

Tomorrow's Local Hero Just Graduated High School, Thank Them Today with Our Community Salutes

PITTSBURGH, [[DATE]]

Our Community Salutes (OCS) celebrates your local high school seniors who committed to enlisting in the Armed Forces on [[date]] at [[location]] to be the first to thank you. The ceremony recognizes the responsibility these recent graduates are undertaking and thank them for taking the first—and quickest—step to protect and serve our nation. Your local heroes and community welcome new enlistees with inspiring speeches, earning challenge coins, encouraging parents/guardians to join a rich heritage by connecting with each other to aid their new enlistees with their upcoming service. OCS brings a wealth of resources for new enlistees and their families. New enlistees' families will enjoy a dedicated, proud community and resources to support their children's transformation into American heroes in the first years of service.

Quote: Include a quote from a relevant stakeholder or expert to add credibility and a human touch. **chosen quote from applicable state**

Most military-affiliated non-profits support those in service and after service. Our Community Salutes is one of few that supports new enlistees and their families before basic training. In 2024, OCS honored over 3,100 new enlistees, united 4,000 parents and guardians with over 1,000 military recruiters, in 42 ceremonies with over 11,100 attendees spanning 20 states, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands. **In 2025....**

Attend the next OCS High School Recognition Ceremony on **Monday, May 4, 2026** to be the first to say, "Thank you," to your local hero. You can also express your gratitude by donating , sponsoring, volunteering, and signing the Virtual Thank You Card.

[[Event Link]]

Donations: <https://www.ourcommunitysalutes.org/ways-to-give>

Sponsoring: <https://www.ourcommunitysalutes.org/sponsor-a-ceremony>

Volunteering: <https://www.ourcommunitysalutes.org/volunteer-for-a-ceremony>

Virtual Thank You Card: <https://www.ourcommunitysalutes.org/thank-you-card>

Our Community Salutes (OCS) is a national, non-profit organization helping communities recognize, honor and support high school seniors who plan to enlist in the U.S. Armed Services after graduation. OCS is a 501c3 non-profit organization with a GuideStar Bronze Seal of Transparency.

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