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Veterans Heritage Project requests the honor of your presence at an evening to recognize the global impact and legacy of our veterans' service, and their inspiration of our next generation.

Chateau Luxe

1175 E. Lone Cactus Drive, Phoenix, Arizona

Complimentary Valet

5:00 PM

Cocktail Reception & Mystery Boxes & Golden Ticket

6:00 PM

Dinner Program & Live Auction

& Golden Ticket Prize Drawing

Menu

Melon and Prosciutto Salad

with Wisconsin Blue Cheese, Baby Basil, and Candied Pecans

Chicken Fricassee with Mushroom Risotto and Asparagus

Cinnamon Churro Cheesecake

Black Tie Optional / Mess Dress



Connecting Students with Veterans™ in order to Honor Veterans, Preserve America's Heritage, and Develop Future Leaders.



PROGRAM

Your patronage provides students the opportunity to connect with veterans who share their stories of service, life experiences, and the resulting lessons they wish to impart to the next generation.



REACH

Your generosity allows additional students and veterans to benefit from our award-winning after-school program. VHP's vision is to become a national model for civic and character education.



IMPACT

Your support helps students reach their potential through character development, leadership skill building, academic skill strengthening, and bonds our community through increased patriotism and civic engagement.



RECOGNITION

Your belief bolsters VHP's reputation. Our curriculum, designated a Character Education Program and aligned with Arizona's College and Career Readiness Standards, has been recognized by the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, Library of Congress, and many more.

STORYTELLER AWARD HONOREE

COL (RET.) JAMES H. P. KELSEY

Since 2010, COL James H.P. Kelsey US Army, Retired, has shared stories with thousands of students and community members about his 30 years of infantry, special forces, and military intelligence service. After two tours in Vietnam, Jim transferred to Military Intelligence where he served at levels of command up to brigade, including supervising 3,200 "Jason Bourne" military and civilian operators in Europe during the Fall of the Berlin Wall. Jim also served as the Army's principal liaison with the CIA, NSA and DIA during Operation Desert Storm, and retired in 1995 as Chief of Staff and Garrison Commander at Fort Huachuca, AZ. Jim's awards include 5 Legion of Merit, 5 Bronze Star (One with V Device), 3 Purple Heart, the Combat Infantry Badge, General Staff Badge, Parachute Badge and Special Forces Tab.



Jim was interviewed by Geoff Byers in 2009 for *Since You Asked VI*. He continues to captivate students with his service stories, offering up a challenge coin to students who ask great questions.



SPECIAL GUEST

MG (RET.) BARBARA G. FAST



MG Barbara G. Fast, US Army, Retired, worked with Jim in military intelligence in Germany, where she directed the joint interrogation centers that all Russian and Warsaw Pact refugees passed through. MG Fast held several key positions during her 32 years of service, including becoming the Army's first female Deputy Chief of Staff, G2 (Intelligence) of an Army Division – 2nd Armored Division; and as Director of Intelligence (C2) Multinational Forces – Iraq and Combined Joint Task Force-7, Operation Iraqi Freedom, she sat in on the interrogation of Saddam Hussein. She held many notable positions including Director of Intelligence (J2), U.S. European Command. MG Fast currently serves as the President/CEO of BGF Enterprises LLC, and sits on the Board of various businesses and non-profits.

ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD HONOREE

Sponsored by the Reifschneider Family Philanthropy Fund

JUSTIN YECK



Justin Yeck interviewed nine veterans while in high school. He then went to Texas Tech, completing four years of Air Force ROTC with the goal of being a pilot. He earned a scholarship for flight training, and was selected as Cadet Wing Commander his senior year. Two months from graduation, his dream came to an abrupt halt due to a medical disqualification. The words of World War II veteran, Howard McDonald, "I did what I could do with what they gave me," helped Justin "blaze my own trail in a new environment." Justin found an organization where his ability to connect with individuals, and lead and mentor others would allow him to thrive. "I find thrill with every new opportunity and challenge, thanks to a few simple guiding words."

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Registration Deadline: March 3

Scan QR code for Saluting Stories of Service Gala website and registration, or complete and return this reply card.



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Please indicate number of:

- _____ Individual Guest(s) at \$250 each.
- _____ Table Sponsorship(s) for 10 guests at \$2,000 each (a savings of \$50 per person).
- _____ Donation for a veteran, teacher, and/or alumni to attend at \$250 each.
- _____ General donation, I am unable to attend.

Payment Summary

Total enclosed or to be charged: \$ _____

Checks payable to Veterans Heritage Project.

Credit Card # _____

Exp. Date _____ Code _____

____ Yes, please add 4% to cover credit card processing fees.

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Table Guest Names

Company or Family Name for Table Sponsorship Recognition:

Guest names will need to be provided to tami@veteransheritage.org
no later than March 3, 2023.

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Please indicate # of vegan alternative meals required _____