



# 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Alumni Service Award

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**Reifschneider Family Philanthropy Fund**

Rob Reifschneider is a World War II history buff and received a B.S. in Business Management from San Diego State College in 1957. After high school, Rob enlisted in the U.S. Navy Reserve and served for eight years. He retired as Senior Vice President of Manchester Tank & Equipment Co., the largest North American manufacturer of propane cylinders and tanks. The family business started in 1946 with 10 employees, ending with 1,400 when sold in 1999. Rob and his wife Donna have been married for 62 years and proudly have three children – Roberta, Rhonda, and Eric – four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

## Eligibility

- Previous student participant in a Veterans Heritage Project (VHP) school chapter
- At least 5 years post-graduation from high school
- Contributing to society through public service, the workforce, or volunteering
- Accepted nominations: self (preferred), from a former teacher, from a fellow VHP alumni
- Ability to attend (in person or virtually) the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual *Saluting Stories of Service* fundraising gala on March 6, 2021
- Submission materials are complete

**Submission Materials** – all elements in one email to [info@veteransheritage.org](mailto:info@veteransheritage.org)

- Current Resumé
- Completed Nomination Form

## Criteria and Deadlines

- Submissions will be reviewed by the gala committee and VHP Board of Directors with the score based on:
  - Ability to describe positive impact from veterans, oral history, and/or VHP program activities
  - Demonstration of retained lessons, skills, traits, and/or abilities
  - Continued engagement in civic, community, or leadership activities
- Submissions will be accepted between November 1, 2020 and **January 2, 2021**
- Finalists will be contacted the week of January 11, 2021 with any questions, and a request to submit a 2-minute selfie video describing their most impactful VHP moment
- Notification of selection will be made to all applicants by January 31, 2021

## Award

- Complimentary attendance for the selected alumnus/alumna and a guest at *Saluting Stories of Service*
  - <https://www.veteransheritage.org/salute> 2021 gala content will be available in Dec.
  - <https://vimeo.com/401113236> to see 2-minute highlight reel from 2020 event
- Recognition Award to be presented on stage at the gala
- Profile in gala materials, VHP social media outlets, and VHP's Spring 2021 newsletter



# Alumni Service Award Nomination Form

*SUBMISSION DEADLINE: JANUARY 2, 2021*

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated By: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Email: \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Briefly describe the nominee's experience with VHP, including the name of his/her chapter school, teacher advisor(s), number of years the nominee participated, number of veterans interviewed, and any club roles and/or activities in which nominee participated or supported.**

2. **What abilities, skills, or character traits did the nominee develop as a result in participating in VHP?**

3. Based on the answer to #2, describe which ability, skill, or trait made the most difference in the nominee's life or success and why.

4. What lessons did the nominee's veteran(s) impart that he/she still remembers? Share example(s) of how those lessons have been applied in nominee's life and/or career.

**5. How is the nominee contributing to the greater community today?**

**6. Describe any accomplishments or recognition the nominee has received which they attribute in any part to the experiences provided by VHP.**

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I give VHP all right, title, and interest I may have in any and all photographic images, video or audio recordings, interviews, and other written, visual, or broadcast media made, originated, or created by VHP or its agents or employees during or in connection with VHP's programs, including (but not limited to) any royalties, proceeds, or other benefits derived from such materials. VHP, without any cost, liability, or obligation to identify the source, shall have the right to use, publish, archive, and copy any and all photographic images, video or audio recordings, interviews, and other written, visual, audio, or broadcast media in any format created by me in the course of my participation in any VHP activities.

**Signature of Nominee** \_\_\_\_\_

**Printed Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_