Dear Colonel Chavez & CFC MOAA Members,

Harry, our children and I are greatly honored & deeply humbled by the proclamation initiating the Meinhardt Scholarship.

There are many reasons to support your ROTC Scholarship Fund. We do this because we value the importance of a higher education, to foster more military officers in their careers, and to share in the pleasure of promoting your ideals. It isn't as though we are wealthy. Heaven knows that , with seven Children and a career in the Army , you don't get rich. We just want to share some of what we have and give others the opportunity to be better educated and become career officers.

We have always encouraged our children to study hard, go on to higher education and receive advanced degrees. As you probably already know, Harry returned to school immediately after retiring and was awarded his doctorate in Adult & Community College Education —EDD, thus setting the example. Some of our children have multiple advanced degrees, some have the basic associate or bachelor degrees and a few have none, but they all had the opportunity.

Thank you so much for the honor you have bestowed on us. We will continue to support you in every way for all the great things you have accomplished and continue to do in the future.

May God bless you and guide you along the way.

Sincerely,

Mary Meinhardt