



Veterans Heritage Project (VHP) enriches education and develops students' leadership, character, and 21st century skills, while honoring the service of veterans and preserving their legacies.

Offered in Arizona middle and high schools, with pilot programs in Florida and Tennessee, VHP *Connects Students with Veterans™* in their local communities through our after-school program.

- ★ Oral history veteran interviews preserved in the Library of Congress
- ★ Students write veterans' service stories for publication in VHP's hardbound book, *Since You Asked™*
- ★ Community book-signing events to honor veterans and recognize student work
- ★ Civic engagement opportunities
- ★ College scholarships

Know a veteran in your community?

Share this brochure with a veteran who would like their story to be heard and documented for the next generation.



Veterans Heritage Project

Founded in 2004 and established as a 501 (c)(3) non-profit in 2009, Veterans Heritage Project's (VHP) mission is to Connect Students with Veterans™ in order to honor veterans, preserve America's heritage, and develop future leaders.

Designated a Character Education Program by the Arizona Department of Education, and aligned with College and Career Readiness Standards, VHP has been recognized by:

- ★ Library of Congress
- ★ Arizona Council for the Social Studies
- ★ Arizona Humanities
- ★ Congressional Medal of Honor Society
- ★ Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society
- ★ Arizona Department of Veterans' Services

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VETERANS
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Veterans,
Let Your Legacy
Be Their Guide.



Prepare the next generation to better understand the importance of sacrifice, service, duty, and loyalty by sharing your memories.

Connecting Students with Veterans™

Your Interview

Guided by a trained teacher, a student will interview you to capture your service story, its significance and impact on your life and career, and any lessons you wish to impart to the next generation.

Bring photos and other memorabilia from your service to the interview so the images can be included with your published story. Using the video recording of the interview, your student interviewer will write your story. With your approval of the final essay, the story will be included in our annual hard-bound publication of veterans' memories, *Since You Asked*.

By sharing your story, you are preserving first-person history, encouraging civic pride and respect for service, and building the character of our students.



Your Legacy

At the end of each school year, VHP donates a copy of *Since You Asked* and submits your recorded interview for archiving to Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress. The oral history recordings can be viewed at <http://www.loc.gov/vets/>

We are honored to provide you a complimentary copy of the book and your recorded interview at VHP's Community Reception and Book Signing. Your documented legacy becomes a cherished family heirloom, and a source of history for future generations.

"The manner in which the student was able to grasp all of the details — and the articulation, it was just fabulous. My generation has a tendency sometimes to reflect and wonder if the next generation is going to be good enough for America. The thing that impressed me most about Sam, is that he convinced me that America is in such good hands."

— Admiral Vern Clark, U.S. Navy Retired
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Interested?

Visit <https://www.veteransheritage.org/veterans> and complete the interview request form at the bottom of the web page. Be sure to include your branch of service, conflict(s) served, city where you currently live, and a brief description of your service.



Community Book Receptions

Chapter schools work together to host a regional Community Reception and Book Signing to honor each year's interviewed veterans and present the completed book. Your student interviewer will ensure you receive an invitation. These free events, typically held in April or May, are open to the public.

We encourage you to invite your friends and family. The reception includes a veteran keynote speaker, patriotic music, scholarship awards, recognition of all veterans in attendance, and a book signing.

Attendees have the opportunity to purchase a book and thank you for your service as you sign the pages of your story.

Books are also available
for sale online at
<https://www.veteransheritage.org/psya>