

# VETERANS DAY

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## A Veterans Day Message

By SRPMIC President Martin Harvier

Veterans Day is a time to remember those who have served our country.

Our O'odham and Piipaash people have served our homeland proudly, beginning with the U.S. Cavalry and the Arizona National Guard, serving even before being recognized as citizens of Arizona and being able to vote in elections. Today the tradition continues, as the O'odham and Piipaash now serve in all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Wednesday, November 11, is Veterans Day. Current events will mean that some of our traditional observances will change this year, but we will never forget the service and sacrifices of those who wore the uniform honorably for our country, including the many Native Americans and SRPMIC Community members who have served in all United States wars and conflicts.

What we now call Veterans Day began as Armistice Day, recognized for the first time at the officially recognized end of World War I: 11 a.m. on 11-11-1918. While the day has strong historical roots, current events continue to add meaning to the day.

It is with great pride that we recognize and show appreciation to all of our Salt River veterans and employees in our Community government and businesses for their sacrifices.

The history of our people serving the U.S. military goes back to the mid-1800s, as documented by our traditional calendar sticks. The O'odham and Piipaash have a long history of being warriors, and in this issue you can read some of their stories. They recently remembered the sacrifices of those who did not return at the POW/MIA and Gold Star Mother ceremonies.

The resilience and bravery demonstrated by Native American veterans helped the United States achieve victory in combat and save lives. From the Revolutionary War to the Global War on Terrorism, our Native Americans have stepped up and answered the call of duty. They carried forth an honorable warrior tradition that for generations has exemplified what is best about all of us.

I am proud to say that members of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community have never failed to answer the call to service, with many citizens serving in all branches of the Armed Forces in every era. Let us not forget to honor them this Veterans Day.

## HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



# VETERANS

## - A -

**ABEL, George C.**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**ACHIN, Craig**  
U.S. Air Force (Desert Storm)  
**ADAMS, Harvier**  
U.S. Army (WWI-C.O.F.)  
**ADAMS, Juan V.**  
TEC 3 MD (WWII)  
**AGUILAR, Robert**  
U.S. Navy (Vietnam)  
**ALATORRE, Lonnie**  
U.S. M.C. (Korea)  
**ALLEN, Mark L.**  
U.S. Navy (Desert Storm)  
**ALVAREZ, Nicholas**  
A.Z.N.G. (Vietnam)  
**AMSON, Oscar**  
(WWII)  
**ANDREAS, Allen**  
**ANDREAS, Damon**  
**ANDREAS, Dixon Harold**  
A.Z.N.G. 158 RCT (WWII)  
**ANDREAS, Theodore**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**ANDREAS, Theron**  
U.S. Army (WWII, Korea)  
**ANDREWS, Dayton A.**  
(WWII)  
**ANDREWS, Delvin**  
U.S. Navy (Korea)  
**ANDREWS, Josiah**  
**ANDREWS, Len**  
U.S.M.C. (Desert Storm)  
**ANDREWS, Maynard**  
U.S. Army (Korea)  
**ANDREWS, Meldon**  
U.S.M.C.  
**ANDREWS, Michael**  
U.S. Navy (WWII)  
**ANDREWS SR. Michael L.**

U.S. Army (Korea)  
**ANDREWS, Mitchell**  
U.S. Army (Korea)  
**ANTON, Ernest C.**  
U.S. Air Force (WWII)  
**ANTON, Melnick C.**  
(P-T)  
**ANTON, Gerald**  
U.S. Army (Vietnam)  
**ANTON, Melvin D.**  
U.S. Army (Vietnam)  
**ANTON, Nelson**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**ANTON, Robert**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**ANTON, Wallace**  
C.O.F (WWII)  
**ANTONE, Broderick B.**  
U.S. Army (P-T during Desert Shield/  
Desert Storm Era)  
**ANTONE, Darrell R.**  
U.S. Army (Vietnam)  
**ANTONE, Edgar**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**ANTONE, Herman**  
(WWII)  
**ANTONE, Lorenzo**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**ANTONE, Myles**  
U.S. Navy (WWII)  
**ANTONE, Nolan**  
U.S. Army  
**ANTONE, Philip**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**ANTONE, Sylvester**  
(WWII)  
**ANTONE, Wallace**  
U.S. Calvary/Army (WWII)  
**ANTONE, William**  
**AZULE, Clyde**  
U.S. Army  
**AZULE, Rubidoux**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**AZULE, Johnny**  
U.S. Navy

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**BAPTISTO, Arnold V.**  
(Korea)  
**BAPTISTO, Elmer J.**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**BAPTISTO SR., Floyd**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**BAPTISTO, Rallo**  
U.S.M.C. (Vietnam)

**BAPTISTO, Raymond**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**BELLANGER, Richard**  
P. U.S.N.R. Minnesota (WWII)  
**BERNARD, Burton**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**BERNARD, Wesley M.**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**BICACCA, Elijah**  
U.S. Army (Iraq)  
**BLAKE, Joshua**  
**BROWN, Harlow L.**  
U.S. Army (Vietnam)  
**BROWN, Ira L.**  
U.S.M.C. (WWII)  
**BROWN, Luke**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**BROWN, Randall**  
**BROWN, Truman E.**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**BROWN, Virgil**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**BROWN JR., Virgil F.**  
U.S.M.C.-R (Iraq)  
**BURKE, Elmer**  
**BURKE, Ernie**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**BURKE, Frank**  
U.S. Navy (WWII)  
**BURKE, Larry**  
U.S. Army (Korea)  
**BURKE, Lloyd**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**BUTLER JR., Clarence**  
U.S. Army (P-T)  
**BUTLER, Gary “Buster”**  
U.S. Army  
**BUTLER, Jeffrey**  
U.S. Army (P-T)  
**BUTLER, Lawrence A.**  
U.S. Army (WWII)

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**CAMERON, Arthur**  
U.S. Army SF (Vietnam)  
**CARD, Alonzo**  
U.S. Air Force (Vietnam)  
**CARD, Gillman**  
U.S.M.C. (Vietnam)  
**CARLISLE, Blaine**  
(WWII)  
**CARLISLE, Bucard**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**CARLISLE, Lewis**  
**CARLOS, Filmore**  
U.S. Army Airborne (Korea)  
**CARLOS SR., Fred**  
U.S. Army (P-T)  
**CARLOS SR., Justin**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**CARLOS JR., Justin**  
U.S. Army (Vietnam)  
**CARLOS, Michael L.**  
U.S.M.C. (P-T)  
**CASSADY, George S.**  
U.S.A.F. (WWII)  
**CHARLIE, Al**  
U.S. Army Airborne (Iraq)  
**CHARLIE, Meagan**  
U.S. Army (Iraq)  
**CHAVEZ, Mel**  
U.S.M.C. (Vietnam)  
**CHIAGO JR., Boyd**  
U.S. Army (Vietnam)  
**CHIAGO, Clarence**  
U.S.M.C. (WWII)  
**CHIAGO, Donald R.**  
U.S. Navy (WWII)  
**CHIAGO, Gregory**  
U.S. Army (Vietnam)  
**CHIAGO, Harrison**  
**CHIAGO, Johnny**  
(WWII)  
**CHIAGO, Justin L.**  
U.S.M.C. (WWII)  
**CHIAGO, Robert**  
U.S.M.C. (Vietnam)  
**CHOUGH, Berkeley**  
U.S. Navy (P-T)  
**CHOUGH, Cedric**  
U.S. Army  
**CHOUGH, Herman**  
U.S. Navy (WWII)  
**CHOUGH, Victor**  
U. S. Air Force  
**CLARK, Wesley W.**  
U.S. Army Air Corps (WWII)

**COOPS, Jerry M.**  
U.S. Navy (Korea)  
**CORREA, Robert**  
U.S. Army (Korea-Vietnam)  
**COUGH, Charles**  
U. S. Army (WWII)

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**DALLAS, Carmelita**  
U.S. Army  
**DALLAS SR., Leonard**  
U.S. Air Force (Korea-Vietnam)  
**DALLAS, Lew**  
U.S. Navy (P-T)  
**DALLAS, Tony**  
U.S.M.C. (P-T)  
**DALTON, Daniel**  
U.S. Army  
**DALTON, Derrick K.**  
U.S. Navy  
**DEER, Melvin**  
U.S. Army (P-T)  
**DONAHUE, Bryon**  
11th Airborne, WWII  
**DONAHUE, Charles T.**  
U.S. Army (Vietnam)  
**DONAHUE, Jack**  
U.S. Army

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**EASCHIEF, Bonaventure**  
U.S. Navy (P-T)  
**EASCHIEF, David**  
U.S. Army  
**EMERSON, George**  
U.S. Cavalry/Army (WWI)  
**ENAS, Andy**  
U.S. Navy (WWII)  
**ENAS, Kayzahn**  
U.S.M.C.-R (Iraq)  
**ENAS, Jonathan**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**ENAS, Nathan**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**ENOS, Arnold**  
**ENOS, Cecil**  
A.Z.N.G.  
**ENOS, Franklin**  
**ENOS, Gordon**  
U.S. Army (Korea)  
**ENOS JR., Harvey**  
U.S. Army (Korea)  
**ENOS, Larson**  
U.S. Army (Vietnam)  
**ENOS, Leon I.**  
U.S. Navy (Korea)  
**ENOS, Leonard A.**  
U.S. Army (Vietnam) KIA  
**ENOS SR., Raymond J**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**ESCHIEF, David**  
U.S. Army (P-T)  
**ESCHIEF, Juan**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**EVANS, Roger**  
U.S. Navy LI3 (Korea)

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**FERGUSON, Alfred**  
U.S. Army  
**FERGUSON, Josiah C.**  
U.S.M.C. (WWII)  
**FRENCH SR., Albert**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**FRENCH, Dustin**  
U.S.M.C.  
**FRENCH, James**  
U.S.M.C. (Vietnam)  
**FRENCH, Shawn**  
U.S.M.C.  
**FRENCH, Richard**  
U.S.M.C. (Korea)  
**FRENCH, Verland**  
U.S. Navy (Vietnam)  
**FULWILDER, Cecil**  
U.S. Navy (P-T) (Korea)  
**FULWILDER, Clayton C.**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**FULWILDER, Clyde W.**  
U.S. Navy (P-T) (Korea)  
**FULWILDER, Justin, Sr.**  
U.S. Army  
**FULWILDER, Oren**  
U.S. Navy (Lebanon)

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**GATES, Burnette**  
U.S.M.C. (P-T)  
**GATES, Garnette**  
U.S.M.C. (Vietnam)  
**GATES, Manford**  
U.S. Army Airborne (Vietnam)  
**GATES-WHITLOCK, Marjorie**  
U.S. Army WAC (WWII)  
**GEORGE, Charley**  
A.Z.N.G. 158 RCT (WWII)  
**GEORGE, Llewellyn F.**  
U.S. Army - 11th Airborne (Korea)  
**GEORGE, Ollerton M.**  
U.S. Army (Korea) POW  
**GOODWIN, Elmer**  
U.S. Army (Korea)  
**GOODWIN, Howard**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**GOODWIN, Robert**  
U.S. Army  
**GOODWIN, William M.**  
U.S. Navy (Korea)  
**GONZALES, Raul**  
U.S.M.C. (Desert Storm)  
**GREY SR., Cameron**  
U.S.M.C. (Vietnam)  
**GREY JR., Douglas R.**  
U.S. Army (P-T)  
**GREY, Herman**  
U.S.M.C. (WWII)

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**HARVEY, Francis K.**  
U.S. Navy (WWII)  
**HARVEY, Rudolf E.**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**HARVIER, Danny**  
U.S.M.C (Korea)  
**HAYES SR., Bilman**  
U.S. Army (Vietnam)  
**HAYES, Charles**  
U.S. Navy  
**HAYES SR., Gordon R.**  
(Korea)  
**HAYES, Perry F.**  
U.S.M.C. (WWII)  
**HAYES, Wilbur**  
U.S. Army (Korea)  
**HILLS, Darrell M.**  
U.S. Army (Vietnam)  
**HOWARD, Dallas**  
U.S. Army (Korea)  
**HOWARD, Eugene B.**  
U.S. Navy (WWI)  
**HOWARD, Larry**  
U.S.A.F. (Korea)  
**HOWARD, Richard A.**  
U.S. Army/82nd Airborne (Desert Storm)  
**HOWARD, Roger**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**HOWARD, Ryle A.**  
U.S. Army (Korea)  
**HOWARD, Neville**  
U.S. Army (P-T)

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**JACKSON, Andrew**  
AZ. MG Co. 1 INF. Reg. (WWII)  
**JACKSON, Blinden C.**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**JACKSON, Dean**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**JACKSON JR., Delbert**  
U.S. Army (P-T)  
**JACKSON, Francis**  
**JACKSON, Fred**  
**JACKSON SR., Lyman**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**JACKSON JR., Lyman**  
U.S. Army (Vietnam)  
**JAMES SR., Frederick**  
AZ 127 INF (WWII) KIA Luzon Is.  
**JAMES JR., Frederick**  
**JAMES, Jasper**  
U.S. Navy (WWII)  
**JAMES, Joseph A.**  
U.S. Army (P-T)  
**JAMES, Patrick J.**  
U.S.M.C.-R (Korea)  
**JAMES JR., Patrick**  
U.S. Army (Iraq)  
**JEFFERSON, Joel**  
U.S.M.C. (P-T)  
**JEFFERSON, Joseph**  
(WWII)

**JEFFERSON, Robert K.**  
U.S.M.C. (Korea)  
**JENSEN, Derrik M.**  
U.S. Navy (Desert Storm)  
**JIM, Glenn D.**  
U.S.M.C.  
**JIMENEZ, Frank M.**  
AZ National Guard, 259th Infantry  
**JOHNSON, Gerald**  
U.S. Army BSM (WWII)  
**JOHNSON, Lauretta F.**  
U.S. Army WAC (Vietnam)  
**JOHNSON, Nellis**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**JUAN, Frederick**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**JUAN, Gene**  
U.S.A.F.(Vietnam)  
**JUAN, Herman C.**  
U.S.M.C. (WWII)  
**JUAN, Leonard A.**  
U.S.N.R. (WWII)  
**JUAN, Matthew B.**  
U.S. Army (WWI)  
**JUAN SR., Raymond**  
U.S.M.C. (Korea)  
**JUAN, Runni**  
(WWII)  
**JUAN, Sabastian**  
U.S. Navy (WWII)  
**JUAN, Vincent**

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**KALKA JR., Mark A.**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**KALKA, Vincent D.**  
U.S.M.C. (Vietnam)  
**KAUAKAHI, Elvira**  
U.S. Marines WAC (Korea)  
**KAUAKAHI, Franklin K.**  
U.S. Navy  
**KAVOKA, Earl M.**  
U.S. Army  
**KAVOKA, Irvin**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**KAVOKA, Simon**  
**KELLY, Anthony (Tony)**  
**KING, Lemuel H.**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**KING, Nayland**  
U.S.M.C. (Vietnam)  
**KING, Philip G.**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**KISTO, Teddy**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**KLOSE, Wolf-Dieter**  
U.S. Army (Vietnam)

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**LALO, Bruce C.**  
U.S.M.C. (P-T)  
**LANDIS, M. John**  
U.S. Army (P-T)  
**LARGO, Joseph A.**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**LARGO, Phillip**  
U.S. Navy (WWII) MIA  
**LARGO, Theodore T.**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**LARGO, Tom**  
U.S. Army  
**LARGO, Wallace**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**LEONARD, Ricardo J.**  
U.S. Army (Grenada)  
**LERMA, George L.**  
U.S. Army (Korea)  
**LEWIS, Alton**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**LEWIS, David**  
U.S. Army  
**LEWIS, Melvin “Jack”**  
U.S. Army Airborne (Korea)  
**LEWIS, Leroy**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**LEWIS, Marvin D.**  
U.S. Army (Korea)  
**LEWIS, Hollis**  
U.S. Army (Vietnam)  
**LEWIS, Melvin L.**  
U.S. Army (WWII)  
**LEWIS, Norbert B.**  
U.S. Army (Korea)  
**LEWIS, Phillip**

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## LEWIS, Ray A.

U.S. Army (WWII)

## LEWIS, Rueben M.

U.S. Army (Korea)

## LEWIS, Roger

U.S. Army (WWII & Korea)

## LOPEZ, Abelardo C.

U.S. Army (WWII)

## LORING, Gerald

U.S. Army (P-T)

## LORING, Gerard

U.S. Army Airborne (Vietnam)

## LORING, Lester

U.S. Army (P-T)

## LORING, Phillip

U.S. Army (WWII)

## LOWE, David

U.S.M.C. (Korea)

## LUDLOW JR., Frank

U.S. Army (WWII)

## LUDLOW, Irving D.

U.S.M.C (Korea)

## LUDLOW, Maurice

U.S.M.C. (Korea)

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### MACIAS SR., James

U.S. Army (P-T)

### MADER, Leo

U.S. Army (Korea)

### MAKIL, Francis

(WWII)

### MAKIL, Harold B.

U.S. Army (WWII)

### MAKIL SR., Milford

A.Z.N.G.

### MAKIL, Phillip

U.S. Army (WWII)

### MAKIL, Sharon

(WWII)

### MAKIL, Simon

U.S. Navy (WWII)

### MANASSIA, Edward

### MANUEL SR., Bennett L.

### MANUEL, Bennett

U.S. Navy (Vietnam)

### MANUEL, Bernard

U.S. Army (WWII)

### MANUEL, Bilby D.

### MANUEL, Delmar R.

U.S. Army (KIA-Korea)

### MANUEL, Delroy

U.S.M.C.

### MANUEL, Edmund

U.S. Army (WWII)

### MANUEL, Elliott

U.S. Army (P-T)

### MANUEL, Glenn

U.S. Army (P-T)

### MANUEL, Harrington

### MANUEL, Herman

U.S. Army 475th (WWII)

### MANUEL, Herman D.

### MANUEL, Joseph

### MANUEL SR., Lazarus L.

U.S. Army (WWII)

### MANUEL, Lester

U.S. Army Air Corps (WWII)

### MANUEL, Patrick

### MANUEL, Raynard R.

U.S.M.C. (Vietnam)

### MANUEL, Sterling

U.S. Army (Vietnam)

### MANUEL, Sullivan R.

U.S. Army (Korea)

### MANUEL, Sylvester

U.S. Army (WWII)

### MANUEL, Victor

A.Z.N.G. (WWII)

### MARTINEZ, Anthony G.

U.S.M.C./ U.S. Army (Panama)

### MARTINEZ, Felix B.

U.S. Army (Korea)

### MARTINEZ, Lucas T.

U.S. Navy (WWII)

### MARTINEZ, Ray C.

U.S.M.C.-R

### MENSON, Lawrence

U.S. Army (WWII)

### MIGUEL, Lemuel

A.Z.N.G. 158 RCT (WWII)

### MIGUEL, Roland

U.S. Army (P-T)

### MILES, Alvin

U.S. Army (Vietnam)

### MILES, Felix

U.S. Army (WWII)

### MILES, Walter

U.S.N.R. California (WWII)

### MOORE, Abbott

U.S. Army Glider Borne (WWII)

### MOORE, Cassidy

U.S. Army (WWII)

### MOORE, Daniel

(WWII)

### MOORE, JR., Eldon B.

U.S. Army (Vietnam)

### MOORE, Pete

4 MC Bn 2 DIV (WWII)

### MORGAN, Lyman

U.S.M.C / U.S. Army (P-T)

### MOQUINO, Sylvia A.

U.S.A.F. (P-T)

### MORENO, Gary D.

U.S.M.C. (Vietnam)

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### NAVASIE, Alex M.

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### OSIF, Adrian

U.S. Army (Vietnam)

### OSIF, Carroll O.

U.S. Navy (WWII)

### OSIF, Daniel V.

U.S. Navy

### OSIF, Lloyd

### OSIF, Norman

U.S. Army (WWII)

### OSIF, Percy

A.Z.N.G. 158 RCT (WWII)

### OSIF, Walter

U.S. Army (WWII)

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### PABLO, Thomas

U.S. Army (WWII)

### PACHECO, Murray

U.S. Navy (WWII)

### PADILLA, Fernando Pete

U.S.M.C. (Vietnam)

### PAUL, George

### PEDRO, Lonnie

U.S. Army (WWII)

### PERKINS, Alfred

U.S. Army (WWII)

### PESIS, Clinton

### PESIS, Elliot

### PESIS, Leland P.

U.S. Navy

### PHILLIPS, Stanley

U.S. Army (WWII)

### PUGGIE, Bert

U.S.M.C.

### PUGGIE, David

U.S.M.C.

### PUGGIE, Loren

U.S.A.F.

### PUGGIE, Sheldon

U.S.M.C.

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### RAMON, Jose

U.S.A.F.

### RAY SR., Delbert W.

U.S.M.C. (Vietnam)

### RAY, Ellsworth G.

U.S. Army (Korea)

### RAY, Evans

U.S. Army Air Corps (WWII)

### RAY, Glen

### RAY SR., Jonah F.

U.S. Army (WWII)

### RAY JR., Jonah F.

U.S. Army (Vietnam)

### RAY, Verton

U.S. Army (WWII) KIA

### REINA SR., Edward M.

U.S. Navy (WWII)

### REINA JR., Edward

U.S. Army (P-T)

### REINA III, Edward P.

U.S. Army Airborne (Desert Storm)

### RHOADES, Everett

A.Z.N.G. 158 RCT (WWII)

### RHOADES, Harrison

A.Z.N.G. 158 RCT (WWII)

### RHODES, Dorrine D.

U.S. Army WAC (Korea)

### RHODES, Lawrence T.

U.S. Navy (Korea)

### RICHARDS, Felix

### RICHARDS, Frederick

U.S. Army (WWII)

### RIENA, Jesus D.

U.S. Navy (Vietnam)

### RINGLERO, John K.

U.S.M.C. (Korea)

### RINGLERO JR., Louis,

U.S. Army (WWII)

### RINGLERO, Mervin

U.S. Army (WWII)

### RINGLERO, Rose

U.S. Navy WAVE (WWII)

### RIVERS, Aaron

U.S. Army (WWII)

### RIVERS JR., William

U.S. Army (WWII)

### ROCKEFELLER, Robert W.

U.S.M.C. (P-T)

### ROME, John E.

U.S.M.C. (Korea)

### ROSE, Felipe

U.S. Army (Vietnam)

### ROSE, Joseph, S.

U.S. Army (Vietnam/Thailand)

### ROSE, Samuel, E.

U.S. Army (Germany)

### ROY, Bernice

U.S. Army WAC (WWII)

### ROY JR., Frank

U.S. Army (Korea)

### ROY, Mitchell Francis

U.S. Army (WWII)

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### SANTEO, Clifford

(WWII)

### SANTO JR., Ambrose W.

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### SAUNDERS JR., Fred K.

U.S. Army (P-T)

### SCHURZ, Harold R.

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### SCHURZ, Harvey

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### SCHURZ, Larry M.

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### SCOTT, Clayton

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### SCOTT, Lorenzo

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### SEBAHE, Byron J.

(WWII)

### SECRET, Eugene

### SENICH, Dennis E.

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### SENICH, Michael

U.S. Army (Korea)

### SEYU, Hugh C.

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### SHAW, Gerald

### SHAW, Melvin L.

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### SHAW, Milton

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U.S. Army

### SHAW, Roderick

U.S. Army (WWII)

### SHAW, Ross Stepp

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### SHAW, Willman

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U.S. Army

### SMITH, Corwin L.

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### SMITH, Edmund L.

(WWII)

### SMITH, Floyd Dennis

U.S. Army (Korea)

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### SMITH, Harry

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### SMITH, Laurence E.

U.S. Army (WWII)

### SMITH, Leroy

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U.S.M.C  
(Vietnam)



**VIRGIL F. BROWN, JR.**  
U.S.M.C - R  
(Iraq)



**TONY DALLAS**  
U.S.M.C  
(P-T)



**KAYZEHN ENAS**  
U.S.M.C



**JOSIAH C. FERGUSON**  
U.S.M.C  
(WWII)



**BURNETT GATES**  
U.S.M.C  
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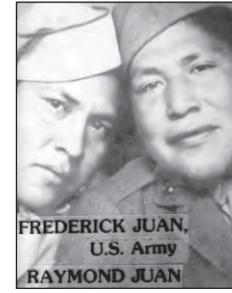
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U.S.M.C  
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**FREDERICK JUAN,  
U.S. Army**  
**RAYMOND JUAN**  
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**RAYNARD RUDY MANUEL**  
U.S.M.C.  
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**ANTHONY G. MARTINEZ**  
U.S.M.C / U.S. ARMY  
(Panama)



**RAY C. MARTINEZ**  
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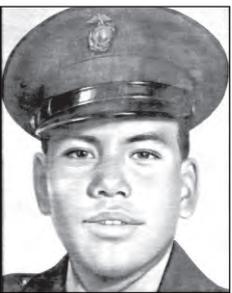
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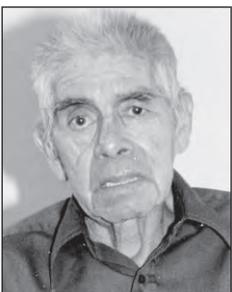
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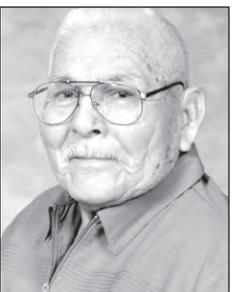
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## ARIZONA NATIONAL GUARD



**IN HONOR OF THOSE  
WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY**

# Update From the Salt River Veterans Representatives

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As Veterans Day approaches, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Veterans Representatives are gearing up to host a modified Veterans Day event on Wednesday, November 11. The SRPMIC Veterans Services program is excited to launch their new logo to the Community and give Community and employee veterans T-shirts and other items that feature the new logo.

"We had a SRPMIC-member artist design a new logo for us, and we're really excited about it," said Veterans Representative Amanda White. "I would like to do an introduction video on the artist and the new logo to present to the Community."

More information will be coming about the Veterans Day event to honor those who have served in the military, explained White.

## Services During COVID-19

Despite working from home, White, fellow Veterans Representative Troy Truax, and Veterans Representative Assistant Elisabeth Thomas have continued to help assist SRPMIC veterans and their families.

"We have been reaching out to our Community veterans," said White. "We do follow-ups and some courtesy checks on them. We try to help educate and encourage them on the COVID-19 guidelines if they decide to go out to



Top: SRPMIC Veteran Representatives, Amanda White and Troy Truax Jr.



Right: Elisabeth Thomas, Veteran Representative assistant.

the store for anything. Generally, if they need any type of assistance as far as the essential items, we are able to get those things for them."

If the veterans need assistance with things such as applying for veterans' benefits, White and Truax help them out. The most requested assistance during this time of quarantine has been for memorial and burial assistance.

"One veteran needed home replacement assistance and was placed in a

retirement home to help them during this time," said White. "But one of the main issues that the veterans have is getting their records, so one of our goals is to get a better partnership with the National Archives, so we can have a communication line with them to help our veterans in retrieving their records. [Many] family members come in and try to retrieve [records]. The National Archives does come through with a lot of records, such as where the veteran was stationed and even sometimes photos during their time in the military."

## Veterans Services News

The Veterans Services Program staff members are continuing to work from home, but they will accommodate any veteran who would like to meet one-on-one.

"We are still offering services during the pandemic. We agreed as a team to [allow veterans to] come in by appoint-

ment and meet [with us] on a one-on-one basis," said Truax. "We have had some help from the American Legion on doing some outreach for benefit claims and increased service rates. We are also still trying to work with someone who can help veterans with costs for their education, but we haven't had any veterans come in asking for education assistance."

SRPMIC Veterans Services is now on social media; follow them on Instagram at saltriver\_veterans1879 and on Facebook at srpmicvets.

"We are going to be [posting] a lot of information for veterans," said White. "Not just on the holidays, but information that will benefit the SRPMIC veterans."

## Veterans: Share Your Stories

The SRPMIC Veterans Affairs team would like to share stories of Community veterans. We are actively calling upon Community veterans and their families to tell their stories. Please call (480) 362-7884 or contact us on social media if you have information, pictures or anything you would like to share.

We encourage everyone to follow and support SRPMIC Veterans Affairs and all our Community warriors on social media (Instagram at saltriver\_veterans1879 and on Facebook at srpmicvets).

## BEGAN MILITARY CAREER ON BACK OF HORSE

### MERVIN RINGLERO - U.S. ARMY (WWII)

Merv Ringlero's love of horses inspired him to join the U.S. Army cavalry.

Ringlero was among the first group of soldiers to volunteer to leave Arizona and travel to Fort Bliss in El Paso, Texas, for basic training. The group included several Pima, Maricopa and Papago men.

Ringlero transferred to Louisiana in summer 1941. He knew that war was going to break out, but he didn't know where or when. Then on December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor was attacked by the Japanese.

The cavalry units were being replaced by newer military weaponry and tactics, so, they were not needed at that time. He requested a transfer to the Paratroopers.

Some of Ringlero's unit went to the 101st Airborne (Screaming Eagles) and the 82nd Airborne. He went to an outfit in Czechoslovakia to fight alongside the Czech partisans. He was there in May 1945 when Germany surrendered.

His outfit was sent back to the United States; after a 30-day furlough, they were headed to Japan to continue fighting. But in August 1945 the atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, ending the war. Ringlero said, "I was very lucky that I didn't get any wounds."



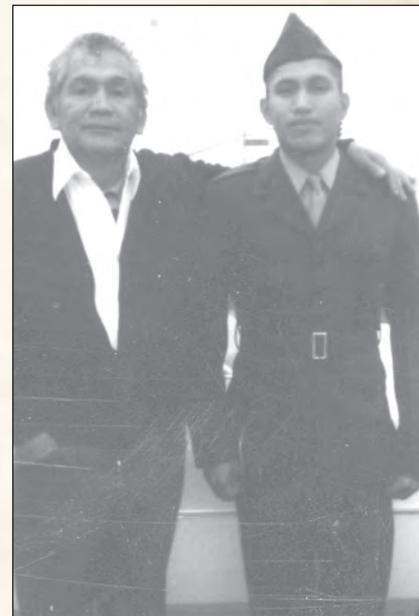
## FROM LONG LINE OF VETERANS

### ANTHONY MARTINEZ - U.S.M.C./ U.S. Army (Operation Just Cause - Panama)

Anthony Martinez grew up in a military family. He is the son of a veteran, the late Felix Martinez, and the brother of veterans Joe and Jimmy Martinez. Martinez wanted to follow in the footsteps of the men in his family and serve his country.

Martinez was a part of the Third Battalion of the 9th Regiment, which in December 1989 left for Operation Just Cause in Panama. The mission was to enter and clear Panama City of Panamanian Defense Force members and Dignity Battalion members (armed civilians paid by President Manuel Noriega), depose Noriega and secure control of the Panama Canal.

"[When] we got to Panama, we have on full gear, climb into this bus driving through Panama City, and then we start getting sniper fire. We all jump out of the bus, and it was just so frustrating because I had grenades, everyone (in his unit) had them on—just pull that little pin and we could all just go," said Martinez.



Meagan Leigh Charlie. U.S. Army

**IT IS A GOOD THING, BUT IT IS HARD ON THE FAMILY**

**MERLIN SCHURZ - U.S. Navy (Korea)**

The Korean War was termed “The Forgotten War” because it took place between World War II and the Vietnam War, with little media coverage. The Korean War officially took place from June 1950 to July 1953. There never was a formal declaration of war by Congress, nor was there a treaty or an official end to the war. Because of these facts, the Korean War is referred to as a “police action” or a “conflict.”

Merlin Schurz enlisted in the Navy on January 3, 1949.

Schurz recalled, “My time in Korea including [sailing] up and down the east coast of Korea, bombing different places.”

He spoke of different experiences with his fellow sailors, many of them funny and joyful, that helped build unity among them. When he reflected on his service time, it includes thoughts about his own family, a wife and two small children at the time, who were foremost on his mind. He said, “It is a good thing, but it is hard on the family. Soldiers leave ... you have to leave your family.”

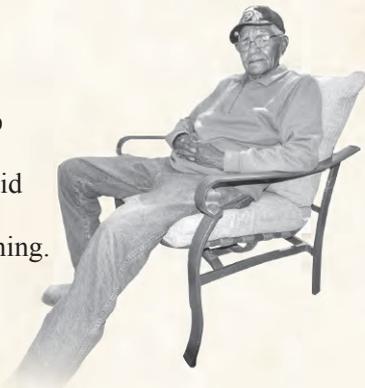
He added, “When I was in the war, I thought about my two boys, how they were going to be without me [if I did not come back]. I thought about this a lot.”

Lastly, he offered, “If you go into the military, you are going [in] to protect your Community; you are like a warrior.”



**DANNY HARVIER - U.S.M.C (Korea)**

“Right after high school (in 1954) I signed up with the Marines, and I was stationed at Camp Pendleton, located in San Diego, California,” said Harvier. “I had a lot of fun when I was in boot camp, even though it was very strict and everything. I enjoyed it the most; it taught me a lot.”



**BEING IN THE JUNGLE FOR THAT LONG CHANGES A PERSON**

**CLARENCE THOMAS - U.S. Army/82nd Airborne (Panama & Honduras)**

“We did 30 days at a time in the jungles of Panama. You go into the jungle human and come home inhuman. Being in the jungle for that long changes a person. It took a lot out of me,” said Thomas.

For Community veterans who may be living with negative emotions after their time in the military, “Don’t give up,” said Thomas. “Learn to communicate more. Find people to talk to and connect back with your families. Don’t let anger and depression get the best of you. Don’t isolate yourself.”



Arthur Cameron served in the Army during the Vietnam conflict.



Broderick B. Antone, U.S. Army (P-T during Desert Shield/ Desert Storm Era).



Community Veterans Day, 2009.

**SERVED 20 YEARS IN THE U.S. ARMY**

**GREGORY VINCENT - U.S. Army (Vietnam, Gulf War, Granada, and Panama)**

As a young boy, Gregory Vincent said he was bound for the military. “Growing up as a kid I was always playing with toy soldiers, model planes and ships, and watched every war movie possible,” he said.

He was assigned to the 55th Aviation Company, U.S. 8th Army. This is where Vincent would find his Army career, learning how to repair radios on helicopters and other Army aircraft. He said, “The pilot will have to rely on this instrument. I repaired that radio to be seen by radar, and that was my job.” He was assigned to 35/20 avionics, navigation and flight control repairman jobs.

Vincent had been in the aviation club in high school, so it was no surprise to him that he would be working with helicopters. He earned an honorable discharge after serving 20 years in the U.S. Army. After his discharge, he returned to Salt River.



**CONFLICT WAS OVER**

**LAURETTA JOHNSON - U.S. Army WAC (Vietnam)**

Lauretta Johnson served her country during the controversial Vietnam War. Although she didn’t serve any tours, she is still proud of her accomplishments during those five years. She entered the military at 19 years old, right after high school graduation.

Johnson said she went to basic training more prepared than most girls because she had attended the Stewart Indian School in Nevada. After basic training, Johnson spent one year on active duty and spent another four years in the Army Reserves.

She considered herself lucky because, “wherever I wanted to go, I could go.” At the time, females and minorities were needed in almost every area of service. She spent those four years at a post in the Scottsdale area.

The Army asked her, “If you had to go fight for your country, would you go?” She said, “It was difficult to answer, especially when I knew I might be required to kill someone. I didn’t want to go to Vietnam, but I would eventually have to. Luckily, a year later the conflict was over.” Johnson was not deployed.



## LEARNED MENTAL TOUGHNESS

**E. PACER REINA - U.S. Army Airborne (Operation Desert Storm)**

In April 1988, Edward "Pacer" Reina, III joined the U.S. Army a month before he graduated from high school. After basic training, Reina went to Airborne School and jumped out of planes dozens of times.

"When that chute opens up and I'm floating down, it's the most peaceful thing in the world. Flight has always fascinated me, and having that ability is like you're walking on clouds," Reina said.

He served with the Charlie Company, Second Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division. He spent time in Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

Reina returned home in 1992 after being honorably discharged.

"Now I think about everything, life in general, I find that there are still peaks and valleys and everyone has their highs and lows. But that mental toughness I developed at Airborne school and later on with the 82nd Airborne Division and going into a combat zone helped me overcome the challenges," he said.



## DID NOT RE-ENLIST, I WANTED TO GET OUT AND GO HOME TO LEHI

**FILMORE CARLOS - U.S. Army Airborne (Korea)**



Filmore Carlos served with the 82nd Airborne Division. "I was assigned to [the 508th Regiment]. I became a heavy automatic weapons instructor/teacher; I was a cadre. Even though I had limited experience with automatic weapons, I learned the whole mechanical process. I picked it up just like that [snaps his fingers]."

When Carlos' time in the military ended, he did not re-enlist. "I went through my mustering out, because I wanted to get out and go home to Lehi."



## I AM JUST THANKFUL I AM ALIVE

**Delbert W. Ray Sr. - U.S.M.C. (Vietnam)**



Former Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community President Delbert W. Ray Sr. enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in April 1969, when he was 21.

"I joined the Marine Corps because I wanted to do more with my life," he said.

"[My skill] was in the area of engineering, so I was a heavy equipment mechanic/operator," Ray said. "We did a lot of taking equipment apart and replacing parts. That was my military occupation specialty for three years. This is also what I did when I was stationed in Vietnam."

When his unit arrived in Vietnam, they were vulnerable.

"When you land, you have no weapons and there [were] bombings all on the way, and it finally dawned on me that this stuff is real," Ray said.

Ray's job during the war was putting landing zones together for helicopters. "When we were there, we were out on the field a lot ... so we were out in the bush a lot, which was located in central Vietnam," he said.

Ray noted that he was actually in the war at the same time as his brother, Jonah. "He was in the northern part and I was in the central part," he said.

"I am just thankful I am alive," said Ray. "I think the worst part of the whole Vietnam thing was coming back home, which was around the same time as the [Vietnam War protests] were happening. We were all happy to be home; [but] then [we were] getting off the plane, having people yelling at us, being ungrateful and not knowing what took place. I still have bad feelings about that time...."

Ray finished his tour of duty in April 1972.



Community Veterans Virgil Brown Jr., U.S. Marine Corp.; Kayzehn Enas, U.S. Marine Corp and Rueben C. Thomas, U.S. Marine Corp. were welcomed home by the Community.



## EARNED A PURPLE HEART FOR SAVING THE LIFE OF FELLOW SOLDIER

**EVERETT RHOADES - A.Z.N.G. 158 RCT (WWII)**

Everett Rhoades spent five years in the army, enlisting at 18 and discharged at 23. He served in the National Guard, 158th Infantry, later known as the famed "Bushmasters."

On December 7, 1941, came the attack on Pearl Harbor. The war was on.

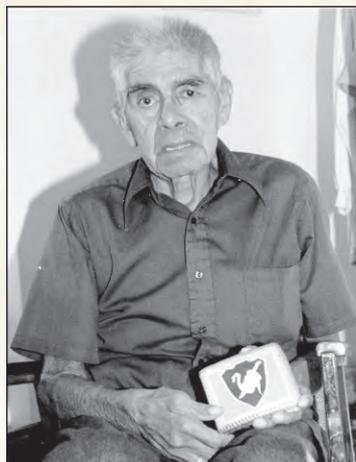
The 158th Infantry was sent to the Panama Canal Zone, a vital and vulnerable part of America's defense system. In Panama they constantly trained for jungle warfare and became acquainted with the deadly Bushmaster snake, which later gave its name to the 158th Regimental Combat Team.

Rhoades said, "We fought all the way from the East Indies to the Philippines."

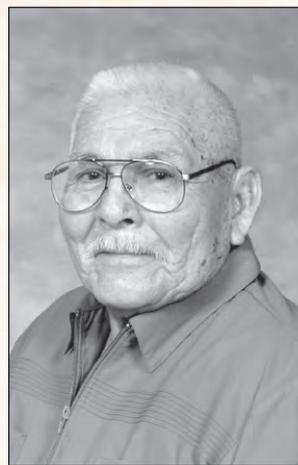
Rhoades left for home June 18, 1945. It would take a little over 2 months to make it back to Salt River. He said, "After arriving home, there was no Community celebration—nothing."

When asked if he would do it again, without hesitation he replied, "Of course!"

Everett Rhoades earned a Purple Heart for saving the life of fellow soldier Billy LeFan during World War II.



Everett Rhoades enlisted at the age of 18 and would spend five years of his life serving his country. He is shown here with the Bushmaster patch on his wallet.



Harrison Rhoades designed the Bushmasters shoulder patch for the 158th Regimental Combat Team. He designed it with a shield, machete and a snake. "In Panama, there is a [snake called the] bushmaster, similar to the rattlesnake in Arizona except it is a jungle snake," said Rhoades. "That is where we got the name 'Bushmasters' for the 158th Regiment."



## FOUGHT ALONGSIDE BROTHER EVERETT

**HARRISON RHOADES - A.Z.N.G. 158 RCT (WWII)**

In 1937 Harrison Rhoades joined the Army National Guard along with his brother Everett.

When Pearl Harbor was attacked by Japanese planes on December 7, 1941, "The Japanese made a sneak attack on American ships; they sunk the USS Arizona, which was the largest ship there," Rhoades said. "During that time, I was stationed with the Army's 45th Infantry Division in Louisiana, where we were doing jungle-type training." He would later become part of the 158th Infantry Regiment and be sent along with his brother to protect the Panama Canal.

In 1943, Rhoades was stationed with the 158th in Brisbane, Australia, for six months; they then went to New Guinea and saw combat with the Japanese.

During this time, Rhoades had his brother Everett with him, explained Rhoades' daughter, Pauline Antone. The brothers were together in the same regiment fighting side by side during those five years, and they came back home together.

## SERVED IN THE 11TH COMBAT CARGO SQUADRON

**LESTER MANUEL - U.S. Army Air Corps (WWII)**

After graduating in 1942, Manuel worked at the Richmond Shipyards in California. There he was drafted into the Army and shipped to Florida for basic training. He took airplane mechanic training at Gulfport, Mississippi. His job was to ensure that planes were in good flying condition.

Manuel became part of a crew that consisted of a pilot, co-pilot, radio operator and flight engineer. In 1945 his crew flew a brand-new plane from Bangor, Maine, to Cairo, Egypt, where they opened "sealed orders" and found out their destination was the Assam Valley in northern Burma. He and his crew flew a C-47 cargo plane transporting oil and flying back wounded soldiers from Rangoon, Burma, to India. They also air-dropped supplies to Allied soldiers who were working on the Burma Road.

Although he and his crew saw no combat, Manuel said, "We were careful of the enemy...sometimes flying only 100 feet above the ground. Some planes didn't come back."

After the war, in 1946, a month-long ship ride brought Manuel back to the U.S. When he arrived in Mesa, he walked the five miles home because he wanted to enjoy every "step" of the way.

Manuel said, "It was good to be home!"



Lester Manuel stands outside the Deepak Mahal.

APPROXIMATELY 10,000 NATIVE AMERICANS SERVED IN THE KOREAN WAR CONFLICT AND THREE OF THEM WERE AWARDED THE MEDAL OF HONOR.

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BETWEEN 1941  
AND 1945  
IN BOTH  
EUROPEAN AND  
PACIFIC  
THEATERS OF  
WAR.

## DEMOLITION EXPERT IN VIETNAM WAR

**BURLEIGH SAUNDERS - U.S. Army SF (Vietnam)**



(L) Burleigh Saunders and his comrades.

In the late 1950s, at age 17, Burleigh Saunders made the decision to willingly join the military rather than waiting to be drafted.

"I knew if I were drafted they would put me in a line company, a straight-leg infantry," said Saunders about why he enlisted. "I didn't want that. If I enlisted, I would have my choice of duty station."

Saunders attended Army basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia as well as Jump School and Ranger School. He later moved to Fort Bragg in North Carolina for Special Forces training.

Saunders eventually was sent to Vietnam, assigned to the U.S. Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG), where he helped the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) train in tactics. He did two and a half tours there.

Saunders' specialty was demolitions; he was called on to clear pathways for helicopters to drop off equipment and supplies.

When he was discharged, Saunders ended up at Travis Air Force Base in Solano, California.

"I just thought 'home, home, home, home,'" said Saunders about his long journey back to the United States. When he was in California, Vietnam soldiers were advised not to wear their uniforms outside the gates of the base. Saunders wondered why. They did not realize how strong the anti-Vietnam War protests had become in this country.

"I was proud to wear [my uniform]," he said.

After another long journey, Saunders finally made it back to Phoenix. When he arrived, he cried and hugged his parents and told them he missed them.

"We were only doing what we were supposed to do," said Saunders. "But I was always glad to get home. I don't care where you go, there is no place like home."

## AIR FORCE COMMENDATION MEDAL

**GENE O. JUAN - U.S.A.F. (Vietnam)**

Master Sergeant Gene O. Juan distinguished himself by meritorious service as Chief, Select Print Unit, Photographic Laboratory Branch, Operations Division, Intelligence Research Center, Deputy Chief of Staff Operations and Intelligence, Headquarters United States Air Forces in Europe, Wiesbaden Air Base, Germany, from 8 July 1977 to 2 August 1980.



## REFUSED TO QUIT

**IRVIN KAVOKA - U.S. Army (WWII)**

Irvin Kavoka might have missed out on the fighting, but he still contributed as a U.S. Army duty soldier and mail clerk serving between two wars.

Although Kavoka was willing to enlist, he failed his first army physical due to a bad knee from a football injury. Later he was drafted, and the same knee injury that disqualified him before was overlooked during his second army physical.

After eight weeks of training, his knee went out again and he was taken to the hospital. The doctor offered him a medical discharge. Kavoka was disappointed, but he refused the discharge.

The army brass let him choose any place in the U.S. and he chose Arkansas where he began training as an alternate mail clerk. He liked it, because "It was just like a regular job." And he was good at it. But soon after he began, Kavoka encountered discrimination, so the colonel, Col. Wheeling, transferred him.

One day, Kavoka remembered, Col. Wheeling said to a group of officers, "I'm going to tell you something. I like Indian soldiers. ... [They're] good fighters, especially at night ... I was a captain in World War II ... I'm proud of them, I had them under my command, and I know they are good and most of them are from Salt River ... Don't be afraid—if you ever go to battle with an Indian, they'll take care of you."

"It made me feel good ... talking about all the Indians,"

Kavoka said.

The army wanted him to re-enlist and travel for further training at Staten Island, New York. "I'd rather go home," Kavoka said.

## LEARNED THAT I WASN'T INVINCIBLE

**MICHAEL WAGNER - U.S. Army (Iraq)**



Michael Wagner had two deployments in the military. "During my first deployment, I felt invincible. Almost like nobody could hurt me. I had that attitude," he said. "But IEDs (improvised explosive devices) were going off, and people were getting shot or hit with RPGs (rocket-propelled grenades). We lost about eight people in my squadron during my first deployment."

The next deployment wasn't so bad. "Fortunately, during my second deployment I was only hit with two IEDs. I soon learned that I wasn't invincible and that I was blessed to be alive and returning home."

Kavoka wanted to make it clear that "I'm not bragging about myself. These boys who had been to war, were in action ... I want them to know that an officer was proud about all those Indians, gave them a good name. That's what I want them to know."



# UNITED STATES NAVY



**ROBERT AGUILAR**  
U.S. Navy  
(Vietnam)



**MYLES ANTONE**  
U.S. Navy  
(Boatswain Mate, 2nd Class)  
(WWII)



**DONALD RAYMOND CHIAGO**  
U.S. Navy  
(WWII)



**BONAVENTURE EASCHIEF**  
U.S. Navy



**CECIL FULWILDER**  
U.S. Navy (P-T)  
(Korea)



**CLYDE WARREN FULWILDER**  
U.S. Navy  
(Korea)



**OREN FULWILDER**  
U.S. Navy  
(Lebanon 1979-85)



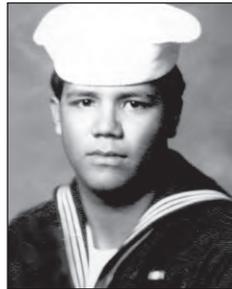
**EUGENE B. HOWARD**  
U.S. Navy  
108th Army Band  
(WWII)



**JASPER JAMES**  
U.S. Navy  
(WWII)



**LEONARD JUAN**  
U.S.N.R.  
(WWII)



**FRANKLIN K. KAUAKAHI**  
U.S. Navy



**SIMON MAKIL**  
U.S. Navy  
(WWII)



**BENNETT MANUEL**  
U.S. Navy  
(Vietnam)



**LUCAS THOMAS MARTINEZ**  
U.S. Navy  
(WWII)



**CARROLL O. OSIF**  
U.S. Navy  
(WWII)



**DANIEL VAN OSIF**  
U.S. Navy



**MURRY PACHECO**  
U.S. Navy  
(WWII)



**ROSE RINGLERO**  
U.S. Navy  
(WWII)



**ANTHONY THOMAS JR.**  
U.S. Navy  
(WWII)



**RAYMOND VALENZUELA**  
U.S. Navy  
(WWII)



**VERNON VEST**  
U.S. Navy



**JUAN WILSON JR.**  
U.S. Navy

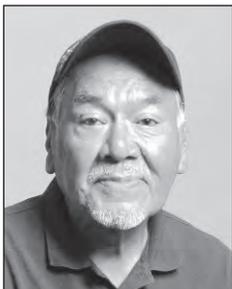


**GORDON W. WOOD**  
U.S. Navy (P-T)



# UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

## LONGTIME RESIDENT VETERAN



**CHARLES "CHUCK" HARRISON**  
U.S. Army  
(Vietnam)



**LARRY HOWARD**  
U.S.A.F.  
(Korea)



**GENE JUAN**  
U.S.A.F.  
(Vietnam)



**JOSE RAMON**  
U.S.A.F.

**IN HONOR OF THOSE WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY**

# UNITED STATES ARMY



**HARVIER ADAMS**  
U.S. Army 158th  
Infantry Co. "R"  
(WWI-C.O.F.)



**THERON ANDREAS**  
U.S. Army  
(WWII & Korea)



**MICHAEL L. ANDREWS, SR.**  
U.S. ARMY  
(Korea)



**BRODERICK B. ANTONE**  
U.S. Army  
(P-T during Desert Shield/  
Desert Storm)



**DARRELL R. ANTONE**  
U.S. Army  
(Vietnam)



**EDGAR ANTONE**  
U.S. Army  
(WWII)



**WALLACE ANTONE**  
U.S. Calvary/ARMY  
(WWII)



**CHARLES COUGH**  
U.S. Army  
(WWII)



**DANIEL DALTON**  
U.S. Army



**CHARLES T. DONAHUE**  
U.S. Army  
(Vietnam)



**GEORGE EMERSON**  
U.S. Calvary/ARMY  
(WWII)



**DAVID EASCHEIF**  
U.S. Army



**ALFRED FERGUSON**  
U.S. Army



**ALBERT FRENCH, SR.**  
U.S. Army  
(WWII)



**RYLE A. HOWARD**  
U.S. Army  
(Korea)



**BLINDEN C. JACKSON**  
U.S. Army  
(WWII)



**DEAN JACKSON**  
U.S. Army  
(WWII)



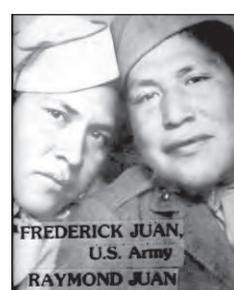
**JOSEPH ANTHONY  
JAMES**  
U.S. Army  
(2nd Armored Division,  
State Side)



**PATRICK JAMES, JR.**  
U.S. Army  
(Iraq)



**LAURETTA F. JOHNSON**  
U.S. Army  
WAQ  
(Vietnam)



**FREDERICK JUAN,  
RAYMOND JUAN**

U.S. Army  
(WWII)  
RAYMOND JUAN  
U.S.M.C.



**JAMES MACIAS, SR.**  
U.S. Army  
(P-T)



**LAZARUS L. MANUEL, SR.**  
U.S. Army  
(WWII)



**LESTER MANUEL**  
U.S. Army Air Corps  
(WWII)



**NORMAN OSIF**  
U.S. Army  
(WWII)



**ALFRED PERKINS**  
U.S. Army  
(WWII)



**JONAH F. RAY, SR.**  
U.S. Army  
(WWII)



**EDWARD P. REINA, III**  
U.S. Army/Airborne  
(Desert Storm)



**FRED K. SAUNDERS, JR.**  
U.S. Army  
(P-T)



**MELVIN L. SHAW**  
U.S. Army  
(Vietnam)



**RODERICK SHAW**  
U.S. Army  
(WWII)



**ADOLF STROUSE**  
U.S. Army  
(WWII)



**HERMAN STROUSE**  
U.S. Army  
(WWII)



**JESSIE R. THOMAS**  
U.S. Army



**VERNON (BROWN)  
THOMAS**  
U.S. Army  
(Korea)

served our country

# UNITED STATES ARMY



**ELIJAH BISACCA**  
U.S. Army  
(82nd Airborne Division  
Operation Inherent Resolve)

**LAWRENCE A. BUTLER**  
U.S. Army  
(WWII)

**ARTHUR CAMERON**  
U.S. Army  
(Vietnam)

**JUSTIN CARLOS, SR.**  
U.S. Army  
(WWII)

**AL CHARLIE**  
U.S. Army / Airborne  
(Iraq)

**MEAGAN CHARLIE**  
U.S. Army  
(Iraq)

**GREGORY CHIAGO**  
U.S. Army  
(Vietnam)



**CLAYTON FULWILDER**  
U.S. Army  
(WWII)

**MARJORIE GATES  
WHITLOCK**  
U.S. Army WAC  
(WWII)

**LLEWELLYN GEORGE**  
U.S. Army /11th Airborne  
(Korea)

**ROBERT GOODWIN**  
U.S. Army

**DOUGLAS GREY, JR.**  
U.S. Army  
(P-T)

**DALLAS HOWARD**  
U.S. Army  
(Korea)

**RICHARD A. HOWARD**  
U.S. Army/ 82nd Airborne  
(Desert Storm)



**MATTHEW B. JUAN**  
U.S. ARMY  
(WWI)

**IRVIN KAVOKA**  
U.S. Army  
(WWII)

**DAVID LEWIS**  
U.S. ARMY

**LEROY LEWIS**  
U.S. Army  
(WWII)

**ROGER LEWIS**  
U.S. Army  
(WWII & Korea)

**GERALD LORING**  
U.S. Army  
(P-T)

**PHILLIP LORING**  
U.S. Army  
(WWII)



**LOUIS RINGLER, JR.**  
U.S. Army  
(WWII)

**MERVIN RINGLER**  
U.S. Army  
(WWII)

**WILLIAM RIVERS, JR.**  
U.S. Army  
(WWII)

**FELIPE ROSERO**  
U.S. Army  
(Vietnam)

**JOSEPH S. ROSERO**  
U.S. Army  
(Vietnam/Thailand)

**SAMUEL E. ROSERO**  
U.S. Army  
(Germany)

**SGT. BURLEIGH  
SAUNDERS, SR.**  
U.S. Army SF  
(Vietnam)



**GREGORY VINCENT**  
U.S. Army  
(Vietnam, Gulf War,  
Granada, and Panama)

**MICHAEL W. WAGNER**  
U.S. Army  
(Iraq)

**FREDERICK R.  
WASHINGTON, SR.**  
U.S. Army  
(Vietnam)

**JOHN WILSON**  
U.S. Army  
(Vietnam)

**GOING THE DISTANCE FROM NAVY TO BASEBALL**

**BOB AGUILAR - U.S. Navy (Vietnam)**

Lehi Community member Robert Aguilar (Maricopa/Pima/Paiute) started playing baseball as a child in the 1950s. After high school, he joined the U.S. Navy. While in boot camp at the U.S. Naval Training Center in San Diego, he saw an announcement asking for interested baseball players and before he knew it, he was on the team.

“I played ball with the Naval Training Center Bluejackets for a year,” said Aguilar. The team played games against other military teams and college teams in California.

In Hawaii, his team was able to play against a lot of college teams because there was only one team in that state and he said it would be senseless to travel that distance to play a game and go back to the mainland the next day, so the colleges would play the military team as well.

After Navy training in San Diego and his stint in Hawaii, Aguilar traveled around the world. He went overseas twice and was stationed on a Navy ship for two years. He was back playing baseball again just before getting discharged from the Navy.

“I gained a lot of skills being in the Navy as a machinery repairman, working with the pumps and steam generators,” he said. He continued to utilize the skills he learned in the Navy when he became a civilian. He said it was easy to find work in San Francisco, where he lived for several years with his father’s family members. Years later, he returned to Arizona and worked as a welder for the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

“I want to inspire young people who play sports to continue playing after high school, maybe in college or in the military, because it can take you places like it did for me,” he said.



**BOB AGUILAR - U.S. Navy (Vietnam)**

**ALFRED FERGUSON - U.S. ARMY**

Pvt. Alfred Ferguson, 28 years old, was killed in action in France on February 5, his mother, Mrs. Josephine Ferguson of Mesa, has been informed by the war department.

Private Ferguson, a Maricopa Indian and resident of the Lehi Indian Reservation, near Mesa, attended Phoenix Indian School. He had been a member of the Arizona National Guard, and had served his five years and had been discharged before Pearl Harbor. He was taken into the army in April 1943, and had been overseas for 1 1/2 years.

With a tank division of the Fifth Army, Private Ferguson was in the invasion of North Africa, went through Tunisia, Sicily and Anzio. He recently was transferred to the Seventh Army. His division was the first to get into Rome.

Besides his mother, he leaves a sister, Ida Sebahe of the Lehi reservation and a brother, Pfc. Josiah Ferguson, now serving with the marines in the Pacific.



**NEWSPAPER CLIPPING OF ALFRED FERGUSON KILLED IN ACTION IN 1945.**

*Submitted by Alfred's brother, Josiah Ferguson.*



**Kayzahn Enas - U.S.M.C-R (Iraq)**

“I made it and I graduated. It’s one of the proudest moments in my life and my family’s. I wanted to do something for myself that nobody could take away from me. I wanted to do something that not everybody can say they did and to bring pride to my family name. I wanted to make my parents proud and my grandparents proud.”



**DRAFTED FOR THE VIETNAM WAR**

**ALVIN MILES - U.S. Army (Vietnam)**

Alvin Miles remembers the day in 1967 when he received a letter stating that he and several other young men were to report to the Induction Center in Phoenix. They had been drafted for the Vietnam War.

Miles reported along with his friends. Fortunately, the friends were able to stick together through basic training, Advanced Infantry training and Jump School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

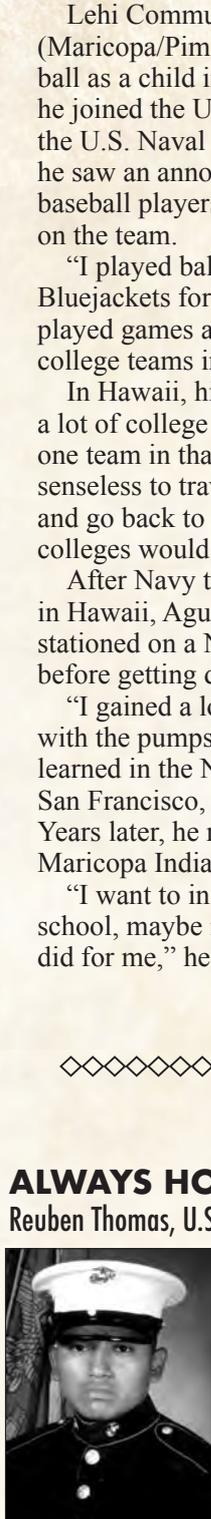
After that, Miles visited his family for two weeks before shipping out to Vietnam, where he and his friends became known as the “Crazy Bunch.”

“We were crazy because [we were] always volunteering to be point men by leading the company to make sure we weren’t walking up to the enemy lines, and we would volunteer to bring up the rear and make sure no one was following us,” said Miles. “It was very dangerous, because you were the only one back waiting to see if anyone was coming.”



**ALWAYS HONOR YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR COUNTRY**

**Reuben Thomas, U.S.M.C. (Iraq)**



Reuben Thomas decided to join the military after high school in 1996.

“I enlisted because my family has had a long history of serving in the military and it was always a positive thing,” said Thomas.

Three days after high school graduation, he left for boot camp in California.

“I learned the basic fundamentals: honor, courage and commitment,” said Thomas. “Always honor your family and your country, and if you’re going to do something, be committed to it, whether it’s military or your job.”

Thomas started out in boot camp, or Marine Corps Recruit Training, in San Diego, and then was in North Carolina before serving a year in Okinawa, Japan. “I even got deployed to Iraq,” he said.

“It’s a little intimidating when you are 18 years old and away from home. It’s a big world and at the same time it’s a small place, because you are still with the Marine Corps,” said Thomas.

He served from 1997 to 2005. After returning home, Thomas said he was more disciplined.

“It helped me realize what direction I wanted to go,” said Thomas. “I apply some of the methods I have learned from the military to get stuff done—not as hard or tough as the military. I never had a negative experience in the military. It was a learning experience throughout the years.”



**WITH RESPECT, HONOR AND GRATITUDE**

**Thank You to All Members of Our Military**

**in All Branches  
Past and Present  
Living and Dead**