



# VETERANS DAY

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## A Message for Our Community Veterans and Family Members

Dear Members and Friends of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community,

The "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918 signaled the end of World War I, otherwise known as Armistice Day. In 1926, Congress passed a resolution for an annual observance to honor and thank all military personnel who served the United States honorably during war or peacetime, and in 1938 it would become a national holiday. Later in 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower would change the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

On this Veterans Day, let us not forget the services of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community veterans past and present who served our great country and represented our Community. In the following pages you will see more than 450 O'odham and Piipaash men and women who served alongside their brothers and sisters from other tribal nations.

We honor and thank all veterans past, present and future who have proudly served and sacrificed for our country.

To these brave and selfless individuals, who had to leave our homelands and travel far away to protect our freedom and country, we owe a debt of gratitude. We also need to thank their families for the sacrifices they too made.

When the late World War II veteran Lester Manuel returned home, he got off the train in Mesa with his duffel bag and began walking home. A motorist stopped and asked him if he wanted a ride. Lester said no. He explained that it felt good to have the (Community) dirt beneath his feet and the joy he felt seeing all the cottonwood trees along the river and in the fields.

Some Community soldiers were wounded, physically or mentally, while others did not make it home. Let us not forget.

Each year the names of all our veterans will be read during the Veterans Day roll call as a reminder of what they did for our country and Community.

I encourage you to take a moment and visit with our veterans, even if it is just to shake their hand and say, "Thank you for your service."

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is eternally grateful for each soldier's courage and the sacrifice they made to preserve and protect our country's values and freedom.

Please join us on November 11 at 9 a.m., when the Community will honor our SRP-MIC veterans at the Two Waters Complex.

Sincerely,

Martin Harvier  
SRPMIC President



# 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)  
**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. Army WAC (WWII)  
**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.**

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# UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS



**RALLO BAPTISTO**  
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  
(P-T)



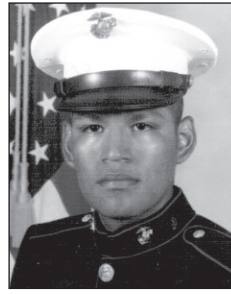
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**DANNY HARVIER**  
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(Korea)



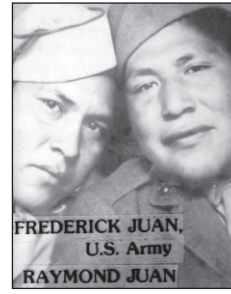
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(Korea)



**GLENN DAVID JIM**  
U.S.M.C



**HERMAN C. JUAN**  
U.S.M.C  
(WWII)



**FREDERICK JUAN, U.S. Army**  
**RAYMOND JUAN**  
U.S. Army  
RAYMOND JUAN  
U.S.M.C.  
(Korea)



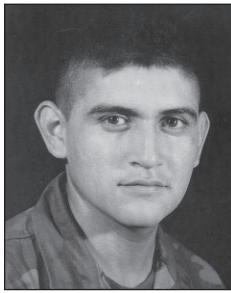
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U.S.M.C.  
(Vietnam)



**ANTHONY G. MARTINEZ**  
U.S.M.C / U.S. ARMY  
(Panama)



**RAY C. MARTINEZ**  
U.S.M.C - R



**GARY D. MORENO**  
U.S.M.C  
(Vietnam)



**FERNANDO PETE PADILLA**  
U.S.M.C  
(Vietnam)



**JOHN K. RINGLERO**  
U.S.M.C  
(Korea)



**GARY L. THOMAS**  
U.S.M.C  
(Vietnam 1966-70)



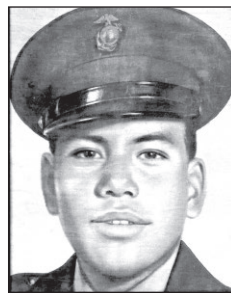
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**MELVIN THOMAS**  
U.S.M.C  
(P-T)



**PAUL L. THOMAS**  
U.S.M.C



**PHILLIP THOMAS**  
U.S.M.C  
(Korea)



**REUBEN C. THOMAS**  
U.S.M.C - R  
(Iraq)



**HARVEY WILSON**  
U.S.M.C



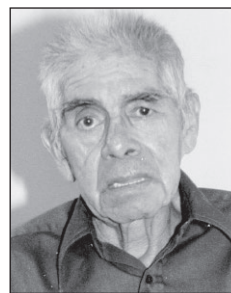
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(Desert Storm)



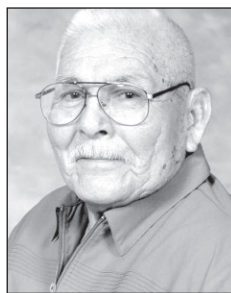
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U.S.M.C



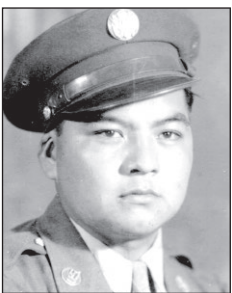
**PERCY OSIF**  
A.Z.N.G. 158th Infantry  
(WWII)



**EVERETT RHOADES**  
A.Z.N.G. 158th Infantry  
(WWII)



**HARRISON RHOADES**  
A.Z.N.G. 158th Infantry  
(WWII)



**HIRAM VALENZUELA**  
A.Z.N.G. Co. F  
158th Infantry  
(WWII)

## ARIZONA NATIONAL GUARD



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

# VETERAN PROFILE: ROBERT "BOB" CHIAGO

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by friendly fire.

The bomb concussion destroyed bunkers. Chiago's bunker was one of the lucky ones. "All of a sudden things shook—it felt like flash can in the whole bunker," he said.

Chiago supervised evacuations and assigned soldiers to watch the perimeter for the enemy.

His time in Con Thien was part of Operation Kingfisher, which was carried out from July 16 to October 31, 1967. In the operation, 340 people died and 1,461 were wounded.

Chiago took part in other missions in Vietnam before heading back home. He went on to have a career in education in a variety of roles that took him to multiple states in the Southwest, including time with the Education Department of Salt River.

Anyone interested in joining the military should do some research first, Chiago offered. "Get on the

Internet and do some research on which [military] branch [you'd like to join], meet those qualifications and join. It's a good opportunity. I learned more when I was in the Marine Corps than [I did in] college or anywhere else. You have to be persistent and continue to get after it."

To read an unclassified document online that explains more about Chiago's tour and the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines, visit <https://www.vietnam.ttu.edu/reports/images.php?img=/images/1201/1201056010.pdf>.

## Marines Force Cong To Try Psychology

PHU BAI Vietnam—"Maybe it's a little frightening but it's just one more way of measuring our progress and the effectiveness of our program."

Lt. Robert K. Chiago commanding officer of a Combined Action Company summarized a recent psychological barrage directed by the Viet Cong at the company in the hamlet of Thuy Phuong.

For several nights recently VC loudspeakers have been telling the people to leave the area. The broadcast messages also tell the

Vietnamese Popular Forces troops serving with the CAC unit that they will be granted safe passage if they leave, but warned that all Marines would be killed.

"We must be a thorn in their side," Chiago said.

"Why else would they bother to go to all this trouble? Now it becomes a matter of saving face. The Viet Cong have told the people they are going to get rid of us and now they must try."

Thuy Phuong was a hotbed of Viet Cong activity when the CAC unit moved into the area in the spring of 1966.

"Not only did the Viet Cong say they would kill all the Marines in the company but they also began to threaten the people, warning them they would burn their homes if they cooperated with the Marines," Chiago said.

"It may be a little backhanded but this is another sure way to gauge our progress."

## Three Submarine Changes at Pearl

PEARL HARBOR — A triple-header change of command ceremony took place at the Submarine Base here.

The ceremony marked changes in three submarine divisions—SubDiv 71, SubDiv 72 and Sub Div 73.

Capt. M. A. Horn was relieved of command of Submarine Division 71 by Comdr. E. M. Cummings. Comdr. G. F. Gauthier relieved Comdr. T. F. Davis as skipper of Submarine Division 72. Comdr. B. P. Williams Jr. relieved Comdr. H. N. Lacombe Jr. as commander of Submarine Division 73.

## Maceda Is Cited

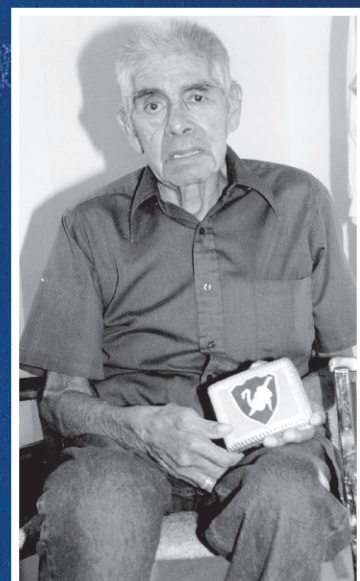
REAM FIELD, Calif. — Steward Second D. D. Maceda has been selected as Ream Field's "Man of the Month" for June. He is wardroom supervisor at the Officers Club.

## The Marines Hymn

From the Halls of  
Montezuma  
To the shores of Tripoli;  
We fight our country's  
battles  
In the air, on land,  
and sea;  
First to fight for right and  
freedom  
And to keep our  
honor clean;  
We are proud to claim the  
title  
Of United States  
Marine.

**140,000**  
living Native  
Americans are  
veterans. 11.5  
percent of  
these veterans  
are female, as  
compared to 8  
percent of all other  
ethnicities.

Source: <https://americanindian.si.edu/nnavm/heroes/>



Everett Rhoades  
A.Z.N.G. 158 RCT (WWII)  
His medals shown below.



## The Army Song

Over hill, over dale, we  
have hit the dusty trail  
And the Army goes  
rolling along.  
In and out, hear them  
shout  
Counter march and right  
about  
And the Army goes  
rolling along.  
Then it's Hi! Hi! Hey!  
The Army's on the way.  
Sound off your numbers  
loud and strong.  
For where e'er you go,  
you will always know  
That the Army goes  
rolling along;  
Keep them rolling!  
And the Army goes rolling  
along...



**Richard A. Howard**  
U.S. Army/82nd Airborne (Desert Storm)

**31,000**  
American Indian  
and Alaska  
Native men and  
women are on  
active duty to-  
day, serving in  
Iraq, Afghani-  
stan, and else-  
where around  
the world.

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# VETERAN PROFILE: CORWIN SMITH

## SRPMIC Member Corwin "Shimmy" Smith's Army Experience

BY TASHA SILVERHORN  
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Salt River Pima-Mari-copa Indian Community member Corwin "Shimmy" Smith sat down with *O'odham Action News* to share his experiences in the United States Army in the 1980s, which included everything from basic training to a somewhat perilous flight across the Atlantic.

Smith, a family man who grew up in San Carlos, but lives in Whiteriver with his family, and works as an environmental specialist with the SRPMIC Environmental Protection and Natural Resources division. He is the son of McKenzie Smith (San Carlos Apache) and Marlene Andrews Smith (SRP-MIC). He and his five siblings grew up on the San Carlos Apache Reservation. They would spend each August, before school started, in Salt River with their grandparents the late Michael (WWII veteran) and Ella Andrews. Smith graduated from East Fork Lutheran High School and went on to higher education, but college was not the right fit for him at the time and he decided to join the army.

"At first, there was no way I was ever going to join the military, but things change," Smith said. "There were no jobs back in the early '80s, and I tried college but it didn't work for me. My cousin kicked the idea around that we should join the military, our first choice was to join the Air Force, but the nearest recruiter was in Phoenix, so we decided to join the Army. I talked to my uncle Meldon Andrews, who was in the Marines, who directed me to my uncle Brian Lewis who was in the Army, and he gave me some advice and told me what to expect if I joined. He told me to pick a job trade that was compatible with civilian life, that I could use when I got out."

### In the Army Now

At age 21, Smith went for basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and after basic training he headed to Advanced Individual Training at Fort Gordon, Georgia, to train as a wire systems installer/operator.

Smith's military relatives emphasized that "you had to be in shape because

there was going to be a lot of running every day in basic training. You're scared because the drill instructors are always yelling, you're lonely because you miss home. I was thinking, 'What have I gotten myself into? What am I doing here?' You have to realize that we're all in the same boat, we're all in this together, so you get to know each other. They stress the buddy system, where you help each other out."

After his training in Georgia, Smith was stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas (1983-1987), home of the 1st Infantry Division, also known as the Big Red One. He spent the rest of his four years there, but he did get the opportunity once to go to Germany for a training exercise that lasted a month.

Smith really enjoyed being in Germany. "This was my first experience going to a foreign country by myself," he said. "I liked it a lot—it had all the little towns and the countryside was really green. I wished I was stationed there; it was nice there and you could experience four seasons in one day.

"We took a tour there. I went to Munich where the [1972] Olympic Stadium was, but we didn't get to go in because we didn't have any German money. So, we walked throughout the Olympic Village. I would like to go back there someday."

On his return home from Germany, Smith and his group expected to fly straight to Kansas, but their plane stopped in New Jersey and they had to spend the night. The men wondered why. Later it was revealed that the plane's engines had gone out while flying over the Atlantic Ocean and needed to be repaired. To this day Smith will not fly over the ocean.

### After the Military

Smith was fortunate not to experience any time in war. He learned the trade of telecommunications, running telephone lines and cables on the bases where he was stationed. When he left the Army, he worked with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in forestry for 17 years and then moved on to his job with the SRPMIC.

"It was a relief to get out of the Army," he said. "I and this other guy



from New York got out the same day. He came knocking on my door at midnight and said, 'Smitty, let's go!' We went and signed our discharged papers.

"At first, I was glad I was in the Army, but after a couple of years I wanted to go to another base. The last two years were horrible because the new sergeants would abuse their authority and favoritism was going on. It changed my view of [the military], and I wanted to get out. After my Expiration of Term of Service (ETS) date, I flew back to Phoenix, got on a bus from there to San Carlos. I only had bus fare to Globe, but they let me ride to Peridot for free. It was dark when I got off by the rodeo grounds, I walked home from there and surprised my family."

After his time in the Army, Smith married his wife of 31 years Margaret Smith (White Mountain Apache) and had a son and two daughters, Weston, Tashina and Janelle. He has one granddaughter, Kylee, and they enjoy watching Professional Bull Riders (PBR) events together. Smith also likes to find new music, and he is a big fan of reggae music.

### Advice

Smith still highly recommends the military. "If whatever you're pursuing early in life doesn't work

out, like college or trade school, don't sit around and waste your time; go join the military. You can think about what you want to do while you're in there, and when you get out you can pursue that," he said. "You're still young, and it's only three or four years out of your life.

"It's hard to leave home, especially when you're from the reservation, because you get homesick. But when you come back the reservation is always going to be there. Think about yourself and what you want to do. There are benefits when you get out, and you can get a house or an education."

# O'odham Veterans Celebration Provide Services to all Veterans

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The O'odham Veterans Celebration Organization sponsored the Salt River O'odham Veterans Celebration on Saturday, October 19, at the Lehi Community Building. The event was held to recognize all veterans from the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community and surrounding communities.

The O'odham Veterans Celebration Organization is a nonprofit group that is dedicated to assisting Arizona Native American veterans and their families. Salt River O'odham Veterans is one of seven sites in the O'odham Veterans Celebration Organization. The Salt River celebration was the last event

that will be held for the O'odham veterans this year. Prior to this event, there were events held in Whiteriver, San Carlos, Solomon, Guadalupe, Tohono O'odham and Gila River, the six other sites of the O'odham Veterans Celebration Organization.

"The organization holds these events to use our contacts and bring service providers into the Native communities," said Pacer Reina. "We wanted to bring in organizations that work with veterans, such as local and nonprofit organizations, to offer their services to veterans in Native communities. We also encouraged the veterans to come out and learn what programs are out there and go out and spread the word."

The event kicked off with the posting of the colors by the Bush-

masters Post 114. Guests from veterans' organizations led a number of talks about helping veterans to get medical attention and other services they may need.

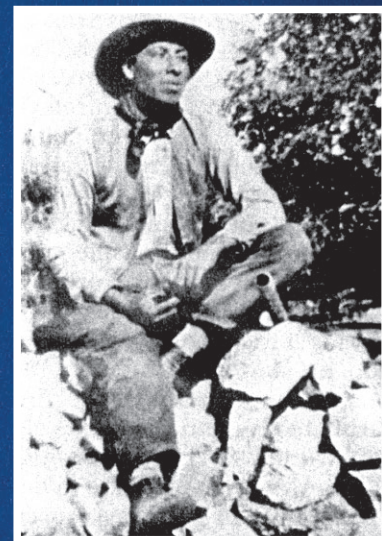
The event included lunch and a social time before ending. Raffles were held, with gifts for the veterans and their families. Veterans were also offered surplus gear that was donated for the event: blankets, lightweight sleeping bags, ponchos, cots and backpacks.

"There is some nostalgia that veterans have," said Reina. "We visited a veteran who received a poncho from a past event that he has set up on his bed that he said it made him feel comfortable, so this is something we like doing, to give them something they enjoy [that reminds them of the time] when they served."



## The U.S. Air Force Song

*Off we go into the wild  
blue yonder,  
Climbing high into  
the sun;  
Here they come,  
Sooming to meet our  
thunder,  
At 'em boys, Give 'er the  
gun!  
Down we dive, spouting  
our flame from under,  
Off with one terrible roar!  
We live in fame or go  
down in flame.  
Hey! Nothing'll stop the  
U.S. Air Force!*



Matthew B. Juan  
U.S. Army (WWI)

## Native American Code Talkers

**Tens of thousands of Native Americans joined the U.S. armed forces during World Wars I and II (44,000 Native Americans served in World War II; the entire population of Native Americans was less than 350,000 at the time).**

Source: <https://americanindian.si.edu/nnavm/heroes/>

## NEW HIGHWAY SIGNS HONORING NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS



STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX – Senator Jamescita Peshlakai was joined by state and tribal leaders to officially unveil new highway signs recognizing Arizona's Native American veterans on October 12 during the Moenkopi Tuuvi Gathering and Western Navajo Nation Fair in Tuba City.

Segments of state and federal highways are being renamed to Navajo Code Talkers Highway (State Route 264 on the Navajo Nation), Hopi Code

Talkers Highway (State Route 264 on the Hopi Nation), Native American Women Veterans Highway (U.S. Route 160) and Native American Veterans Highway (U.S. Route 89) as a result of years of efforts by Senator Peshlakai, approved by the Arizona Board on Geographic and Historic Names, and certified by Arizona Secretary of State Katie Hobbs, who will be present for the unveiling.

## CALENDAR

### AMERICAN LEGION POST AND UNIT

(AUXILIARY) 114  
MONTHLY MEETING

Salt River Bushmasters American Legion and Auxiliary Post 114 have monthly meetings at Veterans Hall beginning at 6 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month. For more information contact Glen Law, Director of Administration at [glen.law@srpmic-nsn.gov](mailto:glen.law@srpmic-nsn.gov) or phone (480) 362-7475.

### PHOENIX VETERAN'S DAY PARADE

November 11, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The parade starts at Montebello and Central runs southbound, then turns East on Camelback Road, and then turns South on 7th Street and de-stages at Indian School Road. For more information call (480) 772-2934.

### 20TH ANNUAL VETERANS DAY GOURD DANCE

November 11, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Join the Arizona Territory Gourd Society for the 20th Annual Veterans Day Gourd Dance on November 11, 2019 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Pueblo Grande Museum, 4619 East Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85034. Dancing begins at 11:30 a.m. and continues throughout the day. The event is free and open to the public. For more information call (480) 495-0901.

### USS MEMORIAL AT SRF VETERANS CIRCLE OPENS TO THE PUBLIC February 22, 2020

The USS Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River will open to the public the first day of Spring Training at Salt River Fields, February 22. The memorial features a piece of the original USS Memorial and will sit at the site where it did on the USS AZ. The Gardens honors the men and women who serve our great Nation and recognizes those aboard the USS AZ during the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

The memorial gardens are located between the recently opened Great Wolf Lodge and Salt River Fields at Talking Stick.

## Army / Air National Guard

Defending freedom,  
protecting dreams

This is the spirits of  
what it means to me.

For my God and my  
home that I love,

I guard America.

Defending freedom,  
protecting dreams

This is the spirit of what  
it means to me.

For my God and my  
home that I love,

I guard America,

America.



ROBERT AGUILAR  
U.S. Navy  
(Vietnam)



## Navy Song

Anchors Aweigh,  
my boys,

Anchors Aweigh.

Farewell to foreign  
shores,

We sail at break of  
day-ay-ay-ay.

Through our last night  
on shore,

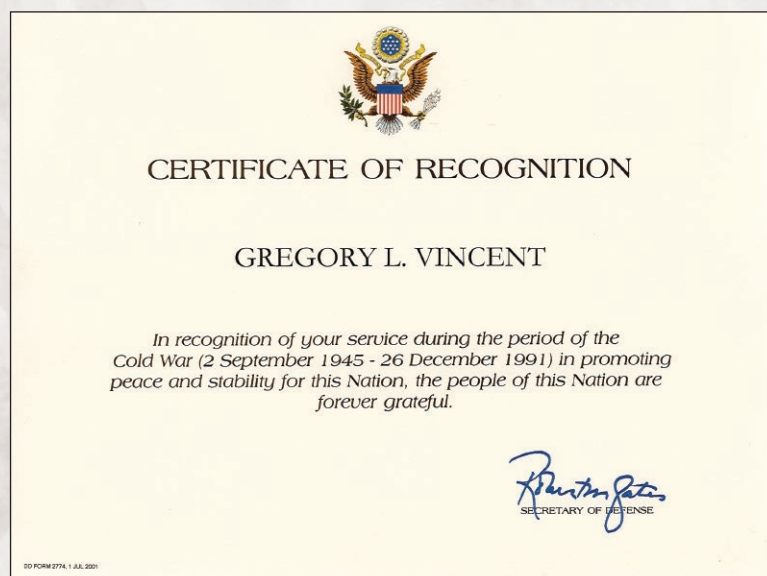
Where 'er we roam,  
Until we meet once

more

Here's wishing you a  
happy voyage home.



In January 1990, Vincent Gregory (R) reenlists for the U.S. Army for the fourth time. Captain Cotter had the privilege of swearing Gregory in.



## SRPMIC VETERAN QUESTIONS

Veteran's if you have questions about programs, resources, forms, headstones, records requests for deceased family members or self.

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# UNITED STATES NAVY



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



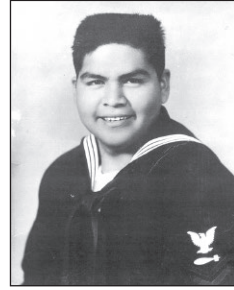
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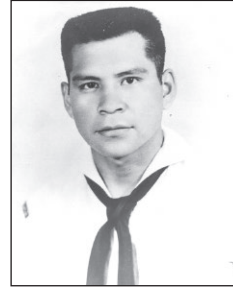
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U.S. Navy



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U.S. Navy (P-T)  
(Korea)



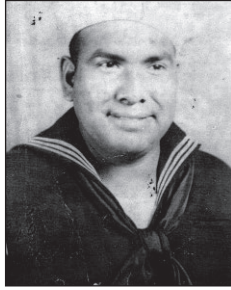
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**OREN FULWILDER**  
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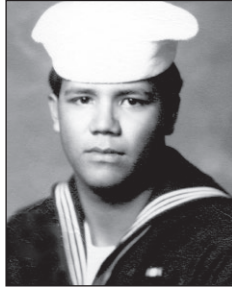
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U.S. Navy  
108th Army Band  
(WWII)



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



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



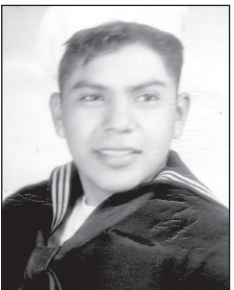
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U.S. Navy  
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**VERNON VEST**  
U.S. Navy



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U.S. Navy

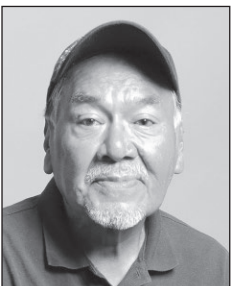


**GORDON W. WOOD**  
U.S. Navy (P-T)



# 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.)



**THONER 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)



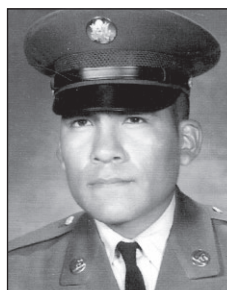
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U.S. Army  
(WWII)



**WALLACE ANTONE**  
U.S. Cavalry/ARMY  
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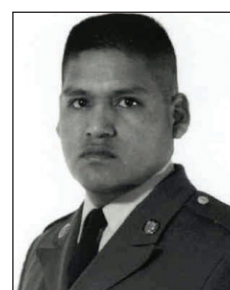
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U.S. Army



**BYRON DONAHUE**  
U.S. Army  
(11th Airborne)  
(WWII)



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



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



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



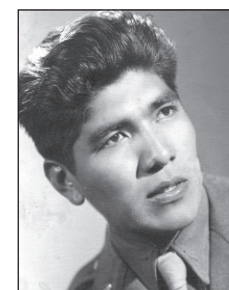
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(Korea)



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



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U.S. Army  
(Korea)



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



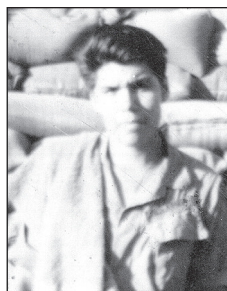
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U.S. Army  
(WWII)



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



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



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



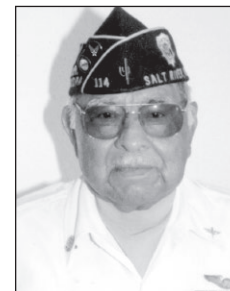
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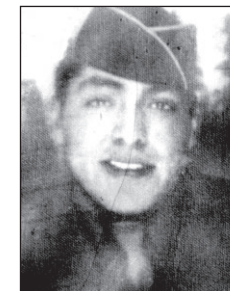
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U.S. Army  
(P-T)



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



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



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



**JOSEPH S. ROSERO**  
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**SAMUEL E. ROSERO**  
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(Germany)



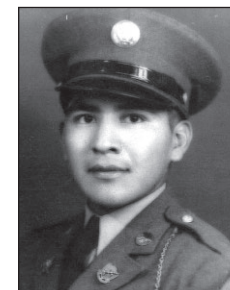
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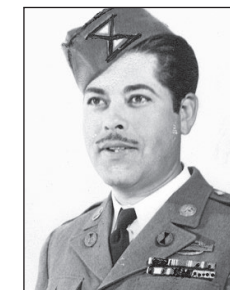
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**MELVIN L. SHAW**  
U.S. Army  
(Vietnam)



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



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

served our country

# UNITED STATES ARMY



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



**HARLOW L. BROWN**  
U.S. Army



**TRUMAN BROWN**  
U.S. Army



**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)



**DAVID EASCHIEF**  
U.S. Army



**ALFRED FERGUSON**  
U.S. Army



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



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



**MARJORIE GATES  
WHITLOCK**  
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(WWII)



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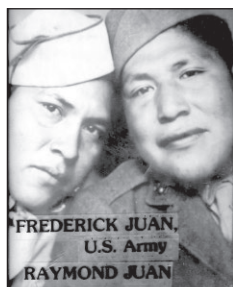
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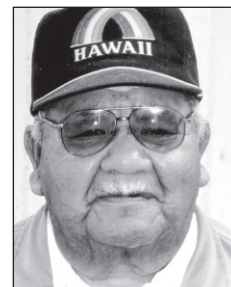
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WAQ  
(Vietnam)



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



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



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



**DAVID LEWIS**  
U.S. ARMY



**LEROY LEWIS**  
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)



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



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



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



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



**HERMAN STROUSE**  
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## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

**Two Waters Courtyard | 9:00am**

### PROGRAM:

- Posting of Colors - Salt River American Legion Post #114
- Pledge of Allegiance - Teya Johnson-Tiger
- National Anthem by Martha Ludlow Martinez
- Welcome - Troy Truax, Commander  
Salt River American Legion Salt River Post #114
- Roll call of Community Veterans
- Continental breakfast for first 150 guests



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