



An award-winning after-school character and civics education program for high schools

Establish a VHP Chapter at Your School

1. Identify a teacher(s) to serve as Chapter Advisor(s). English and history teachers are preferred, but not required.
2. Schedule an informational meeting with VHP to include teacher(s) and administration representative.
3. Complete and return agreement by May 15.
4. Teachers attend 2-hour training in June via Zoom.

"This program is a must, especially for language or history teachers. It provides experiences that can't be recreated anywhere else."

– Heather Jones, Language Arts and History Teacher, Montessori International School

Program Activities Timeline

Aug/Sept	Student Recruitment
September	Interview Training
Sept/Oct/Nov	Interviews, Writing, Editing
November	Veterans Day Events
December	Submission Deadline
Dec/Jan	Publishing Workshops
January	Scholarship Applications
Feb/March	Archive - Library of Congress
April	Community Book Signing Event
May	Chapter Officer Elections

Veterans Heritage Project, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit, has been connecting students with veterans since 2004. Our program is recognized by the Arizona Department of Education as a Character Education program and is the first to be approved in all four categories for the Seal of Civics Literacy. We have 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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Connecting Students with Veterans™

Chapter Program

Students interview U.S. military veterans who share first-person history, life experiences, and lessons of character, leadership, and perseverance.

- ★ Oral history interviews preserved in the Library of Congress
- ★ Students write veterans' service stories for publication in VHP's hardbound book, *Since You Asked*™
- ★ Optional publishing workshops for students to lay out stories using design software
- ★ Community book-signing event to honor veterans and recognize student work
- ★ Civic engagement opportunities
- ★ College scholarships – Ten awards, ranging from one-time \$1,500 to \$17,500 per year for four years

Participation Fee

Schools can establish their chapter as an Arizona State Tax Credit eligible club with their school or district. The cost of participation is the cost to have the students' work published, \$200 per story. Three story minimum per chapter.



Educational Support

- ★ Teacher and student leadership training
- ★ Learning Management System
- ★ Veteran and civic group connections
- ★ Editing support
- ★ Technology tools
- ★ Badgr digital credentials that validate skills and accomplishments

"This program means so much more than what you think it will when you start out. The impact it has on the students and the veterans is something that will stay with you forever."

– Nickey Page, English Teacher, Payson High School

Benefits of Participation

- ★ Character and civic education through experiential learning
- ★ Leadership and 21st-century skill development
- ★ Appreciation for service and veterans
- ★ Preservation of first-person history
- ★ Improved school culture and school ratings
- ★ Connection with the community
- ★ Mentorship from our country's heroes
- ★ Diploma Seal for Civics Literacy
- ★ Students become published authors
- ★ Students earn digital credentials
- ★ Opportunities for college scholarships

Learning Management System

Our technology platform is intuitive and provides an interactive experience which allows for self-guided progress, with automated milestone deadlines.

TEACHER ADVISOR GUIDE



The Teacher Advisor Guide provides monthly steps and resources to support the administration of a VHP Chapter.

VHP STUDENT GUIDE



The VHP Student Guide directs students step-by-step through conducting oral history interviews; writing, editing, and publishing their veterans' stories in *Since You Asked* and preserving the recorded interviews in the Library of Congress. Video tutorials, interview questions, and writing worksheets are some of the supportive curriculum materials.

The web-based LMS is compatible with the two most recent versions of Chrome, Safari, Edge, and Firefox, and can be used on a laptop, desktop, or mobile device. Compliant with FERPA, COPPA, and other applicable privacy regulations.