2026 VETERANS DAY

Honoring Heroes, Strengthening Communities

A Veterans Day Message

On Veterans Day, we honor the men and women of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community who have served in the armed forces, our employee veterans, and the families who have stood beside them through the challenges and sacrifices of military service. Their service is part of our Community's story and our nation's history.

We are especially grateful for our senior veterans, whose presence and participation in our Veterans Day Program and Parade give us the opportunity to recognize them while we are still blessed to have them with us.

This year, we are proud to recognize our Korean War veterans, Danny Harvier and Damon Andreas, and all Vietnam War veterans, as well as our Purple Heart recipient, Cameron Grey Sr. These individuals served during difficult and very different periods in our nation's history. Their experiences, sacrifices and continued presence among us are a gift to our Community.

Remembering our veterans means more than recognizing their service on Veterans Day. It means listening to their stories, learning from their experiences, and making sure future generations understand what it means to serve something greater than themselves. Their example reminds us of the importance of courage, responsibility and looking out for one another.

The legacy of our veterans lives on through the generations they inspire and the Community they helped shape. We honor them best not only by remembering what they have done for us, but by carrying forward the same spirit of service, caring for one another, and making sure those who serve our country and Community are never forgotten.

-- SRPMIC President Martin Harvier

THANK YOU VETERANS

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SRPMIC Hosts Veterans Memorial Revealing Ceremony in Lehi

BY JUAN YSAGUIRRE

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Veterans Memorial in God's Country is now complete.

On the morning of March 29, SRPMIC held a revealing ceremony for the new memorial. Members of the SRPMIC Tribal Council, the SRPMIC Veterans Department, as well as Lynwood Vest and more participated.

The SRPMIC Veterans Memorial consists of six cenotaphs, one for each branch of the military. The names of military veterans who are no longer with us will be etched onto the cenotaphs.

"Thank you for joining us this morning for this significant occasion. This memorial pays tribute to the courage of the individuals who have served this country and our Community," began SRPMIC Veterans Representative Amanda White.

She added, "I remember in 2021, we came out here with Bob Aguilar, Garnet Gates, Robert Chiago and more. There were two concrete blocks and a water spigot out here, and we just envisioned how it was going to look. I remember the guys brought sticks and started planning where everything would be."

Following her introduction and welcome, White called Lynwood Vest to the lectern to sing two traditional songs and provide a few remarks.

"A long time ago in our Piipaash way, before they went off to battle, they would have gatherings, sing and tell stories," began Vest. "A lot of the songs they would sing were songs that some of the warriors wanted to hear. They'd get together and have a feast," he said.



Afterwards, SRPMIC Council member Michael Dallas Sr. spoke from the heart as he addressed the audience. "Some few years back, the Veterans Department took veterans to Washington, D.C. We got to see the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and they took part in the Memorial Day Parade."

Dallas Sr. continued, "A gentleman came up to me and he said, 'I never realized there were so many Native Americans that served in the conflicts. Thank you for their sacrifice.' Sometimes our history isn't taught in regard to how we served. This is a free country we live in, [and] there is a sacrifice. When you see right now with the military that's going overseas, I ask you to continue to pray over them and their families."

After his words, several birds began to soar in the sky before resting atop nearby piles of dirt and land located behind the memorial.

Dallas Construction President David Dallas also provided a few words. "First, I want to thank the Community, the veterans and their families for their dedication. As a Community member, this project means more to me than just another job. This is personal. This is about honoring our people—those who served, sacrificed, carried our name and values wherever they went."

During his speech, Dallas revealed that work on the site had to be temporarily halted for about two months as the team discovered significant cultural and archaeological findings during construction.

"The spirit was always honored in the work that was done," said Dallas.

White then called for the laying of the wreath, which was performed by the family of Derek Dalton.



Guests toured the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Veterans Memorial in Lehi.

"Today we are especially honored to have the family of a respected Lehi veteran, the late Derek Dalton. Derek was a proud member of the United States Navy and a familiar presence with us at our veterans meetings over the years. He generously shared his insights, voice and heart in helping shape this memorial. For that, we are truly grateful."

As the revealing ceremony neared its end, SRPMIC Council member Deanna Scabby provided closing remarks and a prayer, asking for the continued protection of all veterans and their families, as well as the Community as a whole.

"It's important that we know the reason we're here to enjoy this land is because they went and they served," she said.

Veteran Services Recap: Progress and Future Plans

SUBMITTED BY AMANDA WHITE, SRPMIC VETERAN REPRESENTATIVE

We started 2026 off strong with our annual Veterans Open House in February! We had a great turnout, with veterans, VA benefits coordinators, community partners like U.S. VETS and our internal departments all coming together to share resources and services with our veterans. It was a great way to kick off the year and continue building connections within our veteran community.

In March, our veterans got to enjoy a spring training baseball game, giving them an opportunity to get out, connect and enjoy some time together. One of the biggest highlights of the month was our Lehi Veterans Memorial unveiling ceremony. It was a great turnout and a special moment for everyone involved. We also hosted a Vietnam Veterans Brunch that same day to recognize and show our appreciation for our Vietnam-era veterans.

In April, our veterans participated in the 22nd Annual Pat's Run, continuing our involvement in events that bring the community together. In May, we held our Memorial Day Ceremony and Breakfast Reception to honor and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and community.

June was another busy month for our office. We held our annual Flag Day Ceremony, where we retired inoperable flags, and hosted our annual Veterans Movie Screening. We also met with a new outreach program and its coordinator from the Homes for Heroes (H4H) at the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services (AZDVS). Our discussion focused on exploring innovative ways to enhance our services, ensuring that we can provide our veterans with the trusted support they need. We also met with Reigning Grace Ranch to explore ways we can work together for veterans who may want to learn more about The Armor Project, which is a structured, ground-based horsemanship program created for veterans and first responders who operate in high-stress, high-responsibility environments. Stay tuned for more information and potential opportunities coming out of those partnerships.



Veterans Services representatives Amanda White, Sierra Malin and Troy Truax Jr. in Washington D.C.

On Aug. 6, we recognized Purple Heart Day with activities and educational sessions at the Round House Café. This was another opportunity to bring awareness to the significance of the day and recognize the sacrifices made by our Purple Heart recipients.

In September, our team participated in and contributed to Tribal Veterans Training, where we also began a foundational benefits course with the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers. This is an important step for our office as we continue working toward becoming an accredited veterans service office. Our goal is to eventually expand our services so that we can assist veterans directly with their VA claims, rather than primarily providing referrals. We are excited about this next step and what it will mean for the veterans we serve, so stay tuned for more updates as we continue working toward this goal!

As we head into Veterans Day, we're proud of everything our team has accomplished so far this year. From community events and memorial ceremonies to new partnerships and professional development, our focus remains on connecting veterans with resources, creating opportunities for engagement, and making sure our veterans know they are supported and appreciated.

From our office to all who have served and their families, thank you for your service and sacrifice. It is an honor to serve those who have served us.

Listen: OAN Podcast

In this episode, Dalton Walker sits down with Veterans Services representatives Troy Truax Jr. and Amanda White to talk about Veterans, including this year's parade. They walk listeners through the parade route, grand marshals, volunteer opportunities and the celebration planned at the Salt River Community Building on Nov. 11. The team also shares the vital services they provide for veterans and their families year-rounds. Join us as we highlight the important work happening behind the scenes to honor and support SRPMIC veterans.

Scan the QR code to the left to listen now!

Visit the Discover Salt River website for discounts at the Pavilions at Talking Stick area for veterans and first responders, or by scanning this QR code.

Our Ties to the Arizona National Guard

BY PACER REINA
Courtesy of Salt River Senior Services

The O'odham were always known as peaceful and caring people, willing to help those in need. We were not a warring people. In addition, the Piipaash have a creation story that tells how two brothers made humans and threw them in all directions. Because of this, when the Spanish and *Mi:ligan* (Settlers) came, the Piipaash considered them to be relatives and did not fight them.

Today, when we talk about our community veterans, we tend to think back further than when the Arizona National Guard was created. We were farmers first, but our men were not passive when it came to protecting our villages and our people.

Tribes to the north, east, and west valued the things that we grew and made. There were raiding parties from the surrounding tribes. Our ancestors' response was mostly defensive in nature and rarely attacking, but it is said that our warriors would pursue *O:b* (Other tribes/Enemy) raiding parties to recover what was taken—horses, food, tools, and sometimes, even women and children.

Later, if you look at just the Pima, we had a network of trails and runners, and though scattered, our communities were united so that if anything should happen and we had to fight, the U.S. military knew that up to 50,000 could rise, and with the alliance formed with the Piipaash, the number increased and benefited both tribes. It has also been said that we fought not as individual warriors, but that we knew formations and maneuvers.

There was also interaction with the Spanish and the U.S. Cavalry. But before then, we had settlers making their way west to California for the gold rush and after the Civil War, that migration increased. As the *Mi:ligan* and Spanish began settling in our lands, they began damming the Gila River for their farms and towns. Many of the natives from that area began to move and settle among those surrounding the Salt River because it was still flowing.

A lot of the area where we are now and into the mountains to the east and west of us, was used to gather food and plants for medicine. We became a buffer between other less peaceful tribes and the military forts in the Tonta Basin area.

In 1865, the military created the First Arizona Infantry which was an all-volunteer force largely made up of O'odham and Piipaash and *Ju:kum* (Mexican). Antonio Azule, the O'odham chief at the time, became a 2nd Lt for O'odham troops and Juan Chavaria became what was similar to a 2nd Lt for the Piipaash.

They helped to establish and protect trading posts to the north of us in the Tonto Basin area.

Though initially established as an all-volunteer force, over time, the infantry unit began receiving payment in money and goods. However, it was disbanded in the 1880s due to nonpayment. They were called up again in 1898 during the Spanish-American War and stood along the U.S. military on the border with Gen. John J. Pershing.

The unit then continued until it was part of what formally became the Arizona National Guard in 1912 when Arizona became the nation's 48th state.

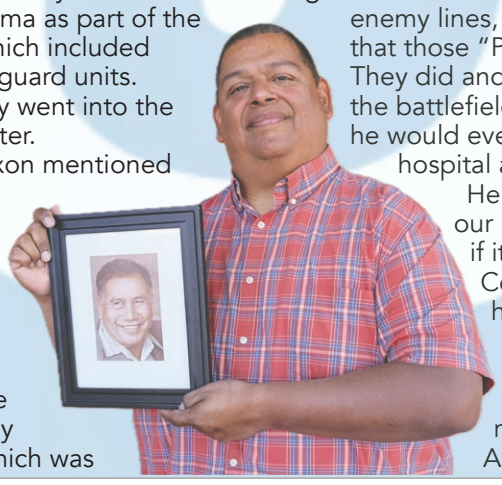
&Memories of a Grandfather

When it comes to my family and the Arizona National Guard, I had two grandfathers who served when they left the Indian Boarding School: my grandfather Asa Juan Eschief *(bot)* who left just before World War II, and my grandfather Dixon Harold Andreas *(bot)*. His journey in the 158th Regimental Combat Team would take him into the Pacific Theater.

I really enjoy learning about military history. I read numerous books about the European battles in World War II, but it wasn't until I joined the military and Grandpa Dixon began sharing stories with me that I realized the impact he, along with the 158th RCT, had in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

While he was in school, Grandpa Dixon remembered how structured the day was, how he and the other students would meet for morning formation to receive announcements and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. He felt this structure was what led many of our men to join the guard and military when they left boarding school. He recalled the time before the war started, how he, like everyone else, was filled with a sense of duty to fight for the United States.

By the 1940s, the guard began preparing for possible entry into the war. I remember touring Fort Tuthill in Flagstaff and seeing the barracks specifically designated for the O'odham and Piipaash, where they trained before being sent to Oklahoma as part of the 45th Infantry which included other national guard units. Eventually, they went into the European theater.



Grandpa Dixon mentioned how he and other men from Salt and Gila River bonded with the other Native men assigned to the 158th, especially F Company, which was made up of Native men from the various Arizona tribes but mostly O'odham and Piipaash.

He didn't share much about his battle experience—I suspect it was still a source of uneasiness for him. Through research though, I discovered that he was the Headquarters radio operator "who would be talking with other 'Pima Boys' on the frontlines" of the battlefield, according to my source in Texas, where the team was sent before going into theater.

I also discovered the 158th experienced some of the fiercest of jungle operations during the battles of New Guinea, Noemfoor and the Philippines. It is said that General Douglas MacArthur personally requested that the 158th fight in the South Pacific because he considered them elite and specialized in jungle warfare saying of them, "No greater combat team has ever deployed for battle."

When I returned home from my enlistment, I joined of the Salt River Veterans Organization, which later became American Legion Post #114 "The Bushmasters."

While serving as a member of the Post 114 Color Guard at a local pow-wow in the 90s, a gentleman asked about our post name, The Bushmasters. We shared its history and he told us his father's story who was also a member of the 158th.

His father had been severely wounded, could not move and was caught behind enemy lines, but he kept telling himself that those "Pima Boys" would find him. They did and carried him back across the battlefield to the aid station, where he would eventually be sent to an army hospital and back home to Arizona.

He said he was glad we named our post after the 158th and that if it weren't for the men of F Company, his father would not have made it home.

It's stories like this that keep my grandpa's memory alive, inspire me, and make me proud to serve in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper.

2026 Springtime Piipaash Matasheevm

BY JUAN YSAGUIRRE

The Piipaash Matasheevm committee selected four Community veterans for the Veterans Recognition program.

"Every year for this event, the PMC sits back and thinks of all the veterans who have served. They really deliberate to make sure not only the elders, but also the veterans, are recognized for their contributions not only to this country, but to this Community," said Council member Deanna Scabby.

Richard French (Marines), Phillip Largo (Army), Ben Wood Jr. (Navy) and Tsosie Wood (Marines) were honored this year for their service to their country and Community.

Each recipient was presented with a special commemorative plaque which detailed the honoree's military branch of service, compliments of the PMC.



The Largo family for Phillip Largo .

Tom Largo Sr. was the designated representative for the Largo family. "I want to thank the committee on behalf of the family for honoring Phillip Dean Largo. Phillip was born to Anthony and Sarah Valenzuela-Largo on Sept. 28, 1923. Phillip joined the Navy Reserve. He was 18 when he entered the service. He was 20 when he lost his life."

Suzy French represented the French family. Sadly, during her speech, she revealed that the Veterans Administration has her father Richard's information listed incorrectly, therefore not much information is in the VA database.



The French family for Richard French.

"I know he joined when he was 17; when talking to my brothers and sisters, we learned he served for four years," she said. She later revealed that on his headstone, his first and middle names are reversed, thus providing a bit of reasoning as to why her father is not in the VA database.

"He taught us a lot. How to behave and how to be good people. Unfortunately, he had cancer, so he died at 55 on Cinco de Mayo. It's been 38 years now."



Forrest Wood for Ben Wood Jr.

French was overcome with emotion during her speech and received support and hugs from nearby loved ones.

Ben Wood Jr.'s son, Forrest, spoke on behalf of his father. "My father served in the U.S. Navy. One thing I think about when I think about him is service. He served his country, God and Community, being a police officer, chief of police and ending his career as chief judge in the Community. I thank the Committee for honoring him, the other veterans and the elders. Thank you very much."



Tsosie Wood.

Surrounded by his family, Tsosie Wood thanked the PMC for his special recognition. "We grew up on McDowell (Road), in front of the golf course. That's why my brothers are so good at golf," said Wood with a grin.

He continued, "It was 1983. I was going to Westwood (High School) and not going to class. I think you call that 'ditching,'" he said, grinning. "I was 17; my parents had to sign me in to enlist. My mom started crying. My dad was all, 'Take him. He needs to do something.'"

While serving his country in the Marines, Wood saw the world, including a tour stop in Okinawa, Japan. He also was stationed in Saudi Arabia and served in operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield with "Pacer Reina, Lynn Andrews and a couple more people from the Community," Wood said.

Wood revealed that, at the time, "We were originally supposed to go to Turkey for an operation, but that's when Iraq decided to invade Kuwait. So, since we were ready to go, we were the first ones on a plane heading to Saudi Arabia," he recalled.

"I want to thank the Committee for honoring us, my dad and Phillip (Largo). It's a great honor. Thank you."

Memorial Day Ceremony at Lehi Veterans Memorial

BY CHRIS PICCIUOLO

Flags representing each branch of the U.S. military stirred in the quiet early morning Lehi breeze as the sun climbed over Red Mountain.

The American flag waved tallest in the middle as the sunlight illuminated the red desert soil surrounding the Lehi Cemetery on May 25 during the Memorial Day program.

Community members filed into the new Veterans Memorial to pay homage to the brave men and women who gave their lives while serving in the U.S. military.

Pastor Len Andrews emceed the event.

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Council member Deanna Scabby gave the opening prayer for the program. Martha Martinez sang the national anthem in O'odham, and all attendees joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening remarks were made by SRPMIC President Martin Harvier, who talked about the history of Memorial Day and what it was like living during the time of the Vietnam War. Harvier remembered how life was then for young people his age getting out of high school, with the fear of the draft looming over their lives.

"It wasn't a decision [if you wanted to go or not]. It was like you were going to go. It was just everything that was going on at the time. There was a lot of fear," recalled Harvier. "I think those that stepped forward and served have allowed our young people today to not have those feelings or thoughts because of the sacrifice that many have made."



Harvey Wilson Acosta, the grandson of Lehi resident and Vietnam veteran John F. Wilson Jr., reads "In Flanders Fields," also know as "The Poppy Poem," by John McCrae on May 25 as Pastor Len Andrews, President Martin Harvier and Council member Michael Dallas look on.

Veterans Representative Amanda White took to the lectern to reveal a new addition to the memorial, which was recently completed. When White started her position about six years ago, she got the chance to meet veterans from Lehi and heard their stories. She built relationships with Community veterans Garnet Gates and Robert Aguilar in particular. They both shared White's vision to create a memorial for veterans in Lehi. The three visited the site earlier this year, envisioning how these ideas were going to come together.

"I'm really proud of [the memorial]," said White. "That's one of my missions I felt I completed. Today, seeing it fully completed and standing here before us truly is something special."

Community artist Jeffrey Fulwilder created a new plaque and shield for the memorial, which were unveiled at the ceremony.

"[Fulwilder's] craftmanship, his vision and his dedication brought this memorial shield and his statement piece to life," said White. "His work stands as a lasting tribute in honoring the courage, sacrifice and devotion of our veterans, and their legacy will forever be remembered."

On behalf of Gates, Rosanna Andrews and Carla Banuelos laid a wreath in honor of the nation's fallen soldiers. After the wreath was laid, the grandson of Lehi resident and Vietnam veteran John F. Wilson Jr., Harvey Wilson Acosta, read "In Flanders Fields," also known as "The Poppy Poem," by John McCrae.

Veterans Services Recognizes National Purple Heart Day

BY CHRIS PICCIUOLO

Each year, National Purple Heart Day is held on Aug. 7 during Purple Heart Month.

The Purple Heart medal is presented to any member of the U.S. Armed Forces who has been wounded or died from wounds suffered in any action against an enemy of the United States.

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor estimates that an estimated 1.8 million Purple Hearts have been awarded throughout history. The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has 31 Purple Heart recipients.

In 1782, President George Washington created the original Purple Heart, which was known as the Badge of Military Merit. It was a cloth badge in the shape of a heart with the word "merit." He awarded it to three Revolutionary War soldiers.

The award was not presented to anyone again until 1932. A few years earlier, the Army had begun efforts to revive the award. In 1931, General Douglas MacArthur restarted work to redesign it as a medal, working with the Washington Commission of Fine Arts and a heraldic specialist, keeping the badge's original heart shape and purple color while adding a profile bust of George Washington. It was President Herbert Hoover who officially reauthorized the Purple Heart on February 22, 1932, in honor of Washington's 200th birthday.

The SRPMIC Veterans Services Office recognized Purple Heart Day by inviting Community members and employees to three Purple Heart information sessions on Aug. 7 in the Round House's Café Nyaa meeting room, where Purple Heart recipient Charles "Chuck" Byers, vice-chair of the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services Advisory Commission, talked at length about the history of the Purple Heart.

Byers was National Legislative Director in 2022 when the SRPMIC was designated a Purple Heart Community. He was present at the USS Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River for the official ceremony and unveiling of the first Purple Heart Community sign.



"[It was] great to be here in 2022 for the dedication, and to come back out here and talk about the Purple Heart and what it means," said Byers. "There is such a huge history that we can present that a lot of people don't know. They know maybe their grandfather or uncle received a Purple Heart, but they really don't know much about it. A lot of times, a lot of the veterans don't talk about their Purple Heart. That's why it's important to talk about it and where it came from. It's the oldest (military) decoration out there."

Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society member Ron Capek, former finance officer for Chapter 691 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, also spoke about the award. The two took turns passing around examples of a Purple Heart medal during each session. Veteran's representative Troy Truax Jr. presented information about where you can find the different "Welcome Purple Heart Community" signs throughout the Community.

MATTHEW B. JUAN
(WWI)

Matthew B. Juan, an O'odham, was the first Arizonan and first Native American to die in combat in World War I. Juan is grandfather to Community veterans Irving and Maurice Ludlow; and the great grandfather to veteran Broderick B. Antone.





BRODERICK B. ANTONE
U.S. Army
(P-T Desert Shield/Desert Storm War Era Veteran)

ANTHONY MARTINEZ
Operation Just Cause



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.

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.

Reflecting on Memorial Day at U.S.S. Arizona Memorial Gardens Ceremony

BY CHRIS PICCIUOLO

The public showed up in numbers at the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River on May 25 for a Memorial Day program to honor those who lost their lives in service to their country. Discover Salt River staff played a key role in hosting the program.

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member and veteran Pacer Reina emceed the event after traveling from the early morning Memorial Day program in Lehi.

The national anthem was sung by Isabella Dockerty, and the Pledge of Allegiance was performed by SRPMIC Girl Scout Troop #2516.

Ramon Martinez, director of public relations for Casino Arizona and Talking Stick Resort, gave the invocation.

"Today we gather to honor the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to this nation," began Martinez. "We remember the fallen at Pearl Harbor, the warriors from our own Community and all the veterans who carried the burden of freedom."

Retired Captain Rick Hartman was the guest speaker. He shared his reflections on the legacy of service and the meaning of Memorial Day.

"We are so indebted to those who have served and have been a part of this thing we call freedom," said Hartman. "Think about what this day means. It's not just another day to have a barbecue or a cocktail. This is an important day for America, and every year that goes by it becomes more important."

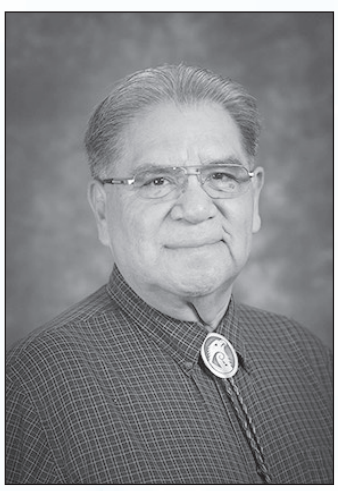
SRPMIC Vice-President Ricardo Leonard gave a benediction and shared a Community proclamation observing Memorial Day as a holiday. After the proclamation was read, Reina began a roll call of honor, sharing the names of fallen veterans submitted by attendees beforehand.



Veterans at a Memorial Day ceremony held at the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial Gardens at Salt River help present a wreath with the words, "We Honor You."

Former Salt River President Ivan Makil made an appearance playing taps while SRPMIC veterans performed a 21-gun salute, concluding the ceremony.

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.

CLARENCE THOMAS, SGT., 2nd Airborne Division

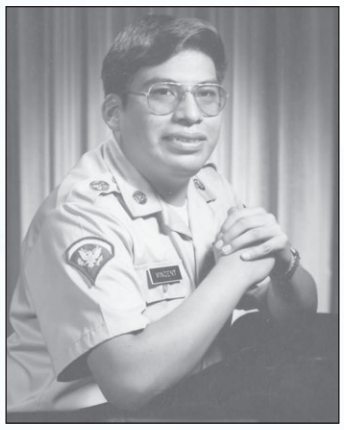


Clarence Thomas was a Sgt. with the 82nd Airborne Division, Long Range Surveillance Detachment. He was trained as a Combat Communicator and a door gunner during his time with the 82nd Air Assault Bn. He served three years and was deployed to Panama and Honduras and is a disabled veteran. "We did 30 days 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."

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 been 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.

MICHAEL WAGNER

U.S. Army Staff Sergeant



"One day I went in for a follow-up, and Pat Tillman was in the recruiting office," said Community member Michael Wagner. "My recruiter was Pat Tillman's recruiter. I grew up watching him [play football] with ASU and the Cardinals. I was in awe. I was like, 'Man, he's joining?" Wagner said. "September 11 had already happened. But at that time there weren't really any wars going on. We hadn't invaded Afghanistan, until I was about to leave for basic training. I thought, 'I saw my cousin do it and I saw this athlete do it, so I'm going to do it.' So I did."

"The first four months were bad. I remember lying there at night in 130-degree heat sweating it out. We had one fan for all of us. In the morning, I would be drenched in sweat and you could see salt rings on my cot. That's how hot it was," said Wagner. His squad was one of the first ones to arrive in Iraq.

"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."



U.S. Army Specialist Michael Wagner was welcomed home by the Youth Services Enrichment Program in 2003 after returning home from Afghanistan/Iraq (Operation Enduring Freedom).

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

VETERANS

In honor of those who served our country

- A -
ABEL, George C.
U.S. Army (WWII)
ACHIN, CRAIG
U.S.A.F (Desert Storm)
ADAMS, Harvier
U.S. Army (WWI)
ADAMS, Juan V.
U.S. Army (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.
U.S. Army (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.A.F (Korea)
ANTON, Melvin C.
U.S. Army (Korea)
ANTON, Melvin D.
U.S. Army (Vietnam)
ANTON, Nelson
U.S. Army (WWII)
ANTON, Robert
U.S. Army (WWII)
ANTON, Wallace
U.S. Army (WWII)
ANTONE, Broderick B.
U.S. Army (P-T)
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 JR, Nolan
U.S. Army
ANTONE, Philip
U.S. Army (WWII)
ANTONE, Sylvester
(WWII)
ANTONE, Timothy
U.S. Coast Guard
ANTONE, Wallace
U.S. Cavalry/Army (WWII)
ANTONE, William T.
U.S. Army
AZULE, Clyde
U.S. Army
AZULE, Rubidoux
U.S. Army (WWII)
AZULE, Johnny
U.S. Navy

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BAPTISTO, Arnold V.
U.S. Army (Korea)
BAPTISTO, Elmer J.
U.S. Army (WWII)
BAPTISTO SR., Floyd
U.S. Army (WWII)
BAPTISTO, Rallo S.
U.S.M.C. (Vietnam)
BAPTISTO, Raymond
U.S. Army (WWII)
BELLANGER, Richard R.
U.S.N.R (WWII)
BERNARD, Burton
U.S. Army (WWII)
BERNARD, Wesley M.
U.S. Army (WWII)
BICACCA, Elijah
U.S. Army (Iraq)
BLAKE, Joshua
U.S. Navy (WWII)
BROWN, Harlow L.
U.S. Army (Vietnam)
BROWN, Ira L.
U.S.M.C. (WWII)
BROWN, Luke
U.S. Army (WWII)
BROWN, Randall
U.S. Navy (WWII)
BROWN, Truman E.
U.S. Army (WWII)
BROWN, Virgil
U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force (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 F.
U.S. Army (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 (Iraq)
CHARLIE, Jacob
U.S. Army
CHARLIE, Meagan
U.S. Army (Iraq)
CHAVEZ, Mel
U.S.M.C. (Vietnam)
CHIAGO JR., Boyd
U.S. Army (Vietnam)
CHIAGO, Clarence
U.S. Army (WWII)
CHIAGO, Donald R.
U.S. Navy (WWII)
CHIAGO, Gregory
U.S. Army (Vietnam)
CHIAGO, Harrison
U.S. Army
CHIAGO, Johnny
U.S. Army (WWII)
CHIAGO, Justin L.
U.S.M.C. (WWII)
CHIAGO, Robert
U.S.M.C. (Vietnam)
CHOUGH, Berkeley S.
U.S. Navy (P-T)
CHOUGH, Cedric
U.S. Army
CHOUGH, Herman
U.S. Navy (WWII)
CHOUGH, Victor
U.S.A.F.
CLARK, Wesley W.
U.S. Army (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.A.F. (Korea-Vietnam)
DALLAS, Lew
U.S. Navy (P-T)
DALLAS, Tony
U.S.M.C. (P-T)
DALTON, Daniel
U.S. Army (Iraq)
DALTON, Derrick K.
U.S. Navy (P-T)
DASH, Caleb
U.S.M.C.
DEER, Melvin
U.S. Army (P-T)
DONAHUE, Byron
U.S. Army (WWII)
DONAHUE, Cecil
U.S.M.C.
DONAHUE, Charles T.
U.S. Army (Vietnam)
DONAHUE, Jack
U.S. Army
DONAHUE, Robert
U.S.M.C.

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EASCHIEF, Bonaventure
U.S. Navy (P-T)
EASCHIEF, David
U.S. Army
EMERSON, George
U.S. Army (WWI)
ENAS, Andy
U.S. Navy (WWII)
ENAS, Kayzehn
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 (WWII)
ENOS SR., Larson
U.S. Army (Vietnam)
ENOS, Leon I.
U.S. Navy (Korea)
ENOS, Leonard A.
U.S. Army (Vietnam)
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 (Korea)

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FERGUSON, Alfred
U.S. Army (WWII)
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 (Korea)
FULWILDER, Clayton C.
U.S. Army (WWII)
FULWILDER, Clyde W.
U.S. Navy (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, Garnet
U.S.M.C. (Vietnam)
GATES, Manford
U.S. Army (Vietnam)
GATES-WHITLOCK, Marjorie
U.S. Army (WWII)
GEORGE, Charley
A.Z.N.G. (WWII)
GEORGE, Llewellyn F.
U.S. Army (Korea)
GEORGE, Ollerton M.
U.S. Army (Korea)
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)
GRANADOS, Jose Christian
U.S. Army
GREY SR., Cameron
U.S.M.C. (Vietnam)
GREY JR., Douglas R.
U.S. Army (P-T)
GREY, Herman
U.S.M.C. (WWII)
GREYEYES, Jonathan
U.S.A.F. (P-T)

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HAGAR, Jeremy
U.S. Army
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)
HERDER, Isaiah
U.S.A.F.
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 (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
U.S. Army (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
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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 G.
U.S. Army (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.
A.Z.N.G.
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
U.S. Navy (WWII)

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KALKA JR., Mark A.
U.S. Army (WWII)
KALKA, Vincent D.
U.S.M.C. (Vietnam)
KAUAKAHI, Elvira
U.S.M.C (Korea)
KAUAKAHI, Franklin K.
U.S. Navy (Iran)
KAVOKA, Earl M.
U.S. Army
KAVOKA, Irvin
U.S. Army (WWII)
KAVOKA, Simon
U.S. Army (WWII)
KELLY, Anthony (Tony)
U.S. Army (Korea)
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)
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, Anthony L.
U.S. Army
LEWIS, David
U.S. Army
LEWIS, Melvin "Jack"
U.S. Army (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
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 (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, KATHY
U.S. Army
LUDLOW SR., Maurice
U.S.M.C. (Korea)

- M -
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)
MANASSA, Edward
U.S. Army
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 (Korea)
MANUEL, Delroy
U.S.M.C. (Vietnam)
MANUEL, Edmund
U.S. Army (WWII)
MANUEL, Elliott
U.S. Army (P-T)
MANUEL, Glenn J.
U.S. Army (P-T)
MANUEL, Harrington
MANUEL, Herman R.
U.S. Army (WWII)
MANUEL, Herman D.
MANUEL, Joseph
MANUEL SR., Lazarus L.
U.S. Army (WWII)
MANUEL, Lester
U.S. Army (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 (WWII)
MOORE, Cassidy
U.S. Army (WWII)
MOORE, Daniel
U.S. Army (WWII)
MOORE, JR., Eldon B.
U.S. Army (Vietnam)
MOORE, Peter
U.S. Army (WWI)
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 P.
U.S. Army (WWII)
PERKINS, Alfred
U.S. Army (WWII)
PESIS, Clinton
U.S. Army (WWII)
PESIS, Elliot
PESIS, Leland P.
U.S. Navy (P-T)
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.
PUGGIE, Sam
U.S. Army (WWII)

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RAMON, Jose
U.S.A.F.
RAY, Albert
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)
REINA SR., Edward M.
U.S. Navy (WWII)
REINA JR., Edward
U.S. Army (P-T)
REINA III, Edward P.
U.S. Army (Desert Storm)
RHOADES, Everett
A.Z.N.G. (WWII)
RHOADES, Harrison
A.Z.N.G. (WWII)
RHODES, Dorrine D.
U.S. Army (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 (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)
ROSERO, Felipe
U.S. Army (Vietnam)
ROSERO, Joseph, S.
U.S. Army (Vietnam/Thailand)
ROSERO, Samuel, E.
U.S. Army (Germany)
ROY, Bernice
U.S. Army (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.
U.S.M.C. (Korea)
SAUNDERS SR., Burleigh
U.S. Army (Vietnam)
SAUNDERS JR., Fred K.
U.S. Army (P-T)
SCHURZ, Harold R.
U.S. Navy (WWII)
SCHURZ, Harvey
SCHURZ, Jerimy
U.S.M.C.
SCHURZ, Larry M.
U.S. Army (P-T)
SCHURZ, Merlin
U.S. Navy (Korea)
SCOTT, Clayton
U.S. Army (WWII)
SCOTT, Lorenzo
U.S. Army (WWII)
SEBAHE, Byron J.
A.Z.N.G (WWII)
SECRET, Eugene
SENICH, Dennis E.
U.S.M.C. (P-T)
SENICH, Michael
U.S. Army (Korea)
SEYU, Hugh C.
U.S. Army (WWI-WWII)
SHAW, Gerald
SHAW, Melvin L.
U.S. Army (Vietnam)
SHAW, Milton
SHAW, Paul S.
U.S. Army (WWI)
SHAW, Roderick
U.S. Army (WWII)
SHAW, Ross Stepp
U.S. Army (WWI)
SHAW, Willman A.
U.S.M.C. (Korea)
SMITH, Carroll D.
U.S. Army
SMITH, Corwin L.
U.S. Army
SMITH JR., Daniel
U.S.M.C.
SMITH, Edmund L.
(WWII)
SMITH, Floyd Dennis
U.S. Army (Korea)
SMITH, Gary
U.S. Army (Vietnam)
SMITH, Harry
U.S. Army (Vietnam)
SMITH, Laurence E.
U.S. Army (WWII)
SMITH, Leroy
SMITH, Marshall
U.S.M.C. (Vietnam)
SMITH SR., Roger
U.S. Army (Vietnam)
SMITH, Vernon
U.S. Army (WWII)
SMITH, Willard
U.S. Army (WWII)
STANLEY, Frank
A.Z.N.G (WWII)
STANLEY, Richard
U.S. Army (WWII)
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A.Z.N.G. (WWII)
STROUSE, Adolf
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STROUSE, Herman
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STROUSE, Murray
U.S. Navy (WWII)

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TAHMAHKERA, STEPHEN
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THOMAS, Albert
U.S. Army (Korea)
THOMAS, Ansel
U.S. Army (WWII) POW
THOMAS, Anthony W.
(WWI)
THOMAS JR., Anthony
U.S. Navy (WWII)
THOMAS, Clarence
U.S. Army (Panama & Honduras)
THOMAS, Clayton J.
THOMAS, Dennette
THOMAS, Donald R.
(WWII, Korea, Vietnam)
THOMAS, Everett J.
(WWII)
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U.S. Army
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U.S.M.C.R (Iraq)
THOMAS, Vernon
U.S. Army (Korea)
TOYA, Vince P.
U.S.M.C. (Grenada)
TSINIGINE, Oscar
U.S.M.C. (P-T)

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U.S. Army
VALENZUELA, Hiram
VALENZUELA, Raymond
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VEST, Bryan
U.S. Navy
VEST, Elmer
U.S. Navy
VEST, Gilmore
U.S. Navy (Vietnam)
VEST, Laurel
U.S.A.F. (Vietnam)
VEST, Vernon
U.S. Navy
VINCENT, Gregory
U.S. Army (Vietnam, Gulf War, Granada, and Panama)

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U.S. Army (Korea)
WASHINGTON SR., Frederick
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WASHINGTON, Fred "Wilson"
U.S Army (WWII) KIA
WASHINGTON JR., Jonah W.
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U.S. Navy (P-T)
WOOD, Mike
U.S. Army
WOOD, Samuel L.
U.S. Navy (WWII)
WOOD, Tsosie
U.S.M.C. (Desert Storm)

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U.S.M.C. (Desert Storm)

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(Vietnam)



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



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



CECIL GORDON DONAHUE
U.S.M.C.



ROBERT LYON DONAHUE
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KAYZEHN ENAS
U.S.M.C.R.
(Iraq)



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U.S.M.C.
(WWII)



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



HERMAN GREY
U.S.M.C.
(WWII)



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



PATRICK JOSEPH JAMES (ANTON)
U.S.M.C.
(Korea)



GLENN DAVID JIM
U.S.M.C.



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(WWII)



RAYMOND JUAN
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WITH FREDERICK JUAN, U.S. Army



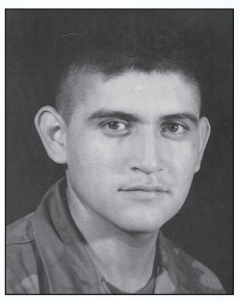
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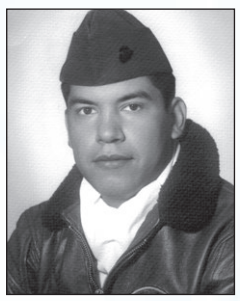
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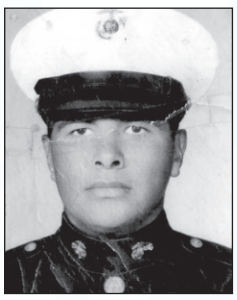
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U.S.M.C.
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(Korea)



DANIEL SMITH, JR.
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(Vietnam 1966-70)



KURT THOMAS
U.S.M.C.



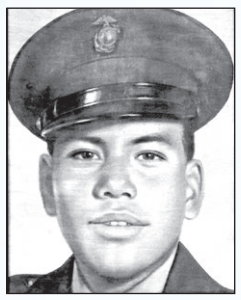
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MELVIN THOMAS
U.S.M.C.
(P-T)



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



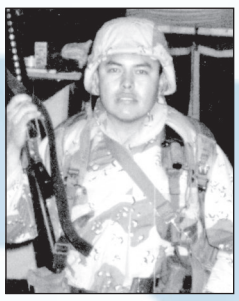
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(Iraq)



HARVEY WILSON
U.S.M.C.



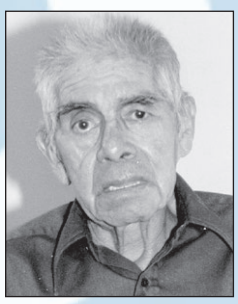
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(Desert Storm)



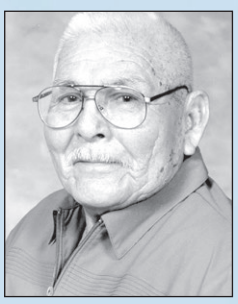
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U.S.M.C.



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



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A.Z.N.G. 158th Infantry
(WWII)



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



HIRAM VALENZUELA
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(Vietnam)



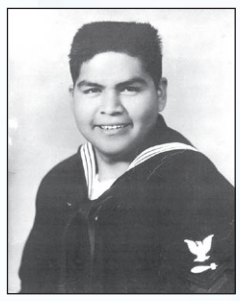
MYLES ANTONE
U.S. Navy
(Boatswain Mate, 2nd Class)
(WWII)



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



PHILLIP LARGO
U.S. Navy
(WWII, MIA)



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)



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(WWII)



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U.S. Navy
(WWII)



VERNON VEST
U.S. Navy

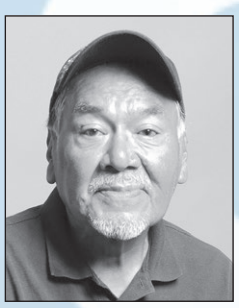


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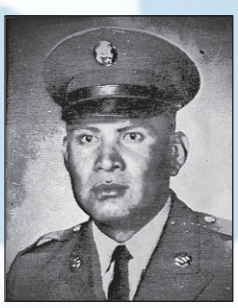


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U.S. Navy (P-T)

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



COURTNEY MOYAH
U.S. Army
(Vietnam)



SYLVIA MOQUINO
U.S.A.F.

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



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U.S.A.F.
(Korea)



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U.S.A.F.
(Vietnam)



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U.S.A.F.

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. Cavalry/Army
(WWII)



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)



CHARLES COUGH
U.S. Army
(WWII)



DANIEL DALTON
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)



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U.S. Army



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U.S. Army



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U.S. Army
(WWII)



CLAYTON FULWILDER
U.S. Army
(WWII)



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U.S. Army WAC
(WWII)



LLEWELLYN GEORGE
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(Korea)



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U.S. Army



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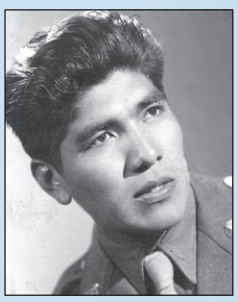
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(Desert Storm)



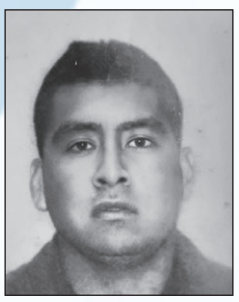
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(Korea)



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



DEAN JACKSON
U.S. Army
(WWII)



DELBERT T. JACKSON JR.
U.S. Army



JOSEPH ANTHONY JAMES
U.S. Army
(2nd Armored Division,
Stateside)



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(Vietnam)

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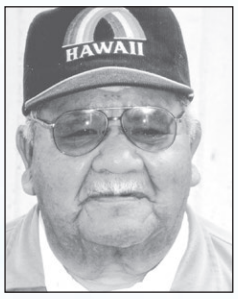
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FREDERICK JUAN
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WITH RAYMOND JUAN,
U.S.M.C.



MATTHEW B. JUAN
U.S. Army
(WWI)



IRVIN KAVOKA
U.S. Army
(WWII)



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U.S. Army



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U.S. Army



THEODORE "TINY" LARGO
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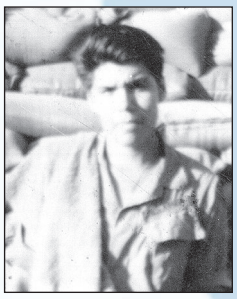
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U.S. Army
(WWII)



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



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



PHILLIP LORING
U.S. Army
(WWII)



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)



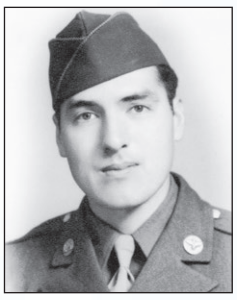
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(WWII)



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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
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(Vietnam)



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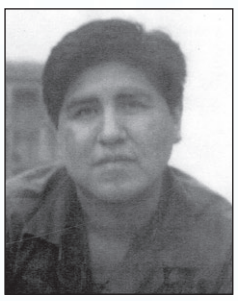
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(Germany)



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



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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)



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)

SRPMIC VETERANS DAY PARADE

Join us to cheer on the Veterans!

Wednesday, November 11, 2026

Staging @ 7:00am | Parade Starts @ 9:00am

You're invited after the parade at the Salt River Community Building for the Veterans Day Program and the announcement of the parade winners!

Salt River Community Building

1880 N. Longmore Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85256

11:30am - 1:30pm

Veterans Honoring | Meal
T-Shirt Giveaway | Arts & Crafts Vendors
Music & Entertainment
Parade Winner Announcements

Veterans Event and Celebration Calendar

★PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY
Monday, Dec. 7, 2026, 5:30 p.m., USS Arizona Memorial Gardens

★VETERAN SERVICES OPEN HOUSE
Friday, Feb. 19, 2027 (More information will be released at a later time.)

★MEMORIAL DAY FLAG PLANTING
Saturday, May 22, 2027, all Community cemeteries

★MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM
Monday, May 24, 2027, St. Francis Cemetery

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