



**WELCOME
HOME
CELEBRATION
GALA**

**MAY 15, 2009
5:00 - 9:00 PM
THE UNDERGROUND**



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Dear Thank You Foundation Supporter,

We are pleased to invite you to the **2009 Welcome Home Celebration Gala!**

This event will be held **Friday May 15, 2009** at The Underground, 1140 Smiley Avenue. Activities include honoring local military heroes, unveiling the Cincinnati VA Veteran's Mobile Health Unit, and a keynote speech by U.S.M.C. Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Shoemake. Catering will be provided by JTM and entertainment hosted by Anthony Munoz.

Be a part of this incredible event by contributing \$500 for a table that will include you and 5 friends. In addition, one local veteran and their guest will be seated at your table. Proceeds from the **2009 Welcome Home Celebration Gala** will benefit the efforts of The Thank You Foundation which include The Welcome Home Celebration being held at Lunken Airport Saturday May 16, 2009.

The Welcome Home Celebration, being held the following day, is free for veterans, military personnel and their families. The Thank You Foundation is a large supporter of this event that over 3000 people attended last year! And this year we expect to touch the lives of even more people! As a contributor you will receive recognition in the program and on our website.

The mission of The Thank You Foundation is to show appreciation and express gratitude for members of the U.S. Military both past and present. We believe that saying thank you is not enough and that the words must be followed up with action and commitment. Through programs and services offered by the Foundation in the areas of Education & Employment, Health & Welfare and Morale & Recreation, we strive to improve the overall quality of life for veterans, military personnel and their families.

For more information or to make your reservation for the gala, please visit our website at www.thethankyoufoundation.org. You may also contact Carrie Cox or me at 1-877-280-8893.

We value your commitment to helping us fulfill this Mission of Appreciation.

Sincerely,

John Guinn
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May 15, 2009 Welcome Home Celebration Gala

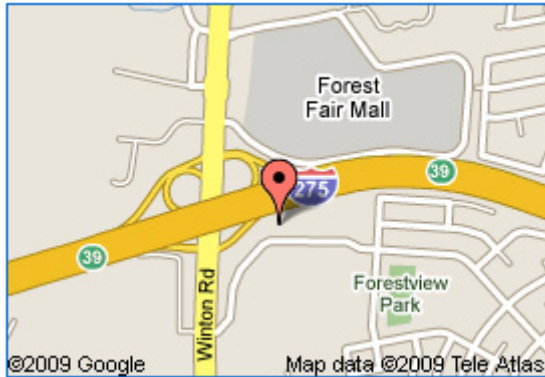
Schedule of Events Presented by The Thank You Foundation



Dress: Business Casual

5PM - Check in and cocktails

6PM – Activities and Dinner



The Underground is located at 1140 Smiley Avenue near the Forest Fair Mall. Take I-275 to the Winton Rd Exit.

For more information visit their website at <http://www.theug.com/>

Menu Presented and Prepared by JTM Food Group



Tomato Bisque

Thick and rich soup of vine-ripened summer tomatoes, garlic and basil

Caesar Salad

A tossed salad of Romaine, anchovies, croutons, and grated cheese

Carbonara style Mac and Cheese

Cheesy spiral pasta with pancetta

Shepherd's Pie

A meat pie baked in a crust of mashed potatoes and mixed vegetable

Pork Tenderloin w/ Asian Style Green Beans

Lean flavorful tenderloin w/ steamed teriyaki green beans

Steamed Mixed Vegetable Medley

Assorted steamed vegetables

Dessert

Assorted Cheese Cakes



LtCol. Thomas A. Shoemake USMC

LtCol. Shoemake, a multi-specialty officer, is an experienced Infantry Officer, Communications Officer, and Civil-Affairs Officer. He is a graduate of the Amphibious Warfare School; Command and Staff College; JFK Special Warfare Center; and the Joint Special Operations University, where he completed training in Civil-Military Operations. Additionally, he is a graduate of the U.S. Army's Counter-Intelligence Agent's course.

During his career, LtCol. Shoemake has served at Parris Island, South Carolina; Okinawa, Japan; Norway, and the Republic of Korea, and aboard the USS St. Louis. Reserve assignments have included Headquarters, 3rd Battalion-25th Marines, Cleveland, Ohio; Weapons Company, 3/25; Kilo Company, 3/25, and with the 6th Civil Affairs Group.

From August 2005 to April 2006, *as a Major*, Shoemake served as an independent Tactical Civil Affairs Team Commander in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq, where he was credited with holding a City and County government intact despite insurgent intimidation, direct attacks, and assassination attempts. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal by the President for his service in Iraq, which included the apprehension of four al Qaeda leaders and the destruction of their political and Para-military operations cells. He was additionally recognized for leading defensive actions under enemy fire on a strategic bridge over the Euphrates River, preventing the destruction of the bridge.

Personal awards include the **Bronze Star Medal**, **U.S. Army Commendation Medal**, and **Combat Action Ribbon**.

LtCol. Shoemake earned his Bachelor's degree in Political Science from THE CITADEL, and his Masters degree in Diplomacy from Norwich University. Active and contributory professional memberships include the **American Society of International Law**, the **National Military Intelligence Association**, and the **International Institute for Strategic Studies**, *London, UK* – the world's leading authority on political-military conflict.

LtCol. Shoemake is married to the former **Laura Poston** of Monfort Heights, who graduated from McAuley High School, the University of Cincinnati, and Norwich University's School of Graduate Studies. LtCol. and Mrs. Shoemake currently live in Batavia, Ohio, with their four daughters.