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Program

6:00 to 7:00 p.m.	Reception & Silent Auction
7:00 p.m.	Call to Dinner
7:15 p.m.	Introductory Remarks Ambassador John R. Malott, President Japan-America Society
	Dinner
8:00 p.m.	Welcome Remarks Ambassador Rust M. Deming, Chairman Japan-America Society
8:05 p.m.	Introduction of Guest Speaker Hon. Norman Y. Mineta, Honorary Chairman Japan-America Society
8:15 p.m.	Speech by the Honorable J. Thomas Schieffer
8:40 p.m.	Expression of Appreciation William T. Breer, Chairman Emeritus Japan-America Society
8:45 p.m.	Introduction of the Ambassador of Japan Takashi Ohde, Vice Chairman Japan-America Society and Chairman Japan Commerce Association of Washington
8:50 p.m.	Congratulatory Remarks and <i>Kampai</i> His Excellency Ichiro Fujisaki Ambassador of Japan



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A key mission of the Japan-America Society of Washington DC is to increase awareness of the important relationship between the United States and Japan, our nation's strategic partner in Asia. The Annual Public Affairs Dinner is the Japan-America Society's signature public policy event.

Following is the list of the Society's honored speakers:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Speaker</u>
1987	Senator John D. Rockefeller IV
1988	Professor Ezra Vogel, Harvard University
1989	Yotaro Kobayashi, Chairman, Fuji Xerox Hon. Dick Gephardt, House Majority Leader
1990	Hon. Tom Foley, Speaker of the House
1991	Yasuhiro Nakasone, Former Prime Minister of Japan
1992	Hon. Paul A. Volcker, Chairman, Federal Reserve Bank
1993	Toyoo Gyoten, Chairman, Bank of Tokyo and former Vice Minister of Finance
1994	Hon. Mike Mansfield, former Senate Majority Leader and former US Ambassador to Japan
1995	Dr. Shoichiro Toyoda, Chairman, Toyota Motor & Chairman, Keidanren
1996	Hon. Tony Lake, Special Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs
1997	Hon. Tom Foley, US Ambassador to Japan
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2000	Tom Friedman, The New York Times
2001	Hon. Tom Foley, Former US Ambassador to Japan
2002	Sadako Ogata, former United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
2003	No dinner was held
2004	Hon. Norman Mineta, Secretary of Transportation
2005	Taizo Nishimura, Chairman, Toshiba Corporation and Chairman, US-Japan Business Council
2005	Hon. Howard Baker, former US Ambassador to Japan, former Senate Majority Leader, and former White House Chief of Staff
2007	Senator Daniel K. Inouye
2007	Hon. Walter F. Mondale, former Vice President and former US Ambassador to Japan
2008	Mr. Yuzaburo Mogi, Chairman and CEO, The Kikkoman Corporation
2009	Senator Jim Webb
2010	Hon. J. Thomas Schieffer, former US Ambassador to Japan and Australia

Senator Jim Webb

Senator Jim Webb is the senior United States Senator from Virginia and the Chairman of the Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He serves also on the Senate Committee on Armed Services, where he is Chairman of the Personnel Subcommittee; the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee; and the Joint Economic Committee.

As a combat Marine in Vietnam, an attorney, a senior Defense Department official, an Emmy-award winning journalist, a film-maker, and the author of nine books, Senator Webb has maintained a life-long commitment to protecting America's national security interests, promoting economic fairness and social justice here at home, and increasing the accountability of government.

Born in St. Joseph, Missouri, Senator Webb is a descendent of the Scots Irish settlers who came to this country in the 18th century and became pioneers in the mountains of Southwest Virginia. Senator Webb graduated from the Naval Academy in 1968, receiving the Superintendent's Commendation for outstanding leadership contributions and subsequently chose a commission in the Marine Corps.

First in his class at the Marine Corps Officers' Basic School in Quantico, Virginia, Senator Webb served with the Fifth Marine Regiment in Vietnam. As a rifle platoon and company commander in the infamous An Hoa Basin west of Da Nang, he was awarded the Navy Cross, the highest medal that the Navy can award for gallantry and risk of life in combat; the Silver Star Medal, awarded for extraordinary heroism in military action against an enemy of the United States; two Bronze Star Medals; and two Purple Hearts. He later served as a platoon commander and as an instructor at the Marine Corps Officer Candidates School.



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His final posting before leaving the Marine Corps in 1972 was to serve as a member of the Secretary of the Navy's immediate staff.

Senator Webb received his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 1975. He served in the U.S. Congress as counsel to the House Committee on Veterans Affairs from 1977 to 1981. In 1982, he led the fight to include an African American soldier in the memorial statue that now graces the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the National Mall, and wrote the inscription at the base of the flag pole. In 1984, he was appointed the inaugural Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. In 1987, he became the first Naval Academy graduate in history to become Secretary of the Navy.

In addition to his public service, Senator Webb has enjoyed a long career as a writer. He has authored nine books, including *Fields of Fire*, widely recognized as the classic novel of the Vietnam War; *Born Fighting*, an ethnography that explores how the Scots Irish shaped America; and *A Time to Fight*, his latest best-selling non-fiction work about reclaiming a fair and just America. He has worked extensively as a screenwriter and producer in Hollywood, taught literature at the Naval Academy as their first visiting writer, traveled worldwide as a journalist, and earned an Emmy Award for his PBS coverage of the U.S. Marines in Beirut. In 2004, Senator Webb went into Afghanistan as a journalist, embedded with the U.S. military.

In his first-ever run for political office in 2006, the voters of Virginia elected him to the United States Senate. By the fall of 2008, *Washingtonian Magazine* had picked him as the "Rising Star" in the magazine's "Best & Worst of Congress" edition, *Politico* newspaper had named him "Rookie of the Year" in Congress, *The Atlantic* magazine had named him one of the world's 27 "Brave Thinkers," and *Esquire Magazine* had counted him among the 75 most influential people of the 21st century, for doing "more to repair his party's relationship with the military" than anyone since the Vietnam War. Senator Webb was on many political observers' "short list" to be Barack Obama's running mate in 2008, until he took himself out of contention.

Senator Webb speaks Vietnamese and has done extensive *pro bono* work with the Vietnamese community, dating from the late 1970's. He is the proud father of children Amy, Jimmy, Sarah, Julia, Georgia, and step-daughter Emily. He lives in Northern Virginia with his wife Hong Le.

About the Japan-America Society

Established 53 years ago, the Japan-America Society of Washington DC conducts a wide range of activities to help its members and the people of our Nation's Capital "stay in touch with Japan all year long" and to introduce a new generation of Americans to Japan and the world beyond our shores.

JASW operates the oldest and largest Japanese language school in the area, with over 500 students a year. In 2009 the Society started an English Language School for Japanese residents.

JASW also produces the annual Sakura Matsuri - Japanese Street Festival each April. The Festival is the largest one-day exhibition of Japanese culture in the United States and stretches for six blocks down Pennsylvania Avenue. This year over 150,000 people came to the Festival during its 7 hours.

Eighteen years ago, JASW created the National Japan Bowl[®], an academic competition for high school students of the Japanese language. In April of this year over 200 students and teachers joined the competition, which encourages young people to continue their study of the Japanese language.

JASW also has introduced thousands of young students to Japan through its school and library visits, the Children's Corner at the Sakura Matsuri, and its new Japanese story-telling hour.

Because it is located in the Nation's Capital, the Society has a special relationship with national institutions and officials. Many of its members and leaders have been involved in US-Japan relations at the highest levels. The Society's past Chairmen include Ambassador U. Alexis Johnson, Secretary of Defense Eliot Richardson, Ambassador Marshall Green, former Speaker of the House Tom Foley, and Congressman Bill Frenzel.

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December 18

*Luncheon with Assistant Secretary
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