



Veterans Heritage Project Connects Students with Veterans™
in order to Honor Veterans, Preserve America's Heritage and Develop Future Leaders.

The **"Saluting Stories of Service" celebration** is an annual fundraising dinner that highlights a student and veteran interview pair, and honors an outstanding community leader with a "Storyteller's Award" for sharing stories of dedication and service to our country; making a positive impact in the community and the development of youth. The evening concludes with dancing to big band swing music. We anticipate 300 attendees: alumni and families, educators, community leaders, and active duty military and veterans, including special guest, **Medal of Honor Recipient Sammy Davis, known as the "real Forest Gump"**.

Program Overview

Veterans Heritage Project's after-school character education program allows middle school, high school, and community college students to become immersed in one-on-one personal accounts of heroism and service to our country, while learning leadership skills and developing a passion for history, writing and civics. At the same time, the program allows veterans to continue to serve by imparting the wisdom that can only be shared by individuals who sacrificed for the freedom of our nation.

"This is the first time since 1969 that I even let that door open in my mind. Being able to express myself and talk about Vietnam (during the interview) is probably the best thing that has happened to me. On behalf of all Vietnam veterans, today (book reception) marks to me our welcome home. Thank you for making this possible." - Veteran, SYA Vol. 12, Edition I

"I have become a better listener, more intelligent, respectful, and observant. Each of my veterans showed me how one can persevere through impossible situations." -- 2016 Graduate

"My veteran taught me about respect, being open-minded, and striving for success." -2018 Graduate

"I learned respect, humility, empathy, confidence, justice, and how to be a decent human being. This program does nothing but good. Veterans Heritage Project is working to help shape the youth of tomorrow." - 2010 Graduate

The Opportunity

Since 2004 Veteran's Heritage Project has engaged nearly 2,000 students to write and preserve an equal number of veteran histories in 14 Volumes of *Since You Asked™* and in the national archives at the Library of Congress. VHP has the opportunity to make a significant impact in the future of our youth and country, and the remembrance of our veterans. We have veterans waiting to be interviewed and numerous schools wanting to start a chapter. **Your support will help us grow future leaders through civics education and engagement with veterans. Help us reach more veterans and students, expand to more Arizona schools, and build capacity for national impact.**



PROUDLY PRESENTS THE INAUGURAL

"Saluting Stories of Service" Celebration

6:00 – 6:45

Cocktail reception on Sierra Loggia Patio

Door prize ticket sales

Meet our Storyteller Award Recipient,
The Honorable Rick Romley

Meet Medal of Honor Recipient, Sammy Davis, known
as the "real Forest Gump"



Special Guest Sammy Davis

6:45 - 7:00

Trumpet announces dinner program in the Grand Ballroom.

7:00 – 7:20

Welcome & Introductions, Presentation of Colors, National Anthem

7:20 – 7:45

Dinner Service and Musical Selections

7:45 – 8:30

Special Guest Remarks, Student Statement, and "Storyteller Award" Presentation

8:30 – 8:45

Door Prize Packages drawing, closing remarks, dessert and coffee service begins

8:45 – 10:00

Dancing to Big Band Swing Music – includes quick dance instruction



Storyteller Award Recipient
The Honorable Rick Romley

Veterans Heritage Project is proud to recognize **The Honorable Rick Romley** with our inaugural "**Storyteller Award**". Rick served four elected terms as the Maricopa County Attorney [1989-2004] and was appointed as interim Maricopa County Attorney in 2010. Since leaving office, Rick started his own legal consulting firm and has served as a Judge in our Veterans Court since 2016.

Rick joined the United States Marine Corps as a youth and served as a combat infantry squad leader in Vietnam until wounded in 1969. Rick received numerous commendations, including the Purple Heart. In 2001, Rick received two additional National Awards for his service in defense of our country: Life's Presidential Unsung Hero Award and America's Outstanding Disabled American Veteran of the Year. Rick was inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame in 2007.

Rick's service story was captured by Veterans Heritage Project (VHP) student Patrick Ward in the 2009 edition of *Since You Asked*.™ Rick shared lessons of inner strength and a heavy belief in "Service before Self", which he continues to demonstrate through a commitment to fellow veterans and creating awareness for VHP's mission.



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Saturday, March 9, 2019 ★ Hilton Scottsdale Resort & Villas

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