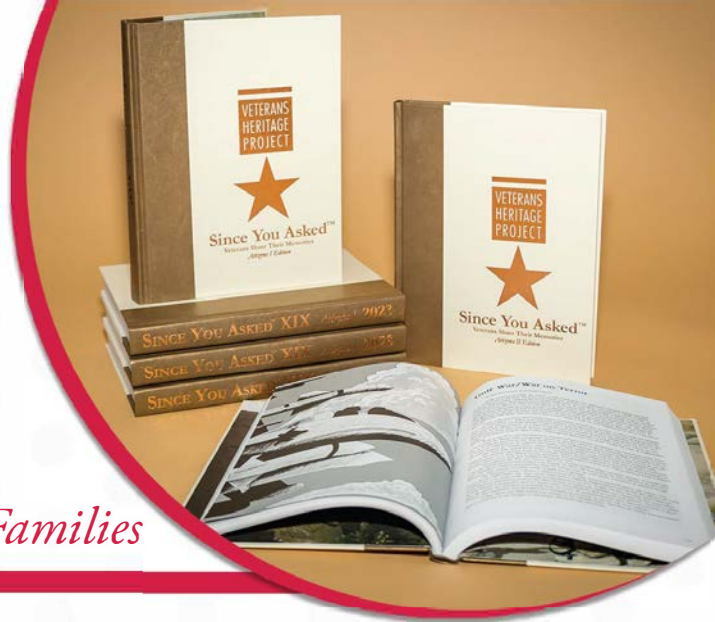




HONOR SERVICE
PRESERVE HISTORY
SHARE LEGACY



Since You Asked™ XX: A Salute to Gold Star Families

Veterans Heritage Project will celebrate 20 years of honoring veterans and preserving their legacies by dedicating the 2024 edition of *Since You Asked* as a salute to Gold Star Families.* Consider sharing your loved one's service story for inclusion in *Since You Asked™ XX: A Salute to Gold Star Families* and the Library of Congress national archives.

How to Participate

Be one of the first 20 families to enroll in our online guide by the deadline, and the fee will be paid for by our 20th Anniversary Fund. Our guide offers step-by-step instruction to help you document memories of your loved one, and how their service and sacrifice affected your family. Program staff and our editorial committee are also available to offer support. Submissions are due by December 8, 2023.

- ★ Write the service story of your loved one for publication in VHP's hardbound book, *Since You Asked*.
- ★ Share photos and other memorabilia so the images can accompany the published story.
- ★ Participate in our spring 2024 Community Reception and Book Signing to honor your loved one.
- ★ Veterans Heritage Project will provide you with five complimentary copies of *Since You Asked*, and will submit the written story to the Library of Congress.

Tell their Story!
Your loved one's legacy becomes a cherished family heirloom, and a source of history for future generations.

**Enroll in our online guide by October 15, 2023
at veteransheritage.pathwright.com**



Veterans Heritage Project

Founded in 2004 and established as a 501 (c)(3) non-profit in 2009, our mission is to Connect Students with Veterans™ in order to honor veterans, preserve America's heritage, and develop future leaders. Our program has been recognized by:

- ★ Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress
- ★ Congressional Medal of Honor Society
- ★ Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society
- ★ Vietnam Veterans of America
- ★ Arizona Department of Education



*Gold Star Family members are defined by legislation as a "parent, spouse, sibling or child of members of the Armed Forces who died as a result of their service during a period of war."

Build Character. Honor Service.



"On Mother's Day 2005, I received my knock on the door - and the title of Gold Star. They say, and it is true, that the greatest casualty is to be forgotten. I think no greater words are spoken. To know a sacrifice firsthand must be shared in order to heal. The Since You Asked program is writing history books. I am grateful that this project exists and continues to educate and remember those that donned the uniform."

— Margy Bons, Michael's Gold Star Mom

Our After School Program

If you prefer to be interviewed and have your loved one's story written on your behalf, you will have the opportunity to review, edit, and approve the final submission. A high school student will interview you and write the story for publication. *Since You Asked* includes war and peacetime service stories from veterans of any era or service branch, in addition to service stories representative of the selected theme for the year. Please note we will do our best to pair you with a participant, but due to limited availability, we are unable to guarantee inclusion in this year's book.

Community Reception & Book Signing

You will receive an invitation to the culminating activity of our program, the Annual Community Reception and Book Signing. The free events, typically held in April or May, are for program participants and their families, and are open to the public. The reception includes a keynote speaker or panel presentation, patriotic music, student scholarships, and recognition of all veterans and gold star families in attendance. We then transition to the book signing. Attendees have the opportunity to have you sign their books, and thank you for your loved one's service and sacrifice.



**WRITE
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FOR ME**

**To have your loved one's story
written on your behalf, please
contact our office
by October 1.**

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