

Mesa Veterans Program
15 September 2022

Welcome & Introductions

- We went around the tables and introduced ourselves.

Old or Unfinished Business

- Review of upcoming events:
 - Mesa Chamber Golf Tournament – September 29
 - ASU Veteran & Society Conference – October 20-21
 - ASU “Salute to Service” Panel @ ASU Polytechnic Campus – November 7
 - VMLC Heroes Luncheon – November 10
 - East Valley Veterans Parade – November 11
 - DAV 5th Annual Veterans Benefit Golf Tournament – December 3

New Business

- Mesa Art League: Studio 101 Gallery hangs student art. Art show all of December.
- Las Palmas: Clothing drive for MVRC first week of November. February fundraiser for MVRC—looking for sponsors.
- A New Leaf: Started “Path to Purpose” incarcerated Veterans transition program July 1. Addresses PTSD, adjustment disorder, substance abuse disorders. Includes programs up to 6 months, programs 6+ months, and entrepreneurship.
- Army Aviation Historical Foundation: H-1 Huey flight certified. Working with CAF—delivered AH-1 Cobra helo in Desert Shield paint scheme.
- East Valley Veterans Parade: New Google listing—please leave a review. Need USMC and USN Marshals. Flags will be available for entered vehicles. Fox 10 plans to cover parade.
- Helen Krsul: Focus on suicide prevention through hypnotherapy. Discussed needing a focus on connecting transitioning servicemembers with the local community.
- Lee Huff: Delayed appointments again an issue at the VA—Congressional hearing with Andy Biggs later this month.

Open Forum

- The group decided to take on the challenge of a local area transition program for servicemembers, starting with the Reserves and National Guard.

Closing

- “Homework” for everyone is to brainstorm ideas for the transition program mentioned above. We will dedicate the next meeting to this project.
 - Next meeting 11am on Thursday, October 20th, at the Chamber.
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Salute to Service Panel Discussion



Monday, November 7, 2022 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Cooley Ballroom A

ASU Polytechnic campus

Guests will have an opportunity to hear from national and community leaders, ASU faculty and members of the community who have served our community on many fronts. Our moderator will be Bob Beard, a U.S. Marine veteran who is a member of the ASU community at the Center for Science and the Imagination. Refreshments will be available.

Service through academia: Dr. Yolanda Rodriguez-U.S. Marine veteran, ASU Instructor

Service through elected office: Bill Spence-U.S. Navy veteran, Gilbert City Councilman

Service through diplomacy: Ambassador Michael Polt-Ambassador in Residence at ASU

Service through the military: LTG Ben Freakley-Ret. U.S. Army, professor and policy advisor
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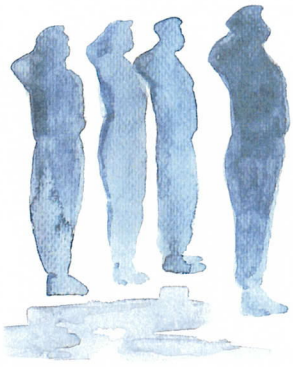
Service through Peace Corps: Genevieve de los Santos Evanhouse-Peace Corps 2006-2016

Questions? Contact Stacey Eastwood at sdeastwo@asu.edu. Register here:

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Path to Purpose A Veterans Program

Eligibility

You must be a veteran in Maricopa County. Must have been incarcerated at the Federal, State, or County level for 6 months or longer and have been out of incarceration 6 months or less.

4 Paths

- Long-Term Training
- Short-Term Training
- Self-Employment / Start a Business
- Immediate Employment



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Zonnie Gorman

Keynote Speaker

“Growing Up with Heroes: The First Twenty-nine Navajo Code Talkers”

Thurs., Oct. 20, 2022, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. (reception to follow)

Historian Zonnie Gorman is a recognized expert on the original Navajo Code Talkers of World War II. The daughter of Carl Gorman, the oldest member of the first 29 Navajo Code Talkers, she shares a touching, riveting story of the original, famous group — the 29 men who served in the 1942 pilot project and created the first Navajo code. In her presentation, Gorman weaves her personal connection and intimate knowledge with 30 years of archival research and collected first-account stories.

She has appeared in several documentaries, include the History Channel's "In Search of History: Navajo

Code Talkers," and the MGM double DVD release "Windtalkers," (historical documentary section). Gorman holds a master's degree in history and is currently working toward PhD in history at the University of New Mexico.

Register to attend the conference and experience Zonnie's story in person:
tinyurl.com/veterans-and-society



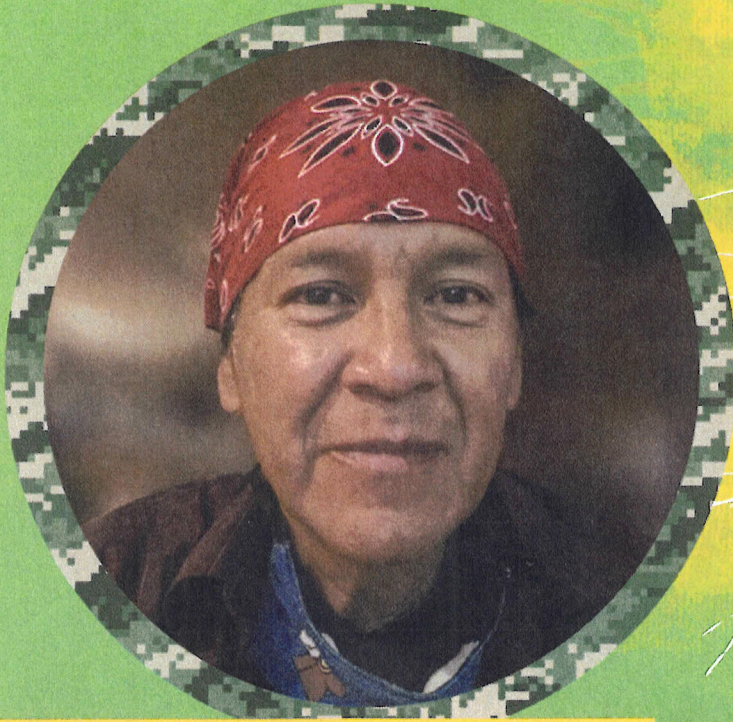
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Ricardo Caté

Renowned Native American Cartoonist

- Ricardo Caté of Santo Domingo Pueblo is the most prominent Native American cartoonist working today.
- Mr. Caté is the only Native American cartoonist whose work is carried by a daily mainstream newspaper, Santa Fe New Mexican and Taos News. Many of his comics are included in his extraordinary book, *Without Reservations: The Cartoons of Ricardo Caté*.
- In addition to being a cartoonist, Mr. Caté is also an activist, stand-up comedian, writer, teacher, U.S. Marine veteran, former college athlete, tribal official, four-time Dakota Access Pipeline protester at Standing Rock, and filmmaker.
- Ricardo Caté's celebrity fans include Wes Studi, Jackie Chan, Winona LaDuke, Nick Nolte, Denzel Washington, and Dennis Banks, co-founder of the American Indian Movement.

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