



3rd 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
- Available to attend the award presentation at the *Saluting Stories of Service* gala on March 11, 2023
- Current Staff and Board Directors who are alumni are not eligible

Criteria

- Submissions will be reviewed by the 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
- Finalists will be contacted in December with any questions.
- Notification of selection will be made to all applicants by December 16, 2022

Award

- Complimentary attendance for the recipient and a guest at March 11, 2023 *Saluting Stories of Service*
 - <https://vimeo.com/688079734> to see 2-minute highlight reel from 2022 event
- Recognition Award to be presented at the gala
- Profile in gala materials, VHP social media outlets, and VHP's Spring 2023 newsletter

Part I – Nomination – nomination form to info@veteransheritage.org

- Accepted nominations: self, from a former teacher, from a fellow VHP alumni
- VHP will keep applications from previous year submissions. Past nominees will be asked to update the submission form for inclusion in the current year selection process.
- Nominations are due by **October 1, 2022**

Part II – Submission – all elements in one email to info@veteransheritage.org

- Current Resumé
- Submission Form Completed by Nominees
- Submissions are due by **December 1, 2022**



Alumni Service Award Nomination Form

NOMINATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1, 2021

Send to info@veteransheritage.org

Nominee Name: _____

Nominator: _____

Nominee Phone: _____

Relationship to Nominee: _____

Nominee Email: _____

Nominator Email: _____

In 250 words or less, briefly describe why you are nominating this person for the Alumni Service Award. Keep in mind the award criteria: ability to describe positive impact from veterans, oral history, and/or VHP program activities; demonstration of retained lessons, skills, traits, and/or abilities; and continued engagement in civic, community, or leadership activities.

Upon receipt of the Nomination Form, VHP will send a Submission Application to the Nominee. The Nominee will be asked to answer the following questions and return the completed form by the indicated deadline.

1. Briefly describe your experience with VHP, including the name of your chapter school, teacher advisor(s), number of years you participated, number of veterans interviewed, and any club roles and/or activities in which you participated or supported.
2. What abilities, skills, or character traits did you 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 your life or success and why.
4. What lessons did your veteran(s) impart that you still remember? Share example(s) of how those lessons have been applied in your life and/or career.
5. How are you contributing to the greater community today?
6. Describe any accomplishments or recognition you have received which you attribute in any part to the experiences provided by VHP.