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## CONNECTING STUDENTS WITH VETERANS

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### MEET VHP'S 1,000<sup>TH</sup> VETERAN!

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#### MISSION:

To enable high school and middle school students across Arizona and the U.S. to connect with military men and women so they may capture, publish, and archive their history of service to our nation.

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Richard Melick  
Vietnam Veteran

After a decade of interviewing veterans to preserve their history, Veterans Heritage Project has reached the milestone of 1000 interviews!

Barbara Hatch, VHP's Founder, and Brittany Henritze, founding Class of 2004 Student Alumna, announced the winner at this year's VHP's Book

Signing Reception on April 19, 2015 at ASU West — Vietnam Army Veteran Richard Melick!

Melick's story was captured by Chino Valley High School Junior Nicolas DalCerro, who wrote about Melick's experience as a helicopter pilot in the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division while serving in Vietnam. For his service, Melick received a

Distinguished Flying Cross.

This was DalCerro's first interview in the project; he was captivated by Melick's accounts of scouting enemy activity as a scout aviator, flying low over the A Shau Valley, a corridor for materials coming from North Vietnam to the South. **"Through this experience, I gained a lot more appreciation for our country's veterans.** It was very rewarding, and I am looking forward to next year's project."

Melick now lives in Prescott Valley, Arizona, with his wife Georgann, and is also looking forward to next year, when he plans on helping Advisor Scott Sloat at VHP's Chino Valley High School Chapter.

### ADMIRAL VERN CLARK: "AMERICA IS IN GOOD HANDS."

VHP recently received a grant from Arizona Humanities to conduct a veteran-student panel discussion during our April 19, 2015 program honoring Arizona veterans whose stories have been written and published in Volume XI by students at middle and high schools across the Valley. The following is an excerpt from former Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Vern Clark, and VHP's Cactus Shadows High School senior, Sam Slack.

VHP Mission Director and Panel Moderator Barbara Hatch asked: "How has VHP's experience impacted you?"

**Admiral Clark:** Wonderful question! I have been interviewed several times in the 37 years of being in the Navy. What impressed me the most about my experience with you, Sam, was that it caused me to give thanks. My thanks is that I am an



American. My generation has a tendency sometimes to reflect and wonder if the next generation is going to be good enough for America. The thing that most impressed me about you, Sam, is that you convinced me that **America is in such good hands.** Read more on page 2 (Good Hands)

## Good Hands (cont.)

Clark spoke about how many times he had been interviewed by college graduates from all the major universities and how they often get the words on paper, “but what they don’t get is all of the feelings and the subtleties that go along with the story. Honestly, in my entire life, I have never—I was shocked when I read your article for the first time. The manner in which you were able to grasp all of the details—and the articulation, Sam, it was just fabulous.”

The project not only teaches students history, but more importantly, skills for college and career: skills like interviewing, writing, research, multi-media, public speaking, project management, and accountability. No wonder 100% of VHP students graduate high school and 85% of those graduating pursue college.

Hatch asked others on the panel the similar questions. VHP student Lizzy Satran said that her WWII WAVES veteran Vivian Frazier holds a special place in her heart as her first female veteran interview. “It was interesting hearing her perspectives and the jobs she had available to do,” said Satran. Because of her experiences, Satran recently enrolled in the Air Force ROTC program, at Northern Arizona University Kyrene Akimel A-al Middle School student Byron Albuja was proud to interview his veteran William Robinson, who applied his skills as an Emergency Medical Technician in the US Air Force. Albuja was impressed, saying that he learned that there are lots of different ways to help the military that do not involve combat. Robinson commented how proud his family was, too.



WWII WAVES veteran Vivian Frazier and Cactus Shadows High School Senior Lizzy Satran.



Kyrene Akimel A-al Middle School student Byron Albuja and US Air Force Cold War veteran William Robinson.



(L-R) Chino Valley Advisor Scott Sloat, Student Author Nic DalCerro, VHP Founder Barbara Hatch, VHP’s 1000th Veteran Dick Melick, VHP Exec Coordinator & Alumni Brittany Henritze & VHP President Laura Byers.



## GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT

Bob Patrick, Director of the Veterans History Project of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress,

congratulated Barbara Hatch, VHP students, and all those involved in the program during a pre-recorded segment of VHP’s 1000<sup>th</sup> Veteran Recognition, on April 19, 2015, at ASU West. With over 800 people in attendance, Patrick stated that the 1000<sup>th</sup> interview was probably the greatest achievement that the History Project in Washington DC has been able to recognize and that it is a model project for other schools to follow.

Patrick went on to say, “Thanks to all of the veterans participating in the program for performing another patriotic act for your country by opening up your hearts and minds and talking about your experiences in the United States military. When your interview comes here to Washington to be archived, it will be well taken care of. It will be made accessible and literally be here for generations to come, to inform and inspire researchers, educators, and the general public about what you did to serve your country. Thank you for your service.”

*Editors note: VHP is the largest single contributor to the archive of 100,000 veteran interviews in Washington DC.*

### Watch on YouTube:

- ★ **Our Nation is in Good Hands—VHP AZ Humanities Panel 2015**  
<https://youtu.be/ZhsZ0z2K168>
- ★ **VHP’s 1000<sup>th</sup> Interview Video 2015**  
<http://youtu.be/LGNXdE2DQ6Q>

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## 2015 VHP SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



(L-R) VHP President Laura Byers, Academic Scholarship Winners Amani Kassisieh, Michelle Hugo, and Lizzy Satron, and VHP Vice President Joe Brett.

Sponsored annually by VHP since 2011, the scholarships are intended to recognize students who have exhibited extraordinary qualities while working with veterans, the Project, or the publication of the book. Funds are to assist students in their undergraduate studies or for their personal travel-journey. All VHP Chapters of good standing who met our criteria were eligible to participate. The students were instructed to write an open-ended essay, telling us in their own words what they have learned by being in the Project. The scholarships were presented by VHP President Laura Byers, VHP Vice President Joe Brett and VHP family alumni, Liz and Bill Campbell.

*"For all of our student scholars, VHP has transformed their writing abilities, their knowledge of history; it has enhanced their character and prepared them well for college and career. Thank you for your passion and hard work. We believe in you!" - Laura Byers, VHP President*

### **VHP 1<sup>st</sup> Place, \$3,000: Lizzy Satran**

"While I cannot claim that I have helped the Project expand or promoted beneficial change, I do know VHP has changed me. Before I joined the Project four years ago, I did not understand the sacrifices that our

servicemen and women make and unfortunately took my freedoms for granted. However, the appreciation and pride that I feel for my country increases more and more after each interview conducted... I can now put a face and story to each war, rather than a quick fact provided in a textbook. I can feel their pain, I can picture their triumphs, and I can better understand what they encountered... 'They' are my heroes."

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Place, \$2,000: Michelle Hugo**

"Each veteran I interviewed instilled in me the need to do more for the safety and well-being of the world, as they did. To them, I owe my passion for justice, my American patriotism, and my courage to pursue my own fight for the freedom of others."

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Place, \$1,500: Amani Kassisieh**

"While my journey with this project isn't one that most people experience, it gave me the opportunity to build very real and long-lasting relationships with his family... as we talked on the phone, mourned together at his funeral, and shared his stories together. This project was the single greatest gift I could have given his family.

Moments like these are what made me proud to be a part of this amazing organization."

### **Caitlin Campbell Travel Scholarship, \$2,000: Allison Lopez**

"There is nothing in this world that I have ever experienced that has compared to the respect I feel for my veteran, for having the courage to share with me his experiences. With this scholarship I would like to retrace his footsteps from the beginning at Utah Beach in France to the end of his service in Belgium... From his story I've gained so many life lessons and tools that I would not have developed without him, and as a result I have been profoundly impacted by his life... This travel experience, just like the Veterans Heritage Project, will never be forgotten and will be paid forward throughout my lifetime."



Travel Scholarship winner Allison Lopez and VHP Alumna parents Liz and Bill Campbell. The Scholarship is named after their daughter, Caitlin Campbell, who loved to travel.

# HIGHLIGHTS

## 2015 Book Signings & Receptions

### VHP IMPACT

*“Through VHP I have seen students and teachers alike come together with tenacity and passion to work for a goal that is greater than any one person.*

*Words cannot and will never be able to fully describe the impact VHP leaves, far after the books have been published and far after students themselves have graduated.*

*There is a reason why I believe in service and giving back.*

*There is a reason why I see humans as human beings and not as objects for the sake of ends.*

*There is a reason why I feel myself a more aware and prepared person.*

*The Veterans Heritage Project is why.”*

*-Maggie Mang,  
Ironwood Ridge High School VHP Alumni,  
now a sophomore at Emory University*

*Phoenix Edition 1 Book Signing & Reception, Sunday, April 19, 2015  
Arizona State University, West Campus*

*Chapters Represented:*

*Bradshaw Mountain, Cactus Shadows, Campo Verde, Central, Flagstaff, Chino Valley, Marquette Catholic, Mountain Ridge & Westwood High Schools; Glendale Preparatory and Sequoia Pathway Academies; Kyrene Akimel A-al and Sonoran Trails Middle Schools*

**Edition 1 Reception:** The VHP students have worked so hard all year to interview, research, and write the service stories of our veterans and our active military servicemen and women. This year's reception was the culmination of their hard work, devotion, and love for our veterans and military service members. The love and respect between our students and veterans is the most beautiful thing to witness at these events. It is so exciting to see this younger generation of VHP students inspired by our veterans and honoring them in return. My thanks and congratulations to all of our veterans, service members, VHP advisors and students!

*-Susan Kee, VHP Board Member*



## DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AWARDS MICHELLE HUGO

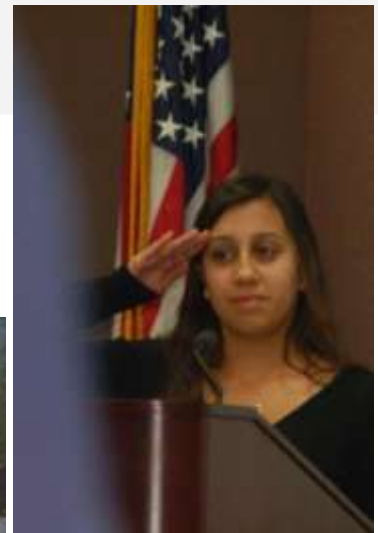


As a mother, I have always supported my daughter, especially in her effort with the Veterans Heritage Project. I am not heavily involved, and only know as much as my daughter excitedly reveals over dinner at the kitchen table. Arriving at the DAR meeting I was amazed at the passion, pride, and focus of the ladies gathered. The age range of the members was astounding. The ladies I spoke with are all incredibly proud of the organization and their heritage allowing them to join. Their philanthropic and service efforts were awe-inspiring. Foreign born, I have a faint grasp on American history so I soaked up every ounce of information. Receiving the youth veteran service award on behalf of Michelle, my daughter who was unable to attend, was a huge honor. Barbara Hatch, attending the event with me, enlightened the DAR members further about the Veterans Heritage Project, Michelle's role in the mission, and the work done by the organization as a whole. The luncheon revealed more about VHP mission and also introduced me to an amazing organization that works tirelessly to uphold the ideals of America's founding fathers.

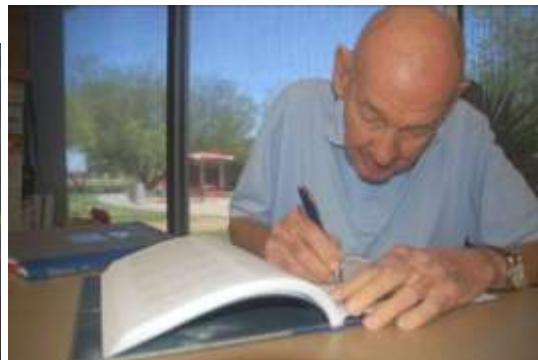
—Helen Hugo, Michelle's mother

*Phoenix Edition 2 Book Signing & Reception  
Saturday, May 9, 2015—Glendale Community College  
Chapters Represented: Shadow Mountain HS, Chaparral HS, Shea Middle School*

**Edition 2 Reception:** The VHP students hit a home run at this year's Phoenix Edition 2's Book signing reception. Congratulations to Paula Burr, Todd Swigart and Steve Millam for a phenomenal effort! The students were so poised! I loved the bagpiper and veterans walking in, David Garcia and Mark Wilkins spoke so well, and your American Express helpers were...well, helpful! It made me so proud to see what you have set in motion that has affected so many lives. Lizzy Reyes



*Pictures Left to Right: Air Force Veteran Theresa Brooks & family; WWII Veteran Wayne Reel; Lizzy Reyes, Shadow Mountain High School Junior and VHP President*



*Tucson Book Signing & Reception  
Sunday, May 10, 2015—Sun City, Oro Valley  
Chapters Represented: Ironwood Ridge, Show Low, University, and Canyon del Oro High Schools*

**Tucson Edition Reception:** "It was overwhelming to see and hear the words that honored so many, to let my tears fall in celebration of others who gave so much more than me, and then to get their signatures in my 2015 Edition of *Since You Asked*. I think I floated out of the reception hall on a patriotic high! I am privileged to count myself a part of the VHP Team in Arizona, and I am committed to continuing this legacy of character in schools across Southern Arizona."  
—Sven Olson, "Sveno," Southern AZ VHP Advocate



*Veterans signing friends and families' books.*



*Publishing Chapter, Ironwood Ridge High School's Tristian Ugalde with Veteran Robert Funk*

# PAULA BURR, VHP'S 2015 ADVISOR OF THE YEAR



From left: Barbara Hatch, Paula Burr, and Donna Ward after the award was presented at Phoenix Edition 1 Book Signing & Reception. Photo Credit: Suzanne Starr

It takes a special teacher to assume longer hours that add to their already long classroom days. Paula Burr of Shadow Mountain High School in Phoenix has passion for veterans, passion for students, and passion for history. For the second year in a row, she has published *Since You Asked: Phoenix Edition II*.

As this year's awardee, Paula has hosted Wounded Warriors, along with many other events, organized student participation in the Veterans Day Parade, and hosted her own reception. We are proud to award Shadow Mountain High School's Paula Burr Advisor of the Year 2015!

—Barbara Hatch, VHP Mission Director and Founder

*Top: Wounded Warrior Team at the football game Paula helped organize at Shadow Mountain against NFL players*

*Bottom: Paula with Patrick Heigl of Sanderson Lincoln (they provided the veteran rides), Barbara Hatch, and Jane Anderson (Advisor of Kyrene Akimel A-al) at the Phoenix Veterans Day Parade*



VHP Chapter Advisors work long hours to bring their veterans' stories to press. Motivating students to complete these stories can sometimes be a challenge. They take their kids to veteran events and visit veterans as often as they are able.

## ★ ★ ★ VHP SUPERSTARS ★ ★ ★

VHP GEARS UP FOR FIRST-TIME 5-YEAR MEMBERS IN 2015-2016!

VHP STUDENT AWARDED AZ BEST TEEN WRITER!



2011 Shea Middle School VHP Chapter—Lizzy Reyes in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (second from right in first row). Others include Brenna Bottema, Kylee Hodil, and Alison Jue at Shadow Mountain High School



Madelynn Shuler, VHP scholar from Cactus Shadows High School, receives a Scholastic Art Writing Award from Billy Gerchick. Her story about veteran David Sas is featured in "Convergence," a collection of AZ Teen Best Writing.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED US ON AZ GIVES DAY!**



# THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR MISSION



## Arizona Department of Veterans' Services

SERVING ARIZONA'S VETERANS AS THEY HAVE SERVED US

We are so thankful that the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services (ADVS) is continuing to support VHP this year with another \$20,000 grant! Contributions by ADVS and our other supporters will allow VHP to enhance our services within existing school chapters and foster sustainable relationships in our communities. VHP programs honor and enrich

the lives of Arizona' veterans and their families. The oral history experience and invaluable lessons learned from our veterans set our students apart as they pursue their dreams for higher education, business, public office and volunteerism. Thank you for partnering to building a stronger Arizona community!

## VHP SUPPORTER SHOUT-OUTS

**State Farm** generously invested \$10,000 toward building the capacity of VHP for professional staffing and program support. Thank you also for helping educate the community about VHP by securing media coverage at our Annual Book Signing Reception. It was so exciting to be on Channel 10! ★

We also appreciate **Arizona Humanities** for making VHP's 11th Annual *Since You Asked* Phoenix Edition 1 Book Signing Reception on April 19, 2015 possible with a \$5,000 grant. Your support facilitated a very memorable celebration. ★

Thank you, **Frank Lambert**, for recommending VHP to **Tee It Up for the Troops**. We are grateful to be a \$5,000 beneficiary of their 5<sup>th</sup> annual Tee It Up for the Troops - Pinnacle Peak golf event and proud to uphold their mission to "Honor, Respect, Remember and Support" all military veterans and their families. ★

We love when our volunteers and families appreciate the impact of VHP and share their love of our mission with their employers. **American Express's** \$5,000, time and talent; **General Dynamics** and **Avnet's** \$2,500. Thank you VHP Advisor **Gary Burr**, VHP mom **Shelly Yeck**, and VHP Advisory Board Member **Dave Ward**!



# CALENDAR & SPECIAL DATES

## August

- ★ 2015-2016 School year begins
- ★ Advisor Training
- ★ Student Recruitment

## September

- ★ Oral History
- ★ On-Site Trainings

## October

- ★ Oral History
- ★ Fundraising

## November

- ★ November 11—Veterans Day
- ★ Finalize Essays

## December

- ★ December 15—Essay Submission

## 2015-2016 VHP New & Improved

- ★ **VHP Cloud 2.0 Release**—after rolling out our new online Chapter Essay Tracking system last August, we are releasing the new version based on feedback from our chapters!
- ★ **Chapter Advocacy Program**—We consistently heard from our Chapters Advisors about needing help following up with students, finishing the paperwork, doing fundraising, etc. In response, we are launching a program in which we will train community volunteers to support up to three chapter advisors, helping them with VHP administrative work so our teachers can do what they do best... teach!

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## LASTING CONNECTIONS

Below are excerpts from Jim Kelsey's letter (January 2015), a Vietnam and Cold War veteran to the VHP alumni student who interviewed him, Geoff Byers, who is teaching English in Korea. See Jim's story in Book VI.

*Dear Geoff:*

*I know you are having a life-changing time in Korea. The year I spent there in '80-'81 was a unique time for me and actually jump-started my career. During my year there was a government coup; a major North Korean penetration of the South; the capture of a North Korean spy who had previously made 26 successful penetrations of the South and so on — for an intelligence officer it was the best of times. I was in Uijongbu—just a few miles north of Seoul and at the time the home of the largest field Army in the free world—some 120,000 soldiers and I was the intel chief for the whole bunch. I hope you get a chance to take a tour of the DMZ. It is an eye opening experience. Also try and take a tunnel tour. You would not believe the efforts the North Koreans go to make war preparations.*



2009 sword play —VHP student Geoffrey Byers at veteran Jim Kelsey's home during Jim's interview

*What you are doing is important and will reward you for years to come. Take full advantage of being in a foreign country. Travel as much as you can and use the time to firm up your plans for the future. Right about now you are beginning to experience the Korean cold. My year there was the coldest I have ever experienced and I have had many friends who have been in Alaska who said it was never as cold there as it was in Korea. Can you imagine how difficult it had to have been for the soldiers and marines fighting there in the Korean War—true heroes.*

*Please stay in touch. You have given much to me and my family and I would hate to lose track of you. Very proud of what you are accomplishing with your life. Montie and I send our very best for Christmas and the holidays and know you will have a blast showing your parents around the country when they visit. Lots of great things to see and I am sure that the country has changed greatly since I last visited in 93.*

*- Wishing you all the very best, Jim Kelsey*



# Veteran Speakers Share our Nations History with High School Students



Students in a Veterans Heritage Project chapter have the good fortune of hearing a veteran's story first-hand from the person who lived it. Other students on campus do not. Even a VHP student only hears his or her own veteran's story. With this in mind, we organized six speaker sessions this year at Cactus Shadows High School to allow other students to appreciate the sacrifices made for their freedom and to learn outside the textbook. Steve Mitten, Social Studies Department Chair, arranged the lecture hall and we brought the veterans. We thank the following veterans for sharing their stories with our students: World War II—Vernon Squier, Gerry Jones, LaRocque DuBose; Korean War—Carl Schneider, David Mills; Vietnam War—Gene Rafanelli, David Lucier, Jim Kelsey, Joe Brett, Frank Lambert, Vic Conner, Thom Milburn, Bill Hatounian, Thomas Kirk, Mike Burns, Jim Santimaw; Cold War—Jim Kelsey; Iraqi Freedom—Brian Mancini, Kevin Kane, Corey Harris.

-Barbara Hatch

***Thank you to all of our veterans who participated!***

Vietnam dog handler Thom Milburn spoke of the dogs who saved lives; Korean War POW David Mills with Veterans Jim Smith and Principal Dr. Steve Bebee.

***"I am holding my head a little higher because of your story."***  
—Duane Howard,  
Chino Valley Supt.

*World War II veteran Ralph Cope thanks CSHS principal Dr. Steve Bebee for honoring him with a diploma.*

## AVHOFS awards VHP Students \$4,500 Copper Lamp of Knowledge Scholarships

VHP is a proud partner of Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society (AVHOFS). At this year's 9th Annual Patriotic Gala held on March 21, 2015, students helped organizers get ready and were graciously invited to dinner by AVHOFS veterans. Three deserving VHP students were awarded a total of \$4,500 AVHOFS Copper Lamp of Knowledge Scholarships by the society that is intended to help students in their pursuit of college and career.

**Scholarship Recipients:** Amani Kassisieh, Michelle Hugo (rep. Megan Rose), and Lizzy Satran (rep. Jenna Reynolds)



## WWII Vets Graduate with CSHS Seniors—High School Diplomas are Meaningful!



***WWII Veteran Don Cline could not attend so Barbara Hatch***

## Bringing the book to Colonel Kurt Gallegos at Luke AFB

Because Col. Gallegos was unable to attend the April 19 Reception/Book Signing, a group of students had the occasion to take the book to him in person. As an added benefit, we were able to look inside the cockpit of Col. Gallegos' F-16 and learn the capabilities of this aircraft. An added thrill was seeing the new F-35s. Susan Kee awarded Terri Armstead a Korean Medal for her father's service, along with a certificate of appreciation from the Korean Government.



## ASU NROTC Commissioning Ceremony

Thanks to Captain David Price, on May 14, 2015, Lizzy, Kate, and I had the amazing opportunity to attend the NROTC commissioning ceremony at ASU. I was not really sure what to expect. It turned out to be a night of touching, moving moments. John Sentz, a Navy veteran I had the pleasure of interviewing, started the NROTC program at ASU. I knew I would see him, but I was shocked to find out there is an award in his name. The Sentz Sword, given to someone who they believed truly had to persevere to achieve his dream of becoming a Naval officer, was given to a man from South Carolina who was working four jobs to attain that goal. That filled me with pride for my veteran, John, seeing what an impact he had made.

Before entering the military one must swear an oath, like the president. I have only seen videos of soldiers swearing into the military; in person it is unreal to see the pride on their faces. Next on the agenda was to upgrade their uniforms so, in Captain Price's words, "They look like real Ensigns and Second Lieutenants." This is the part that got me. For an officer to move ranks, their family changes the bars and hat. The first moment that choked me up was when a man had his wife, mother, and daughter come on stage. He had to bend over so his daughter could put his hat on; it was beautiful.

Most people believe you should just stay away from the military. Don't join, don't marry anyone in the service, just don't. This ceremony showed me every reason why someone should. Seeing the families show so much pride in their loved one for making it through ROTC showed the love the military brings. During the ceremony I also liked watching the other officers and seeing how proud they were of their comrade for succeeding with them. Brothers in arms is no joke.

America has a lot of faults, like any country, but moments like these show me the military is something America did right. I feel thankful and safe knowing my rights are in the hands of the twenty men and women, as well as the rest of my generation, that became officers in the Navy and Marine Corps before my eyes.

—Jenna Reynolds, CSHS Student



Lizzy Satran, David Price, David Lucier, Jenna Reynolds, and Kate Finegan



Nineteen new Navy and Marine officers were sworn in & received their shoulder boards, hats, and first salutes...from parents, wives, children, military personnel.

## Kyrene Akimel A-al Middle School Patriotic Day



On May 7, 2015, Kyrene Akimel A-al Middle School held its 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Patriotic Day. We believe it is important for our students to be aware of the sacrifices made by our veterans to assure our freedom. VHP advisor, Jane Anderson, served as the chair for the committee organizing the events. Her students served as an honor guard when veterans entered the assembly and two of them were honored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion for participating in their essay contests. The band and chorus performed, as well as the kindergarteners from Kyrene de los Lagos Elementary School. Sam Rosselli, featured in Volume XI of *Since You Asked*, spoke to the student body about patriotism and service and Dr. Garland H. Williams, U.S. Army COL. (Ret.) also spoke. A breakfast was held in the library for all the veterans and family members in the library after the event.



This was the first year that the Veterans Heritage Project Club was highlighted at an event that will continue to honor the continued contributions of our military.

—Jane Anderson, Advisor

# SUPPORT OUR MISSION

## OUR TEAM

Barbara Hatch, Missions Director  
Laura Byers, Pres. & Board Chairman  
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Donna Ward, Director  
David Lucier, Director  
Jerry Strickland, Director  
Phil Yin, Director

As you read through this newsletter, you can see how much Veterans Heritage Project has accomplished. The impact is evident on our veterans' smiling faces, in the hearts of their families and in the outlook of our youth.

VHP is fostering our next generation of leaders; increasing patriotism and appreciation for service to our county; promoting critical thinking; and imparting lessons that our youth can apply to the future.

However, if Veterans Heritage Project is to continue to honor our veterans and educate our youth, **we need your support**. The demand for VHP's growth is throughout Arizona and even into additional states. Calls from interested schools and veterans come in weekly. This demand is helping VHP **transform from a start-up, volunteer run organization into the growing, sustainable non-profit we know it can be.**

We have the passion, knowledge and ability to build the capacity of Veteran's Heritage Project. **We need your donation to make it a reality.** Funding is needed for program enhancements, systems infrastructure, community outreach, volunteer recruitment and training, and professional staffing that will help lead the organization forward.

**Your support will ensure the future of the organization.** Please visit [www.veteransheritage.org](http://www.veteransheritage.org) to make your contribution, or complete the form below and mail to **VHP, P.O. Box 1297, Carefree AZ 85377**. Together we can reach into additional communities, provide on-going recognition of our nation's hero's, and develop educated, well-informed future leaders. As Admiral Vern Clark said, "America is in Good Hands." ***Thank you!***

Enclosed is my gift to Veteran's Heritage Project in the amount of:

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Please contact me about being interviewed.

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