and fidelity to the Constitution and the principles of freedom. (Please see pages 8 and 9.)

Mission and Programs

Freedom Alliance is unique because it effectively combines charitable assistance with issue-oriented public policy programs and has consistently served as a liaison between patriotic, concerned citizens and our Armed Forces, who defend our freedom.

Support Our Troops

While our armed forces were stationed in the Persian Gulf in 1990 and 1991, Freedom Alliance undertook a massive effort to send our troops some of the comforts of home. Freedom Alliance distributed over 100,000 care packages to American troops in the Persian Gulf. During the Gulf War, Freedom Alliance founded the Casualty Assistance Support Team (C.A.S.T.) to financially assist the families of wounded servicemen with travel, food and lodging expenses.

From the Gulf War to the Global War on Terror, the Freedom Alliance Support Our Troops program has provided hundreds of thousands of dollars to assist America’s Brave Defenders of Freedom: our wounded soldiers, sailors, airmen, Guardsmen and Marines and their families.
Protecting and Defending American Sovereignty

Freedom Alliance leads the fight to protect American sovereignty. Since day one, Freedom Alliance has focused critical public attention on the United Nations and related global organizations that threaten sovereignty and constitutional rights of the American people.

Policy experts from Freedom Alliance have been dispatched throughout the world to monitor UN activities. Our analysts have authored reports for some of America’s leading newspapers and publications and have appeared on countless radio and television programs.

Freedom Alliance alerts public policymakers, elected officials and government leaders, as well as the media, about the dangers of a growing federal government and an expansion of international institutions.

Military Leadership Academy

Freedom Alliance established the Military Leadership Academy in 2001 to educate high school and college students about our armed forces, leadership skills, and encourage them to serve our country.

Military Leadership Academy graduates have gone on to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, and ROTC programs in colleges across the country. But, no matter what career paths they choose, the real success of the program is that we send these students home with a new respect for the men and women in our armed forces, a greater appreciation for the country they defend and an understanding of what it takes to be a leader.

The Scholarship Fund

To provide college tuition to the children of military personnel who were killed during the Gulf War, Freedom Alliance initiated the HEROES (Honoring, Educating & Remembering Our Survivors) Scholarship Program, which continues today as the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund.

To date, more than $1 million has been provided to the children of American heroes who have sacrificed life or limb in the line of duty.

After September 11, 2001, the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund established a permanent Trust Fund to ensure that the children of our fallen heroes will not be forgotten when, years from now, they are ready for college.

Our Legacy: Promoting freedom and liberty, supporting the American military and educating our youth have been – and remain – the priorities of Freedom Alliance. The success and accomplishments we have achieved throughout the years would not be possible without the help and support of millions of patriotic and generous Americans who care deeply about the future of this great nation.
The award is named in honor of LtGen Edward J. Bronars, a United States Marine who served as the first Chairman of Freedom Alliance. He was a U.S. Naval Academy graduate whose 32-year career with the Marine Corps included distinguished service in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. His awards include the Silver Star for gallantry in action, the Bronze Star, the Distinguished Service Medal and the Legion of Merit with Combat “V” for valor.

After retiring from the military, General Bronars continued to serve his country as President of the Navy Relief Society and Executive Director of the Association of Military Schools and Colleges. In 1990, Oliver North asked his former Division Commander to serve as Chairman of the newly-formed Freedom Alliance, which he did until our Lord called him home on September 6, 1996. General Bronars was a great leader, a steadfast patriot and an honored war hero.

Defender of Freedom Award Recipients

1996  Captain Scott F. O’Grady, United States Air Force
Air Force fighter pilot Scott O’Grady was shot down when his F-16 took a direct hit from a Soviet-made anti-aircraft missile over Bosnia in 1995 while enforcing the NATO no-fly zone. His award honors him for “displaying courage and fortitude while trapped behind enemy lines.” Captain O’Grady struggled to survive in hostile enemy territory of war-torn Bosnia for six days until he was rescued by United States Marines. The movie “Behind Enemy Lines” is loosely based on his spiritual tale of courage, faith and patriotism. Captain O’Grady is also the author of The New York Times bestseller, “Return With Honor” and “Basher Five-Two,” a children’s edition of his story.

1997  Mr. Ward Connerly
As a member of the University of California Board of Regents, Ward Connerly gained prominence in 1995 when he led a movement that resulted in the University’s Board of Regents voting to end the University's race-based admissions system. Mr. Connerly, whose award honors him for “passionately defending our founding principle that all men are created equal,” wrote his autobiography, “Creating Equal: My Fight Against Race Preferences,” and is founder and chairman of the American Civil Rights Institute.

General Krulak received the Defender of Freedom Award “for a lifetime of dedicated service to the U.S. Marine Corps.” General Krulak commanded a platoon and two rifle companies during two tours of duty in Vietnam. Prior to becoming Commandant, he served 35 years in the U.S. Marines Corps in numerous command positions including Deputy Director of the White House Military Office and Commander of Marine Forces Pacific. He also served in the Gulf War and Operation Desert Storm.
His many awards include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, the Bronze Star with Combat “V” and two Gold Stars, the Purple Heart with Gold Star, the Meritorious Service Medal and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

1999  Congressman Bob Barr
Bob Barr, represented the 7th District of Georgia in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1995 to 2003 where he served as Vice-Chairman of the Government Reform Committee, and as senior member of the Judiciary Committee, received the Defender of Freedom Award for his “dedication to the United States Constitution and the defense of American sovereignty.” Bob Barr led congressional fact-finding missions to numerous countries, investigating terrorism, international crime and drug trafficking.

2000  Senator Jesse Helms
Senator Jesse Helms, who was honored for a “lifetime of dedicated service to America and her national security,” served for thirty years in the U.S. Senate before retiring in 2002. He is considered one of the most influential leaders in America who made freedom’s cause a priority.
As Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, he was one of the most powerful men on Capitol Hill, known as a fierce foe of Communism, the United Nations and Cuban leader Fidel Castro. He was a master of the complicated Senate rules and won many legislative battles because he out-maneuvered his opponents.
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2001  Mr. Sean Hannity
Freedom Alliance recognized this “Great American,” as he is now affectionately called by millions of fans, as a remarkably talented, dedicated, articulate and hard-hitting advocate of conservative issues and values.

Sean received the award “for his vigilant defense of freedom and limited government” which is the theme of his “Sean Hannity Show,” now carried on over 500 radio stations, reaching over 12.5 million people. Today the “Hannity & Colmes” show on the FOX News Channel is one of the most successful cable news shows broadcast in America.

2002  Johnny “Mike” Spann, Captain, United States Marine Corps and CIA Officer
After leaving the Marine Corps in 1999, Mike joined the CIA’s paramilitary wing, the Special Activities Division, which is equipped to arm and train local forces and to conduct covert assaults. After 9/11, Mike volunteered to go to Afghanistan and search for Osama bin Laden.

In November, 2001, Mike Spann was killed by the Taliban during a prison uprising in Afghanistan, becoming the first American casualty in the War on Terror. One of the prisoners involved was John Walker Lindh, the traitorous American who took up the Taliban cause.

Mike Spann was 32 years old at the time and left behind his widow, Shannon Spann, one infant son and two young daughters. Today, this American hero rests in Arlington National Cemetery.

2002  Commander Lloyd “Pete” Bucher, United States Navy
A graduate of Boy’s Town and the University of Nebraska, Pete Bucher served over 27 years in the U.S. Navy. He was the commander of the USS Pueblo, which was illegally seized in international waters in 1968 by the North Koreans. Commander Bucher and his crew were held as POW’s for 11 months and starved and brutally tortured by their captors. Released two days before Christmas, some were crippled or nearly blind because of malnourishment. Because of his actions, Commander Bucher saved the lives of his crew, who were finally recognized for their sacrifice when the U.S. government granted Prisoner of War medals to them over 20 years later in 1989.

The Defender of Freedom Award honored Commander Bucher for “remaining true to his country while being tortured as a POW in North Korea.” Pete Bucher retired from the U.S. Navy in 1973 and passed away in 2004.

2003  Captain Sean Basco, United States Marine Corps
Honored for “exceptional bravery in combat during Operation Iraqi Freedom,” Basco was with the Marines who first entered Saddam Hussein’s palace in Baghdad. He was wounded and eventually had to be air-lifted out, but refused to leave until the battle was won. He received a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star for valor.

During the battle, Sean met Oliver North, who arrived on a medivac helicopter while covering the war for FOX News. Today, Major Basco flies the Marine Corps’ premier fighter, the F/A-18 Hornet.

2004  Stephen Toboz, United States Navy, Retired
Another American hero in the War on Terror, Stephen Toboz enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1991 and became a Navy SEAL. He is honored for his “extraordinary heroism” and “immeasurable courage” in combat.

Stephen was critically injured while rescuing one of his fallen SEALs in the mountains of Afghanistan. He and his fellow warriors engaged in a twelve-hour firefight in below-freezing temperatures to recover their comrade. Toboz, whose leg was amputated, was fitted with a prosthesis and later returned to his unit in Afghanistan. He was awarded the Silver Star, retired from active duty, and now works with Naval Special Warfare as a civilian sniper instructor.

2005  General Tommy Franks, United States Army, Retired
This four-star General and American hero was awarded the Defender of Freedom Award for his “outstanding leadership in the Global War on Terror and lifetime of dedicated service to the United States of America.” General Franks, who was assigned the Commander-in-Chief of United States Central Command in June 2000, culminated a four-decade military career by leading American and Coalition troops in both Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The General’s awards include five Distinguished Service Medals, four Legion of Merit, four Bronze Stars, and three Purple Hearts. President Bush awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2004.
Protecting and Defending American Sovereignty

“The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance”

Protecting and Defending American Sovereignty, Freedom Alliance’s major public policy program, has earned a reputation as the nation’s leading UN “Watchdog.” Closely monitoring the United Nations and other global institutions, Freedom Alliance leaders and policy analysts often travel to the UN headquarters in New York and throughout the world monitoring UN conferences, seminars and press briefings.

Freedom Alliance educates the American people, elected officials, public policymakers, the worldwide media and others with information about UN policies, activities and treaties which go unreported by the mainstream media.

As the UN strives to become more powerful and influential through the creation of new globally-affiliated institutions and international programs, Freedom Alliance will remain steadfast and aggressive with its successful efforts to challenge these and other breaches of American sovereignty.

Freedom Alliance is continuing its efforts to ensure that American military personnel serving abroad are not endangered by the International Criminal Court. We monitor United Nations’ efforts to influence American policy toward Iraq, North Korea, Iran, Africa and other areas around the world.

Freedom Alliance continues to expose the UN as it provides a safe haven for dictators, human rights abusers and terrorist nations.

Kofi Annan addresses the UN Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, South Africa in 2002, which Freedom Alliance policy analysts attended.

On MSNBC, Tom Kilgannon debates the International Criminal Court with former Clinton Administration official and war crimes expert, Ambassador David Scheffer.

Freedom Alliance President Tom Kilgannon and Senior Policy Analyst Fred Gedrich meet with Pierre-Richard Prosper, the U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues.

Freedom Alliance President Tom Kilgannon monitors UN delegates during a major international conference.

While at the UN Summit in Johannesburg, Senior Policy Analyst Fred Gedrich and Tom Kilgannon made new friends in the Village of Ludlow, near the South African-Zimbabwe border.
“Tom Kilgannon understands the inner workings and hidden mechanisms of the United Nations like few others. Tom knows the aristocratic, liberal elites who are the pandering enablers and apologists for this corrupt, sovereignty-snatching, global bureaucracy. ‘Diplomatic Divorce’ exposes the scandals, corruption and conspiracies that the planetary potentates in the Big Blue Building on Turtle Bay try to keep hidden from the American public.”

– LtCol Oliver North from the Foreword to “Diplomatic Divorce”
Support Our Troops program was first launched in 1992 with “Operation Homefront” to demonstrate the gratitude and support of the American people for our active duty young men and women in uniform during the holiday season.

In just two months, thanks to an overwhelming response from our Freedom Alliance supporters, churches, schools, community groups and businesses, Freedom Alliance had provided over 125,000 personal care packages (containing sun block, magazines, shampoo, boot laces and the like) to troops serving in the Persian Gulf. The total cargo, weighing in excess of 100 tons, filled eight tractor trailer trucks and was delivered “on time” through a joint effort between Freedom Alliance, the Department of Defense and the U.S. Central Command in Saudi Arabia.

Humanitarian assistance to wounded and recuperating troops and their families was also initiated in 1992 with the Freedom Alliance “Casualty Assistance Support Team” which provided $50,000 to the U.S. Army military hospital chaplains’ fund to help defray food and lodging costs for visiting military families who needed financial assistance.

Since 2001, The Freedom Alliance Support Our Troops program is a permanent, year-round outreach to honor and support members of our armed forces - those who were wounded in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom and recuperating at U.S. military hospitals throughout the United States - as well as those currently serving on the front lines.

“I want to express my appreciation for the invaluable support you provide to our men and women in uniform. Thank you for letting our service members and their families know how much their fellow Americans value their courage, commitment and sacrifice.”

Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld
Oakland A’s pitcher Barry Zito founded Strikeouts for Troops – a program for major league baseball players to donate funds based on their strikeouts or homeruns – and teamed up with Freedom Alliance to provide support to wounded military personnel, and their families, who are recuperating in military hospitals across the country. Barry Zito personally contributes $200 for every strikeout he throws.

Other major league baseball players from teams including the Oakland A’s, Boston Red Sox, Cleveland Indians, Washington Nationals, Atlanta Braves and the Baltimore Orioles are also making contributions for hits, home runs or RBIs to help those who have made great sacrifices for this country.

Every Christmas season, Freedom Alliance collects thousands of holiday greeting cards for wounded and recuperating troops in military hospitals throughout the United States, as well hundreds of thousands of dollars, which is donated by generous, patriotic Americans. This overwhelming support enables Freedom Alliance to provide holiday gift packages with pre-paid long distance phone cards; gifts cards for clothing, food, toiletries and restaurants; disposable cameras, DVD movies, travel bags, books and more. In 2005, over 700 pounds of gift packages were sent to soldiers, sailors, airmen, Guardsmen and Marines serving in Iraq over the holidays.

Support Our Troops sponsored The Gatlin Brothers concert for the troops, their families and the staff at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in 2004.

Support Our Troops provided Thanksgiving dinner for the troops and their families at National Naval Medical Center and Christmas dinner for the sailors and Marines and their families at Naval Air Bases at North Island, San Diego and Coronado, California.

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Freedom Alliance Director of Donor Relations, Jane Barnett wraps Christmas presents for military families.

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An American hero talks with Oliver North, who often visits with our recuperating troops at military hospitals to thank them for their service to our country.

Oliver North with our brave defenders of freedom.

Freedom Alliance President Tom Kilgannon at a White House meeting where President George Bush thanked Freedom Alliance “for all the good work you are doing to support our troops. Your efforts to provide comfort and encouragement to our men and women in uniform reflect the compassionate spirit of America.”
Leadership training for life is the Military Leadership Academy mission built upon the U.S. military’s method of developing leaders with the core values of Selfless Service, Teamwork, Courage, Integrity, Dependability, Responsibility and Respect.

Military Leadership Academies have been held at Marine Corps Base Quantico in Virginia, Camp Pendleton and Edwards Air Force Base in California, Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, D.C., Pope Air Force Base and Fort Bragg in North Carolina, Fort Dix and McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey, Naval Air Station Whiting Field and Eglin Air Force Base in Florida.

The highly structured training environment teaches young Americans how to successfully set and accomplish goals, the importance of a physically fit, drug-free lifestyle, the necessity of teamwork and the value of service to a cause greater than one’s self.

Samuel Lyon, a high school student from San Marcos, Texas, told us, “The Military Leadership Academy broadened my view of the military and gave me a certain sense of pride in my country. It instilled in me a respect for my country that I know I’ll never lose. I have a new respect for the military and what they do for us, and I want to be a part of it. This is definitely what I want to do.”

Today, Samuel Lyon is a Cadet at the United States Military Academy at West Point majoring in Civil Engineering. When he graduates, Samuel hopes to earn a Master’s Degree in Civil Engineering, join the Army Corps of Engineers, and serve his country overseas.

“I was inspired to have the will and determination to carry on, even when other people quit. I was immensely impressed by the Officer Candidate School. It made me never want to give up.”
Since its founding in 2001, Freedom Alliance Military Leadership Academy has trained over 700 high school students providing them an opportunity to live, eat and train with soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines on military bases across the United States.

But, no matter what career paths they choose, the real success of the program is that we send these students home with a new respect for the men and women in our armed forces, a greater appreciation for the country they defend and an understanding of what it takes to be a leader.

Another Military Leadership Academy graduate, Amanda Berlinsky, is training to become a U.S. Naval officer through the ROTC program at the University of San Diego. Amanda says the Military Leadership Academy was “life changing” and adds: “The program not only gives students insight into the military, but instills values that should be practiced every day – whether at school, home, work – in every aspect of life.”

Since our first Academy in 2001, Freedom Alliance has hosted 19 Academies on military bases across the country and inspired hundreds of students to work hard and follow their dreams. Some are pursuing careers in medicine, law and education; but others, like Samuel and Amanda, have chosen to continue their leadership training by serving in the United States military.

“I appreciate the emphasis the Academy made on important values such as honor, courage and valor.”

But, no matter what career paths they choose, the real success of the program is that we send these students home with a new respect for the men and women in our armed forces, a greater appreciation for the country they defend and an understanding of what it takes to be a leader.

“At the Academy,” says Justin Clouse, “I was so impressed by the professionalism of the Marines.” He credits the Freedom Alliance Military Leadership Academy for inspiring him to serve his country in the Army National Guard.

The Military Leadership Academy
There is nothing like it!
Freedom Alliance, along with Sean Hannity, 77 WABC Radio and Six Flags Great Adventure, have hosted the Hannity Freedom Concert and Rally for the Troops at Six Flags in Jackson, New Jersey every year since 2003 to benefit the **Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund**. In 2006, the first California Freedom Concert was added at the Coors Amphitheatre in San Diego hosted by Sean Hannity, 760 KFMB Radio and House of Blues.

A star-studded lineup of Country Music’s top entertainers have thrilled the sell-out crowds, year after year, at every Freedom Concert.

We have been proud to work together to rally support for the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund.

Through the generosity of thousands of great Americans, Freedom Alliance has awarded more than $1,000,000 in scholarships in the last several years to hundreds of outstanding students – the sons and daughters of America’s military heroes.

But our work is far from finished.

Many of freedom’s brave defenders, who have lost their lives fighting terrorism, have left behind young children. In a few short years, they will embark upon their college education. Through the continued generosity of patriotic Americans, the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund will help these deserving young Americans, reminding them that their parents’ sacrifice will never be forgotten by a grateful nation.

Sean Hannity

LtCol Oliver L. North, USMC (Ret.)
Freedom Alliance brings to the Freedom Concerts wounded and recuperating troops from Walter Reed Medical Center, Bethesda Naval Medical Center, Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton and Naval Medical Center in San Diego, along with active duty troops and their spouses and children.

At the 2006 New Jersey concert, Freedom Alliance brought six Gold Star Families with their 14 children (who have lost loved ones during the War on Terror) from Fort Hood, Texas as special guests. All these military families are treated to a hero’s welcome as the crowd of thousands, in thankful and thunderous applause, show them that their sacrifices will never be forgotten by a grateful nation.

Freedom Alliance wishes to express deep gratitude to the Great Americans: Sean Hannity and “Team Hannity,” including Phil Boyce, James Grisham and Kim Brown, who have worked so hard to make the Hannity Freedom Concerts, over the years, such a tremendous success. Thanks to their support and Sean’s generous listening audience, the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund has received millions of dollars for the sons and daughters of America’s military heroes. From the bottom of our hearts, Freedom Alliance thanks you!

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Supporting the Children of America’s Military Heroes

During my many visits to Iraq, Afghanistan, and other parts of the world, I’ve had the privilege of spending time with our young Americans who proudly serve in the U.S. armed forces. I admire and respect them more than words can convey. I’ve seen them make that final sacrifice for our country. It’s never easy. What makes it more difficult is to know that this American’s dying prayer is for a loved one back home.

Their last appeal is to us – their fellow countrymen – to care for the families they’ve left behind. The Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund ensures that the prayers of our fallen heroes will never be forgotten.

Freedom Alliance will not only help their children attain their dream of a college education, but we’ll remind them that the parents they lost were heroes – not because of the way they died, but because of the way they lived.

LtCol Oliver North, USMC (Ret.)
Freedom Alliance Founder and Honorary Chairman

Freedom Alliance Honors the Sacrifice and Valor of Our Military Heroes with Educational Scholarships for their Children

Navy Commander Peter Paul Schwab served his country for over 21 years. Responsible for coordination of all U.S. Naval air operations in Bosnia and northern Iraq, this brave F-18 fighter pilot was killed when his plane crashed. His daughter, Jessica, was only 11 years old at the time. Today, Jessica Schwab, a Freedom Alliance Scholarship recipient, is a sophomore majoring in International Studies at the University of Chicago.

Scholarship recipient Stephen Rowe is a sophomore at Campbell University in North Carolina majoring in Political Science. Stephen’s father, Col. James Rowe served in the U.S. Army for 29 years until he was assassinated by terrorists of the New People’s Army in the Philippines. Earlier in his career, while serving as a Green Beret in Vietnam, James Rowe and two other Green Berets were captured by the Viet Cong. He was kept in a cage for over five years before he escaped and later wrote a book, “Five Years to Freedom,” recounting his ordeal as a POW.
“Like every one of the men and women in uniform who have served in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Sergeant Paul Smith was a volunteer. We thank his family for the father, husband and son and brother who can never be replaced. We recall with appreciation the fellow soldiers whose lives he saved, and the many more he inspired. And, we express our gratitude for the sacrifice and valor of Sergeant First Class Paul Ray Smith.

President George W. Bush

Scholarships Awarded

Through the goodness and generosity of thousands of Americans, including Sean Hannity’s faithful audience, the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund has awarded more than $1,000,000 in scholarships in the last several years, including:

- $25,000 to the USS Cole Memorial Fund for the children of the 17 sailors who were killed in the terrorist attack against the USS Cole in October 2000.
- $40,000 to the dependent children of the 21 soldiers and 33 sailors killed at the Pentagon on September 11, 2001.
- 55 individual student scholarships for the 2002-03 academic year.
- 73 individual student scholarships for the 2003-04 academic year.
- 80 individual student scholarships for the 2004-05 academic year.
- 95 individual student scholarships for the 2005-06 academic year.

Students are eligible if they are the dependent child of an active duty service member who was killed or 100 percent permanently disabled in the line of duty, or who is currently classified as POW or MIA. Scholarships are renewable for a total of four years. Applications are available at www.freedomalliance.org.
Over 400 Freedom Alliance supporters and conservative leaders from around the country joined Freedom Alliance and keynote speaker, General Tommy Franks, to celebrate 15 years of protecting and defending the American heritage of freedom. The Gala event on December 1, 2005 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Arlington, Virginia, was also viewed by millions of Americans on the FOX News Channel’s “Hannity & Colmes” show, which carried part of the Gala live and featured an interview with General Tommy Franks and Oliver North.

Four-star General Tommy Franks, USA (Ret.), who was Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Central Command and led American and Coalition troops in Afghanistan and Iraq, was presented the Edward J. Bronars Defender of Freedom Award, as an individual who exemplifies faith, courage and fidelity in the face of adversity and for his “outstanding leadership in the Global War on Terror and lifetime of dedicated service to the United States of America.”

Brian Kilmeade, co-host of “FOX & Friends” on the FOX News Channel and bestselling author, was the Master of Ceremonies who handled the entire evening’s proceedings with his usual enthusiasm and humor. U.S. Senator George Allen of Virginia, and former U.S. Senator Zell Miller of Georgia, were the Gala Co-Chairmen.

“I appreciate the efforts by Freedom Alliance to promote liberty and support our military service members and their families. Since 1990, you have helped foster a strong national defense, provided scholarships for the children of our fallen heroes, and supported troops in our military hospitals. Together, we can continue to advance freedom and build a better future for people everywhere.” — President George W. Bush

Defender of Freedom Awardee Gen. Tommy Franks and Mrs. Dorothy Bronars, whose late husband, LtGen Edward J. Bronars, USMC, served as the first President of Freedom Alliance, visit with LtCol Oliver North, USMC. (Ret.).
Every winter, Freedom Alliance supporters gather for the Army-Navy Weekend and Defender of Freedom Award Dinner and for an opportunity to spend time with each other as well as Freedom Alliance Founder and Honorary Chairman LtCol Oliver North and Freedom Alliance President Tom Kilgannon.

One of Freedom Alliance’s pre-eminent policy conferences, the weekend activities have included seminars and presentations from the country’s top conservative leaders from Congress, the military, the media, as well as VIP excursions to such places as the Pentagon, the Supreme Court, Marine Corps Base Quantico, and even a dinner on the USS Intrepid.

The weekend concludes with one of the oldest and greatest rivalries in American sports – the Army-Navy football game.
Freedom Alliance communicates its message and mission to literally millions of Americans each year, as well as elected officials, public policymakers in the U.S. and abroad and the worldwide media.

Freedom Alliance Review, reaching over 80,000 households quarterly, showcases Freedom Alliance programs and activities and offers insightful commentary on public policy issues.

Frontline, a weekly E-mail newsletter features Oliver North’s weekly nationally syndicated column, as well as Freedom Alliance news and articles and press releases from our policy analysts.


Freedom First is a new one-hour live radio-web show hosted by Tom Kilgannon, which covers hot news topics, special guests and UN updates.

Freedom Alliance’s aggressive public relations efforts have resulted in extensive media coverage in print, television, cable TV, talk radio, and websites worldwide.

Notable coverage includes:

The Norma Zimdahl “Let Freedom Ring” Educational Series

Norma Zimdahl, a longtime friend of Freedom Alliance, spearheaded the effort during 2005 and 2006 to fund a series of four educational videos and DVDs to showcase our major programs. Nearly 100,000 of these DVDs have been distributed nationwide. They were produced and edited in one of Norma’s many gifts to America – the Norma Zimdahl Master Television Studio at the Leadership Institute.
All over the United States, hundreds of “Great Americans” have volunteered to organize fundraising events in their communities – from golf tournaments to lemonade stands to marathons and concerts – sponsored websites, donated a percentage of their business profits, and youngsters even donated their allowances! These benefit events have netted over $650,000 for the Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund and the Support Our Troops program. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!!

The Freedom Cruise offers Freedom Alliance friends and supporters an opportunity to spend time with Freedom Alliance Founder and Honorary Chairman LtCol Oliver North as well as Freedom Alliance President Tom Kilgannon while enjoying a cruise in exciting ports of call around the world.

Since 2000, Freedom Alliance has hosted five Freedom Cruises, including an Alaskan cruise, two Caribbean cruises (including one to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Liberation of Grenada), a Hawaiian Island cruise, and a Mediterranean Cruise in 2006.

Freedom Cruise special guest speakers over the years have included: former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, NRA Vice President Wayne LaPierre, former Attorney General Ed Meese, FOX News Military Analyst General Paul Vallely, USA (Ret.), American Conservative Union Chairman David A. Keene, former Congressman Bob Barr; Young America’s Foundation President Ron Robinson, Congressman Dana Rohrabacher; syndicated columnist William Rusher and Dewey Clarridge, former CIA Operative and best-selling author.
Thanks to the generosity of Robert J. Eichenberg, who has served as Chairman of the Freedom Alliance Board of Directors since 1997, and his wife, LaDorna, the Freedom Alliance office in Dulles, Virginia has been named the Robert and LaDorna Eichenberg Freedom Center.

In 2002 another generous gift from Bob and LaDorna made possible the Eichenberg Military Leadership Academy Summer Series—the leadership training program to inspire, educate and motivate youngsters with a new appreciation for our men and women in uniform and a desire to serve their country.

How You Can Make a Difference – Support the Mission and Programs of Freedom Alliance

Giving opportunities include:

- Contributions may be made with a check payable to Freedom Alliance.
- Online donations may be made through our website at www.freedomalliance.org. Our service partner, VeriSign, provides secure credit card transactions with an immediate donor acknowledgement.
- Appreciated securities (including stocks, bonds and mutual funds) donations provide donors many tax-savings benefits.
- Employee Matching Gifts allow you to double your gift to Freedom Alliance. Consult your company’s benefits or human resources department for information.
- Real estate, including personal or vacation residences, land and any other real estate can be given as an outright gift, or as part of an estate plan as you remember Freedom Alliance in your will.
- Planned gifts to Freedom Alliance may be made through estate plans with bequests, charitable remainder trusts and other planned giving strategies to reduce estate taxes and assure that your assets help support Freedom Alliance.
- Host a Freedom Alliance Event in your community. Popular events have been hosted all across America to support Freedom Alliance, including golf tournaments, auctions, dinners, talent shows and marathons. Some businesses designate a percentage of their sales or profits to Freedom Alliance.
- To support Freedom Alliance through the Combined Federal Campaign, please designate Freedom Alliance #2979.

Individual, foundation, corporate and memorial contributions are gratefully accepted and tax-deductible. For more information on these giving programs, please contact the Freedom Alliance Development Office at (800) 475-6620 or (703) 444-7940.

Freedom Alliance Income Growth Trend

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