



Individual Participation in our award-winning character and civics education program

### Our Independent Contributor Program is for:

- ★ 7th – 12th grade students who do not have a VHP Chapter at their school
- ★ High school seniors as a capstone project
- ★ High school students seeking the Diploma Seal of Civics Literacy
- ★ Home schooled students seeking English, history, or civics enrichment
- ★ Adults who wish to preserve a family member's legacy

**"This program is a must. It provides experiences that can't be recreated anywhere else."**

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

Enroll at [veteransheritage.pathwright.com](http://veteransheritage.pathwright.com)  
 A \$200 participation fee supports the publication of the veteran's story. Each veteran and author receive a free copy of *Since You Asked*.™

#### Program Activities Timeline

April – October 1	Open Enrollment
December 15	Submission Deadline
Jan – March	Archive – Library of Congress
April	Release of <i>Since You Asked</i>

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 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™

## Independent Contributor Program

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

- ★ Record the oral history interview for preservation in the Library of Congress
- ★ Write the veteran's service story for publication in VHP's hardbound book, *Since You Asked™*
- ★ Honor your veteran and be recognized for your work at our annual Community Reception and Book Signing. Learn more about this free public event at [www.veteransheritage.org/bookreception](http://www.veteransheritage.org/bookreception)

## Educational Support

- ★ Learning Management System
- ★ Veteran connections if needed
- ★ Editing support
- ★ Technology guidance
- ★ Certificate of completion

**"My grandfather never revealed a word about his military experience to anyone until I interviewed him, which made the experience even more special. He expressed how grateful he was that I was interested in his story, because otherwise, he never would have shared. He was waiting for someone to ask."**

– Kayleigh Rice, VHP Alumna

**"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
- ★ Connection with the community
- ★ Mentorship from our country's heroes
- ★ Diploma Seal for Civics Literacy credit
- ★ Students become published authors

## Learning Management System

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

## INDEPENDENT CONTRIBUTOR GUIDE



The Independent Contributor Guide directs participants step-by-step through conducting an oral history interview; writing, editing, and publishing their veteran's service story in *Since You Asked*, and preserving the recorded interview in the Library of Congress. Video tutorials, interview questions, and writing worksheets are some of the supportive curriculum materials.

## TWO WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

- ★ Work independently, with the opportunity to have VHP Program Staff and Editorial Committee review your writing and provide feedback.
- ★ Set up a private course for your own group of contributors (minimum of three participants) and track everyone's progress with moderator access.

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.