

## **The Foundation's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala**

The Army Distaff Foundation will host the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala on Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 6:30pm. This year's Eisenhower Distinguished Citizen Award recipients will be Senator John McCain (R-AZ) and Ronald Perelman, Chairman & CEO of MacAndrews & Forbes Holdings Incorporated, the parent company of AM General and Revlon.



As you may know, Senator McCain was a recent presidential candidate, but he's better remembered for his remarkable record of leadership and his lifetime commitment to service. After graduating from the Naval Academy in 1958, Senator McCain became a naval aviator. In 1967, his plane was shot down while flying over Hanoi, Vietnam. Senator McCain became a prisoner of war, and remained so until 1973. After returning to the states, Senator McCain continued to serve in the Navy until he retired as a Captain in 1981, which is the year he embarked on his extraordinary political career. Today, Senator McCain continues to lead the fight against wasteful government spending, and supports increased funding for the nation's military.

Ronald Perelman began his career as an independent investor in 1978 with the purchase of a stake in Cohen-Hatfield Industries. The success from that deal allowed him to establish MacAndrews & Forbes in 1983, which has evolved into a multibillion dollar, diversified corporate enterprise. Aside from being a savvy businessman, Mr. Perelman is an active philanthropist. He is the founder of the Revlon/UCLA Women's Cancer Research Program and has established the Department of Dermatology at the NYU Medical Center. He has served as the president of the Guggenheim Museum, and currently serves on the Boards of Carnegie Hall, NYU Medical Center, and his alma mater, The University of Pennsylvania.



With such noteworthy honorees, the Foundation's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala will surely be a special occasion. Proceeds from this year's gala will benefit the Campaign to Renovate the Health Services Center, and invitations will be mailed later this summer. For additional information about tickets or sponsorship opportunities, please contact Leslie Cook at extension 492, or Daryel Dunston at extension 263.