



VETERANS DAY

A Veterans Day Message

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Every November, Veterans Day is a day set aside to honor the courage and bravery of those who have actively served our great nation while in uniform. It is a day to say thank you and to acknowledge that these individuals were willing to pay the ultimate sacrifice to protect the freedoms that we enjoy each and every day.

Our people have always displayed a commitment to community, service and sacrifice. Many of our ancestors fought alongside the U.S. Cavalry before the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community was federally recognized and with the National Guard before our people were recognized as citizens of Arizona or even had the right to vote. And as time went on, this commitment to service and sacrifice persisted as loved ones continued to step up and serve in times of both peace and conflict, alongside brothers and sisters from across the nation, protecting our Community, state and nation.

To the O’odham and Piipaash men and women who have sacrificed through service, thank you. To the O’odham and Piipaash men and women who continue the legacy of commitment and service through their sacrifices today, thank you. And to the family, friends and colleagues who created a legacy of commitment and sacrifice through service, thank you.

I pray that your minds are clear and that your hearts are content. We are grateful for you and all that you and your families have sacrificed on our behalf. We are thankful for the service you have given and the freedoms we continue to enjoy because of you.

On behalf of my family and the Tribal Council, Thank You and Happy Veterans Day.

SRPMIC President Martin Harvier



Every Veteran has



a Family who serves too.

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS



RALLO BAPTISTO
U.S.M.C
(Vietnam)



VIRGIL F. BROWN, JR.
U.S.M.C - R
(Iraq)



TONY DALLAS
U.S.M.C
(P-T)



KAYZEHN ENAS
U.S.M.C



JOSIAH C. FERGUSON
U.S.M.C
(WWII)



BURNETT GATES
U.S.M.C
(P-T)



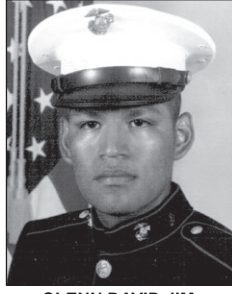
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U.S.M.C
(WWII)



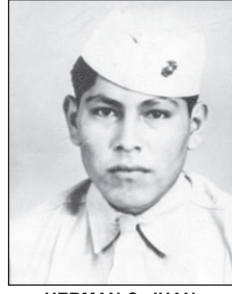
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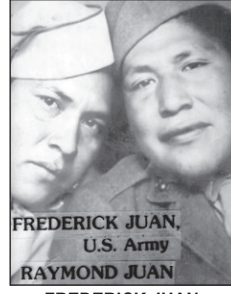
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(ANTON)**
U.S.M.C
(Korea)



GLENN DAVID JIM
U.S.M.C



HERMAN C. JUAN
U.S.M.C
(WWII)



**FREDERICK JUAN,
U.S. Army
RAYMOND JUAN**
U.S. Army
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U.S.M.C.
(Korea)



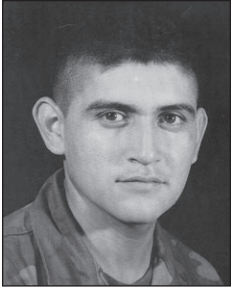
RAYNARD RUDY MANUEL
U.S.M.C.
(Vietnam)



ANTHONY G. MARTINEZ
U.S.M.C / U.S. ARMY
(Panama)



RAY C. MARTINEZ
U.S.M.C - R



GARY D. MORENO
U.S.M.C
(Vietnam)



**FERNANDO PETE
PADILLA**
U.S.M.C
(Vietnam)



JOHN K. RINGLERO
U.S.M.C
(Korea)



DANIEL SMITH, JR.
U.S.M.C



GARY L. THOMAS
U.S.M.C
(Vietnam 1966-70)



KURT THOMAS
U.S.M.C



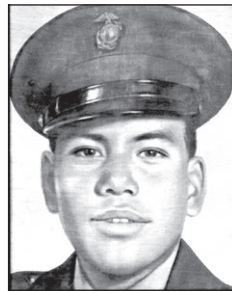
LEONARD P. THOMAS
U.S.M.C



MELVIN THOMAS
U.S.M.C
(P-T)



PAUL L. THOMAS
U.S.M.C



PHILLIP THOMAS
U.S.M.C
(Korea)



REUBEN C. THOMAS
U.S.M.C - R
(Iraq)



HARVEY WILSON
U.S.M.C



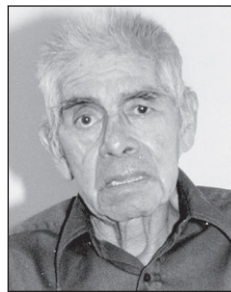
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U.S.M.C
(Desert Storm)



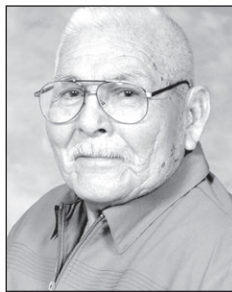
STEVEN W. YOUNG
U.S.M.C



PERCY OSIF
A.Z.N.G. 158th Infantry
(WWII)



EVERETT RHOADES
A.Z.N.G. 158th Infantry
(WWII)



HARRISON RHOADES
A.Z.N.G. 158th Infantry
(WWII)



HIRAM VALENZUELA
A.Z.N.G. Co. F
158th Infantry
(WWII)

ARIZONA NATIONAL GUARD



**IN HONOR OF THOSE
WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY**

Every Veteran Has a Family Who Serves Too



U.S. Army Specialist Michael Wagner was welcomed home by the Youth Services Enrichment Program in 2003 after returning home from Afghanistan/Iraq (Operation Enduring Freedom).



Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community member Jacob Hunter Charlie (middle right), along with friends and family, come together for a photo at the Round House Café, where they had a special meal to celebrate his decision to join the Army.



The Tahmahkera Family's Legacy of Service in the Military
The Tahmahkera family has a proud tradition of military service. Garrison Tahmahkera was an Air Force member who served in the Korean War. His son, the late Gary Tahmahkera, was a combat medic who rose to the rank of E-6 before becoming an Army Air Defense Artillery Officer. Gary's son, Stephen Tahmahkera, continued the family tradition by joining the Army National Guard, and Monroe Tahmahkera later enlisted in the Air Force. We extend our deepest gratitude to the Tahmahkera Family for their bravery and service to both their country and community.



When United States Marine Corps soldiers Virgil Brown, Kayzhen Enas, Ruben Thomas returned to Salt River in 2003 their families, and Tribal employees welcomed them back with a sense of relief and happiness.



Robert Aguilar.



Photo was taken at the 2009 Veterans Day Program. While Veterans are not related by blood they are related by camaraderie and the experiences they went through.



These young ones waited patiently at the gate for their dad to come down the hallway.

Veterans Services Committed to Honoring our Community Veterans

BY AMANDA WHITE
SRPMIC Veterans Representative
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As we commemorate Veterans Day, it is important to recognize the valorous deeds of the brave men and women who have selflessly served our country and communities. The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has been home to many warriors who have made great sacrifices to safeguard our way of life, our traditions and our freedoms. We extend our deepest appreciation to current and former service members, their families, their caregivers and their survivors for their invaluable contributions to our nation.

On this day we also honor the fallen soldiers who gave their lives for our country and show support to those who are still missing in action. We pledge our commitment to bring home all the missing-in-action service members and ensure that their selfless service is never forgotten.

This year we pay tribute to the veterans who are no longer with us, cherishing their memory and preserving their legacy. At Veterans Services, we are committed to honoring our Community veterans and providing them with the support they need. One way we honor our veterans is by seeking their DD-214 (Report of Separation), a key document that helps us provide the services and support they deserve.

We encourage veterans to share their DD-214 or Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty with our office. If you need assistance obtaining



L-R: SRPMIC Veteran's Representatives Troy Truax, Jr. and Amanda White and Veteran's Representative Assistant Sierra Malin.

a DD-214, whether for yourself or a deceased loved one (the request must be made by an immediate family member), we are here to help you through the process. This will enable us to better understand your needs and provide you with necessary support. The DD-214 serves as the key to unlocking the services and benefits that you deserve.

We can also assist in retrieving military-issued headstones for our deceased veterans to provide a lasting tribute. Our team recognizes the significance of paying respect to our fallen heroes and their families, and we are committed to guiding you through the process, including gathering the necessary documentation and completing the application.

Every veteran has a story to tell, and we're eager to listen. We encourage you to share your own experiences or those of your loved ones who served. Our Warrior of the Month postings allow us to highlight and honor these stories, and we're excited to hear them all. Our goal is to create a system that supports and preserves the experiences of our veterans for generations to come.

This year we've made it our mission to engage with the younger generation. Our goal is to educate them about our services and the importance of our Community's warrior history. We've emphasized the significance of military service and provided information on various military branches. If you have any questions or are seeking guidance,

we are always available to offer support and assistance for future enlistments.

On this Veterans Day, let us come together as a Community to demonstrate our support and gratitude for the brave men and women who have served our country. We are forever grateful for their unwavering courage and steadfast commitment to our nation's safety and freedom, as well as to their families.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMUNITY VETERANS DAY: Saturday, November 11 at the Lehi Community Center from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY: Thursday, December 7 at the USS Memorial Garden at Talking Stick Fields, more information to follow.

COMMUNITY VETERAN CHRISTMAS PARTY: Thursday, December 14. More information to follow.

WEEKLY VETERANS MEETINGS: Every Thursday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the SRPMIC Veterans Hall.

For questions, call the Veterans Office at (480) 362-7884

Update on Salt River Veterans Cemetery and Call for Action

BY AMANDA WHITE
Veteran's Representative
and DUSHAWN JOHN
ECS Architectural Designer

The Veterans Section of the Salt River Cemetery, which is the final resting place of several brave warriors and scouts who served both our country and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, is now considered sacred land.

As a special tribute, Community veterans and several SRPMIC departments are collaborating on plans for a new Salt River Cemetery Veterans

Memorial to be located in this section of the cemetery. Working together, Community veterans, Veterans Services, Engineering and Construction Services, and Public Works have developed a master plan for the memorial to further honor these heroes.

Following two successful co-design meetings with Salt River veterans, the Warrior Shield symbol was chosen to represent the ground layout of the memorial. Additionally, it was proposed to raise the flag colors at the center of the monument and to display service branch emblems on

granite walls. Although materials are still being considered, a model of the center highlights the project's impressive potential to honor those who have served. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Salt River veterans who have supported us throughout the process so far.

Our ultimate goal is to pay tribute to the extensive history of Salt River veterans who have been laid to rest in this area. We encourage you to join us in this endeavor by sharing your ideas and inspiration. How can we best honor the Salt River veterans

interred in the Salt River Cemetery? We believe that by working together, we can create a meaningful space that commemorates their legacy.

We are inviting Salt River veterans and families to attend a discussion and brainstorming session about the concept of a memorial wall. The meeting will take place on November 16, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Veterans Hall. Lunch will be provided. Your participation in these planning discussions would be a wonderful way to honor the legacy of Salt River veterans.



E. PACER REINA U.S. ARMY (OPERATION DESERT STORM)

In April 1988, Edward "Pacer" Reina, III joined the U.S. Army a month before he graduated from high school. After basic training, Reina went to Airborne School and jumped out of planes dozens of times.

"When that chute opens up and I'm floating down, it's the most peaceful thing in the world. Flight has always fascinated me, and having that ability is like you're walking on clouds," Reina said.

He served with the Charlie Company, Second Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division. He spent time in Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

Reina returned home in 1992 after being honorably discharged.

"Now I think about everything, life in general, I find that there are still peaks and valleys and everyone has their highs



and lows. But that mental toughness I developed at Airborne school and later on with the 82nd Airborne Division and going into a combat zone helped me overcome the challenges," he said.



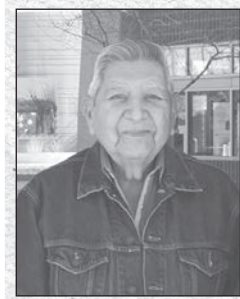
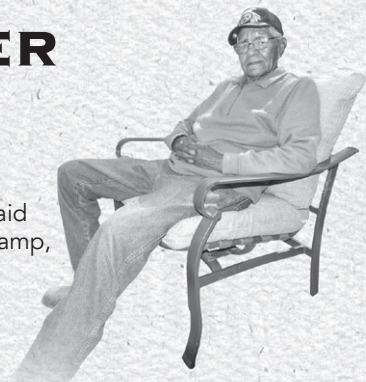
CLARENCE THOMAS U.S. ARMY (PANAMA & HONDURAS)

"We did 30 days at a time in the jungles of Panama. You go into the jungle human and come home inhuman. Being in the jungle for that long changes a person. It took a lot out of me," said Thomas.

For Community veterans who may be living with negative emotions after their time in the military, "Don't give up," said Thomas. "Learn to communicate more. Find people to talk to and connect back with your families. Don't let anger and depression get the best of you. Don't isolate yourself."

DANNY HARVIER U.S.M.C. (KOREA)

"Right after high school (in 1954) I signed up with the Marines, and I was stationed at Camp Pendleton, located in San Diego, California," said Harvier. "I had a lot of fun when I was in boot camp, even though it was very strict and everything. I enjoyed it the most; it taught me a lot."



FILMORE CARLOS U.S. ARMY (KOREA)

Filmore Carlos served with the 82nd Airborne Division. "I was assigned to [the 508th Regiment]. I became a heavy automatic weapons instructor/teacher; I was a cadre. Even though I had limited experience with automatic weapons, I learned the whole mechanical process. I picked it up just like that [snaps his fingers]."

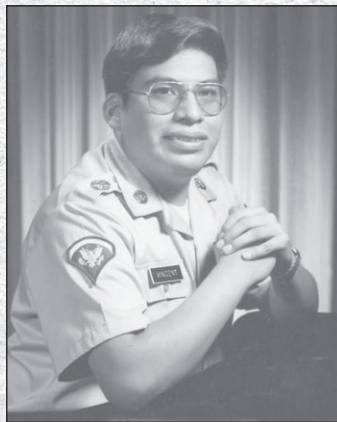
When Carlos' time in the military ended, he did not re-enlist. "I went through my mustering out, because I wanted to get out and go home to Lehi."

GREGORY VINCENT U.S. ARMY (VIETNAM, GULF WAR, GRANADA, AND PANAMA)

As a young boy, Gregory Vincent said he was bound for the military. "Growing up as a kid I was always playing with toy soldiers, model planes and ships, and watched every war movie possible," he said.

He was assigned to the 55th Aviation Company, U.S. 8th Army. This is where Vincent would find his Army career, learning how to repair radios on helicopters and other Army aircraft. He said, "The pilot will have to rely on this instrument. I repaired that radio to be seen by radar, and that was my job." He was assigned to 35/20 avionics, navigation and flight control repairman jobs.

Vincent had been in the aviation club in high school, so it was no surprise to him that he would be working with helicopters. He earned an honorable discharge after serving 20 years in the U.S. Army. After his discharge, he returned to Salt River.

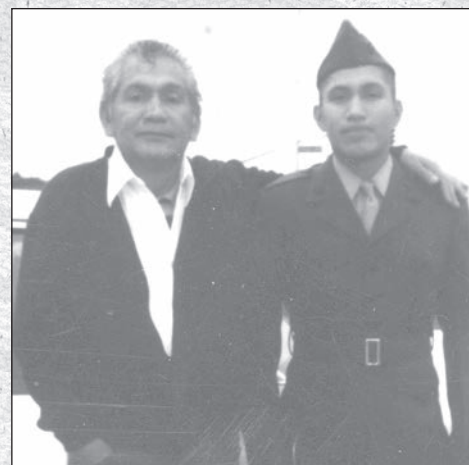


ANTHONY MARTINEZ - U.S.M.C./ U.S. ARMY (OPERATION JUST CAUSE - PANAMA)

Anthony Martinez grew up in a military family. He is the son of a veteran, the late Felix Martinez, and the brother of veterans Joe and Jimmy Martinez. Martinez wanted to follow in the footsteps of the men in his family and serve his country.

Martinez was a part of the Third Battalion of the 9th Regiment, which in December 1989 left for Operation Just Cause in Panama. The mission was to enter and clear Panama City of Panamanian Defense Force members and Dignity Battalion members (armed civilians paid by President Manuel Noriega), depose Noriega and secure control of the Panama Canal.

"[When] we got to Panama, we have on full gear, climb into this bus driving through Panama City, and then we start getting sniper fire. We all jump out of the



bus, and it was just so frustrating because I had grenades, everyone (in his unit) had them on—just pull that little pin and we could all just go," said Martinez.



ALVIN MILES U.S. ARMY (VIETNAM)

Alvin Miles remembers the day in 1967 when he received a letter stating that he and several other young men were to report to the Induction Center in Phoenix. They had been drafted for the Vietnam War.

Miles reported along with his friends. Fortunately, the friends were able to stick together through basic training, Advanced Infantry training and Jump School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

After that, Miles visited his family for two weeks before shipping out to Vietnam, where he and his friends became known as the "Crazy Bunch."

"We were crazy because [we were] always volunteering to be point men by leading the company to make sure we weren't walking up to the enemy lines, and we would volunteer to bring up the rear and make sure no one was following us," said Miles. "It was very dangerous, because you were the only one back waiting to see if anyone was coming."



MICHAEL WAGNER U.S. ARMY (OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM)

Michael Wagner had two deployments in the military. "During my first deployment, I felt invincible. Almost like nobody could hurt me. I had that attitude," he said. "But IEDs (improvised explosive devices) were going off, and people were getting shot or hit with RPGs (rocket-propelled grenades). We lost about eight people in my squadron during my first deployment."

The next deployment wasn't so bad. "Fortunately, during my second deployment I was only hit with two IEDs. I soon learned that I wasn't invincible and that I was blessed to be alive and returning home."



LAURETTA JOHNSON U.S. ARMY WAC (VIETNAM)

Lauretta Johnson served her country during the controversial Vietnam War. Although she didn't serve any tours, she is still proud of her accomplishments during those five years. She entered the military at 19 years old, right after high school graduation.

Johnson said she went to basic training more prepared than most girls because she had attended the Stewart Indian School in Nevada. After basic training, Johnson spent one year on active duty and spent another four years in the Army Reserves.

She considered herself lucky because, "wherever I wanted to go, I could go." At the time, females and minorities were needed in almost every area of service. She spent those four years at a post in the Scottsdale area.

The Army asked her, "If you had to go fight for your country, would you go?" She said, "It was difficult to answer, especially when I knew I might be required to kill someone. I didn't want to go to Vietnam, but I would eventually have to. Luckily, a year later the conflict was over." Johnson was not deployed.





UNITED STATES NAVY



ROBERT AGUILAR
U.S. Navy
(Vietnam)



MYLES ANTONE
U.S. Navy
(Boatswain Mate, 2nd Class)
(WWII)



**DONALD RAYMOND
CHIAGO**
U.S. Navy
(WWII)



**BONAVENTURE
EASCHIEF**
U.S. Navy



CECIL FULWILDER
U.S. Navy (P-T)
(Korea)



**CLYDE WARREN
FULWILDER**
U.S. Navy
(Korea)



OREN FULWILDER
U.S. Navy
(Lebanon 1979-85)



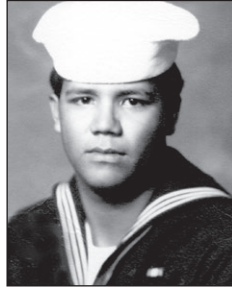
EUGENE B. HOWARD
U.S. Navy
108th Army Band
(WWII)



JASPER JAMES
U.S. Navy
(WWII)



LEONARD JUAN
U.S.N.R.
(WWII)



FRANKLIN K. KAUAKAHI
U.S. Navy



SIMON MAKIL
U.S. Navy
(WWII)



BENNETT MANUEL
U.S. Navy
(Vietnam)



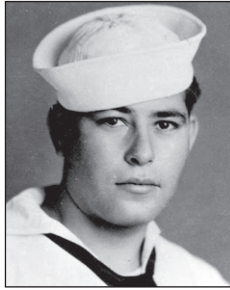
**LUCAS THOMAS
MARTINEZ**
U.S. Navy
(WWII)



CARROLL O. OSIF
U.S. Navy
(WWII)



DANIEL VAN OSIF
U.S. Navy



MURRY PACHECO
U.S. Navy
(WWII)



ROSE RINGLERO
U.S. Navy
(WWII)



ANTHONY THOMAS JR.
U.S. Navy
(WWII)



RAYMOND VALENZUELA
U.S. Navy
(WWII)



VERNON VEST
U.S. Navy



JUAN WILSON JR.
U.S. Navy



GORDON W. WOOD
U.S. Navy (P-T)

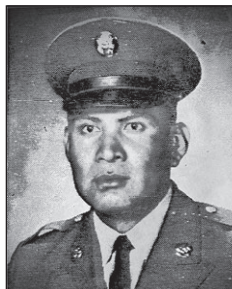


UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

LONGTIME RESIDENT VETERANS



CHARLES "CHUCK" HARRISON
U.S. Army
(Vietnam)



COURTNEY MOYAH
U.S. Army
(Vietnam)



SYLVIA MOQUINO
U.S.A.F.



LARRY HOWARD
U.S.A.F.
(Korea)



GENE JUAN
U.S.A.F.
(Vietnam)



JOSE RAMON
U.S.A.F.

**IN HONOR OF THOSE
WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY**



In honor of those who

UNITED STATES ARMY



HARVIER ADAMS
U.S. Army 158th
Infantry Co. "R"
(WWI-C.O.F.)



THONER ANDREAS
U.S. Army
(WWII & Korea)



MICHAEL L. ANDREWS, SR.
U.S. ARMY
(Korea)



BRODERICK B. ANTONE
U.S. Army
(P-T during Desert Shield/
Desert Storm)



DARRELL R. ANTONE
U.S. Army
(Vietnam)



EDGAR ANTONE
U.S. Army
(WWII)



WALLACE ANTONE
U.S. Calvary/ARMY
(WWII)



CHARLES COUGH
U.S. Army
(WWII)



DANIEL DALTON
U.S. Army



CHARLES T. DONAHUE
U.S. Army
(Vietnam)



GEORGE EMERSON
U.S. Calvary/ARMY
(WWII)



DAVID EASCHIEF
U.S. Army



ALFRED FERGUSON
U.S. Army



ALBERT FRENCH, SR.
U.S. Army
(WWII)



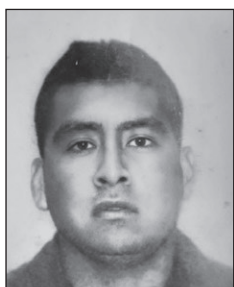
RYLE A. HOWARD
U.S. Army
(Korea)



BLINDEN C. JACKSON
U.S. Army
(WWII)



DEAN JACKSON
U.S. Army
(WWII)



DELBERT T. JACKSON JR.
U.S. Army



**JOSEPH ANTHONY
JAMES**
U.S. Army
(2nd Armored Division,
State Side)



PATRICK JAMES, JR.
U.S. Army
(Iraq)



LAURETTA F. JOHNSON
U.S. Army
WAQ
(Vietnam)



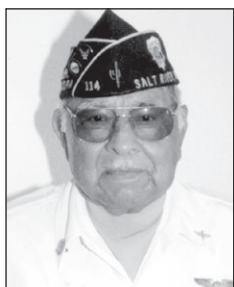
PHILLIP LORING
U.S. Army
(WWII)



JAMES MACIAS, SR.
U.S. Army
(P-T)



LAZARUS L. MANUEL, SR.
U.S. Army
(WWII)



LESTER MANUEL
U.S. Army Air Corps
(WWII)



NORMAN OSIF
U.S. Army
(WWII)



ALFRED PERKINS
U.S. Army
(WWII)



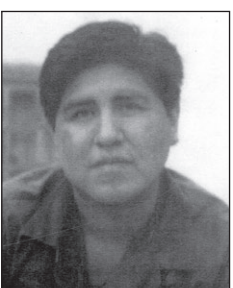
JONAH F. RAY, SR.
U.S. Army
(WWII)



**SGT. BURLEIGH
SAUNDERS, SR.**
U.S. Army SF
(Vietnam)



FRED K. SAUNDERS, JR.
U.S. Army
(P-T)



MELVIN L. SHAW
U.S. Army
(Vietnam)



RODERICK SHAW
U.S. Army
(WWII)



ADOLF STROUSE
U.S. Army
(WWII)



HERMAN STROUSE
U.S. Army
(WWII)



JESSIE R. THOMAS
U.S. Army

served our country

UNITED STATES ARMY



ELIJAH BISACCA
U.S. Army
(82nd Airborne Division
Operation Inherent Resolve)

LAWRENCE A. BUTLER
U.S. Army
(WWII)

ARTHUR CAMERON
U.S. Army
(Vietnam)

JUSTIN CARLOS, SR.
U.S. Army
(WWII)

AL CHARLIE
U.S. Army / Airborne
(Iraq)

MEAGAN CHARLIE
U.S. Army
(Iraq)

GREGORY CHIAGO
U.S. Army
(Vietnam)



CLAYTON FULWILDER
U.S. Army
(WWII)

**MARJORIE GATES
WHITLOCK**
U.S. Army WAC
(WWII)

LLEWELLYN GEORGE
U.S. Army / 11th Airborne
(Korea)

ROBERT GOODWIN
U.S. Army

DOUGLAS GREY, JR.
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DALLAS HOWARD
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(Desert Storm)



**FREDERICK JUAN,
RAYMOND JUAN**
U.S. Army
(WWII)
RAYMOND JUAN
U.S.M.C.

MATTHEW B. JUAN
U.S. ARMY
(WWI)

IRVIN KAVOKA
U.S. Army
(WWII)

DAVID LEWIS
U.S. Army

LEROY LEWIS
U.S. Army
(WWII)

ROGER LEWIS
U.S. Army
(WWII & Korea)

GERALD LORING
U.S. Army
(P-T)



EDWARD P. REINA, III
U.S. Army/Airborne
(Desert Storm)

LOUIS RINGLERO, JR.
U.S. Army
(WWII)

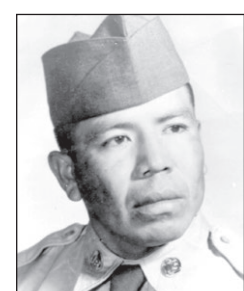
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U.S. Army
(WWII)

WILLIAM RIVERS, JR.
U.S. Army
(WWII)

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U.S. Army
(Vietnam)

JOSEPH S. ROSERO
U.S. Army
(Vietnam/Thailand)

SAMUEL E. ROSERO
U.S. Army
(Germany)



**VERNON (BROWN)
THOMAS**
U.S. Army
(Korea)

GREGORY VINCENT
U.S. Army
(Vietnam, Gulf War,
Granada, and Panama)

MICHAEL W. WAGNER
U.S. Army
(Iraq)

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WASHINGTON, SR.**
U.S. Army
(Vietnam)

JOHN WILSON
U.S. Army
(Vietnam)

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SATURDAY NOV. 11

10AM-12PM | LEHI COMMUNITY CENTER

PROGRAM:

Opening Prayer
Parading of Colors
National Anthem
Pledge of Allegiance
Opening Remarks
Guest Speakers
Closing Prayer

Tweety's Catering

**Appreciation Gifts for
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