

## **Peter M. Dawkins Recognized with the Horatio Alger Award For Overcoming Adversity to Achieve Success**

(December 15, 2005 - Washington, D.C.) The Horatio Alger Association of Distinguished Americans Inc. is proud to announce that Peter M. Dawkins, retired US Army General Officer and Vice Chairman of The Citigroup Private Bank, is among the nine outstanding individuals chosen to be the recipients of the 2006 Horatio Alger Award and be inducted as lifetime Members of the Association. These individuals were selected from hundreds of nominations of people who have overcome adversity and humble beginnings to achieve success.

“Pete Dawkins provides an illustrious, modern day example that hard work, perseverance, and integrity are the cornerstones upon which success in our great nation and the realization of the American dream are built”, remarked Dennis R. Washington, President and CEO of the Horatio Alger Association. Each year since 1947 ten distinguished persons have been selected for induction as Members of this prestigious organization. Among the 585 Members of the Association are well known Americans including Dr. Maya Angelou, former Senator Robert J. Dole, boxing legend George Foreman, Reverend Billy Graham, entrepreneur H. Wayne Huizenga, former Secretary of State Colin L. Powell and media-mogul Oprah Winfrey. Joining that prestigious list are this year’s Award winners:

**KENNETH EUGENE BEHRING**, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Wheelchair Foundation  
**DORIS K. CHRISTOPHER**, Founder and CEO, The Pampered Chef  
**PETER M. DAWKINS**, Brigadier General, US Army (Ret’d.) and Vice Chairman, Citigroup Private Bank  
**J. R. "RICK" HENDRICK, III**, Owner, Hendrick Motorsports & Hendrick Automotive Group  
**HAROLD F. "GERRY" LENFEST**, President, The Lenfest Group and The Lenfest Foundation  
**BOONE PICKENS**, Chairman, BP Capital Management  
**NIDO R. QUBEIN**, President, High Point University and Chairman, Great Harvest Bread Company  
**DAVID E. RITCHIE**, Chairman of the Board, Ritchie Brothers Auctioneers  
**ANTHONY J. TERLATO**, Chairman, Terlato Wine Group

“From the first time I met Pete and his wife Judi, at the home of our close mutual friend, Robert G. McKelvey, in Sea Girt, New Jersey, and learned first hand of the adversities that Pete overcame, it was clear that his life was a Horatio Alger story. Pete was diagnosed with polio when he was eleven years old. His determination to succeed was extraordinary as evidenced by his then becoming a legendary All-American and Heisman Trophy-winning athlete for the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. That was just the beginning of an extraordinary life of accomplishment and achievement that brought Pete to be invited to be a Member of the Association,” remarked Horatio Alger Board Member, Melvyn N. Klein.

Members of the Association mentor young people and sponsor over \$5 million in Horatio Alger need-based college scholarships awarded annually to high school seniors who have proven their ability to overcome adversity and want to pursue higher education. “Horatio Alger Association members are proof positive hardship is not a barrier to success. By sharing our experiences, we hope to encourage and inspire these talented young people to continue to reach for their own dreams,” noted J. Barry Griswell, Horatio Alger Member and Chairman & CEO of the Principal Financial Group.

In April 2006 formal ceremonies in Washington, D.C. are scheduled to honor these nine new Horatio Alger Award winners. As part of the annual Awards Presentation event, the new Horatio Alger Award winners will come together with over one hundred high school seniors from around the nation, each of whom will be awarded a \$10,000 scholarship and be known as a Horatio Alger National Scholar. This unique opportunity affords some of the nation's most impressive and determined young people a chance to meet and learn first hand the philosophies and experiences that helped the 2006 Horatio Alger Award winners triumph over adversity and create success in their lives.

For additional information about the Association's Members, programs, and scholarships, please visit [www.horatioalger.org](http://www.horatioalger.org)

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