

A Strategic Partnership Proposal Between the Armed Forces and Americans All



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The story of America is about the countless men and women who give up—or have given up—their own comfort, the company of their loved ones, and sometimes their lives in service to our nation.

From the Revolutionary War to the worldwide fight against terrorism, in times of both war and peace, military personnel endure hardship so Americans at home can enjoy peace and freedom. Yet, because these men and women often serve in anonymity, their stories of sacrifice and dedication to duty can be lost forever. By creating and sharing a permanent [record](#) of their service, current and future generations gain insights and inspiration on how military personnel serve and protect our nation.



As a proud member of a military family, you will benefit by joining [Americans All](#), a program of the 35-year-old nonprofit People of America Foundation that benefits individuals, families, schools and communities. Our program uses [legacy stories](#) to highlight the contributions and common experiences of *all* Americans and to reinforce our nation’s values of diversity, tolerance and acceptance.

We also provide inclusive social studies instructional [resources](#) to help students succeed in our democracy, economy and workforce. Our materials are being used in more than 2,000 [schools](#) and libraries nationwide, helping to highlight what unites, rather than divides, the American people.

Partnership Advantages to Armed Forces Members and Their Families

A strategic alliance between Americans All and the Armed Forces is beneficial for several reasons.

- With the ban on diversity training being lifted and transgender individuals once again eligible to serve, our program supports the military’s goal to have a more inclusive and diverse Armed Forces.
- Our program’s education resources can help current and future members of the Armed Forces and their families improve their knowledge and appreciation of American history.
- Our electronic database, which students and families can easily access, will be helpful for recruitment, because the information reflects the fact that the United States is composed of multiple ethnic and cultural groups.
- Program membership is free, and members can create and publish legacy stories on our web-based Heritage Honor Roll at no cost.
- Use of our Legacy Partner landing pages is also free. These pages can house stories of personnel from as small a unit as a squad to as large a unit as a battalion. The stories on these pages can serve as a permanent record of a military “family,” and they can appear on as many Legacy Partner pages as is desired.
- Stories housed on the Heritage Honor Roll and Legacy Partner landing pages can record the accomplishments of former personnel—living as well as deceased—so their service will not be forgotten.

Partnership Advantages to Americans All

A strategic partnership with the Armed Forces will help us monetize our program sooner so we can both support individuals, families, schools and communities and focus on excellence in social studies instruction.

Our goal is to house the nation's largest database of stories on *all* people in the nation. Stories on U.S. military personnel will enrich the content of our Heritage Honor Roll and provide important information for those studying American history.



Military Personnel and Organizations [Legacy Partner Page]



The Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard are the armed forces of the United States. The Army National Guard and the Air National Guard are reserve components of their services and operate in part under state authority. From its inception during the American Revolutionary War, the U.S. Armed Forces has played a decisive role in the history of the United States. It helped forge a sense of national unity and identity through its victories in the First Barbary War and the Second Barbary War. It played a critical role in the American Civil War, keeping the Confederacy from seceding from the republic. The National Security Act of 1947, adopted following World War II, created the modern U.S. military framework.

The act established the National Military Establishment, headed by the secretary of defense, and created the U.S. Air Force and the National Security Council. It was amended in 1949, renaming the National Military Establishment the Department of Defense, and merged the cabinet-level Department of the Army, Department of the Navy, and Department of the Air Force into the Department of Defense. The U.S. Space Force (USSF) is a new branch of the Armed Forces. It was established December 20, 2019, within the Department of the Air Force, meaning the Secretary of the Air Force has overall responsibility for the USSF, under the guidance and direction of the Secretary of Defense.

Legacy Stories from the Americans All Heritage Honor Roll

We are pleased to host and share these legacy stories created by honorees' family, friends and associates. They, like us, appreciate that heritage and culture are an integral part of our nation's social fabric and want to help students participate effectively in our nation's economy, workforce and democracy.

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Civil War: Fifty-Fourth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment, 54th Massachusetts (*March 13, 1863 - August 4, 1865*) Carney, Glory, Hallowell, Medal of Honor, Military, Shaw, Fort Wagner
On January 26, 1863, Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton authorized Massachusetts Governor John Albion Andrew to create volunteer companies of artillery "for duty in the forts of Massachusetts . . . [Read more](#)

Lucian Adams Texas (*October 26, 1922 - March 31, 2003*) Medal of Honor Recipient, World War II, Veteran, Hispanic
Lucian Adams, Medal of Honor recipient and son of Lucian Adams, Sr., and Rosa (Ramírez) Adams, was born in Port Arthur, Texas, on October 26, 1922. The Adams family consisted of nine . . . [Read more](#)

Commodore John Barry Pennsylvania (*March 25, 1745 - September 12, 1803*) Irish, Ireland, U.S. Navy First Flag Officer, Politician, Continental Congress
September 13th is Commodore John Barry Day. It is not a new commemorative day, for it has been commemorated on the American national calendar more than once. There were even . . . [Read more](#)

Brendan Fitzgerald Maryland (*March 16, 1967 - ?*) Management and Program Analyst, Veteran, Service Dog, PTSD
Marine Corps veteran Brendan Fitzgerald and his dog Russell offer hope and courage to veterans, their families, and others struggling to overcome trauma. Russell became the first service dog. . . [Read more](#)

Sam Houston Texas (*March 2, 1793 - July 26, 1863*) Irish, Ireland, Catholic, Houston, Veteran, Politician
Sam Houston was born on March 2, 1793, the fifth child of Samuel and Elizabeth (Paxton) Houston, Rockbridge County, Virginia. He was of Scots-Irish ancestry and reared Presbyterian. His father died when he was thirteen, and in the spring of 1807, he emigrated with his mother, five brothers, . . . [Read more](#)

Honorable John Fitzgerald "Jack" Kennedy Massachusetts (*May 29, 1917 - November 22, 1963*) Irish, Catholic, Ireland, Politician, Author, War Hero, President of the U.S.
John Fitzgerald Kennedy was named in honor of his mother Rose's father, John Francis Fitzgerald, the Boston Mayor popularly known as Honey Fitz. Before long, family and friends called this . . . [Read more](#)

Robert S. McNamara District of Columbia (*June 9, 1916 - July 6, 2009*) Irish, Ireland, Businessman, U.S. Secretary of Defense
Defense issues, including the missile gap, played a prominent role in the campaign of 1960. President-elect John F. Kennedy, very much concerned with defense matters although lacking former . . . [Read more](#)

Lt. Gen. Harold Gregory "Hal" Moore Colorado (*February 13, 1922 - February 10, 2017*) Veteran, Vietnam War, Author
Born in Bardstown, Kentucky, Lt. Gen. Harold Gregory "Hal" Moore moved to Washington, DC, where he completed his high school education. He attended The George Washington University . . . [Read more](#)

Honorable Richard Edmund "Richie" Neal Massachusetts (*February 14, 1949 - ?*) Irish, Ireland, Catholic, AOH, Politician, US Congressman
On November 7, 1960, Mary Garvey Neal, who had roots in Ventry, County Kerry [Ireland], took her son to the Springfield, Massachusetts, town hall. It was very late and Richie Neal, then 10 . . . [Read more](#)

Admiral Chester William Nimitz Sr. Texas (*February 24, 1885 - February 20, 1966*) German, Veteran, Navy Fleet Admiral, Fredericksburg
Chester William Nimitz, who guided Allied forces to victory in the Pacific in World War II, was born in Fredericksburg, Texas, on February 24, 1885, the son of Chester Bernard and Anna . . . [Read more](#)

Zebulon Montgomery Pike New Jersey (*January 5, 1779 - April 27, 1813*) Army Veteran, Western Explorer
Zebulon Montgomery Pike, United States Army officer and Western explorer, was born on January 5, 1779, at Lambertton, now a part of Trenton, New Jersey, the son of Isabella (Brown) and Zebulon . . . [Read more](#)

Honorable Ronald Wilson Reagan: Life Before Politics California (*February 6, 1911 - June 5, 2004*) Irish Catholic, Ireland, Scotland, Veteran, Actor, Politician, Governor of California, President of the U.S.
On February 6, 1911, Ronald Wilson Reagan was born in Tampico, Illinois in a five-room apartment on the main street. Like most homes in town, it did not have running water or an indoor toilet. . . . [Read more](#)

Honorable Ronald Wilson Reagan: Political Career California (*February 6, 1911 - June 5, 2004*) Irish Catholic, Ireland, Scotland, Veteran, Actor, Politician, Governor of California, President of the U.S.
As a result of his travels on behalf of [General Electric](#) (who had hired him as a home office goodwill ambassador), he became convinced that big business was not the problem in the economy . . . [Read more](#)

Jack Roosevelt "Jackie" Robinson New York (*January 31, 1919 - October 24, 1972*) African-American, Baseball Player, Baseball Hall of Fame, Businessman, Color Line
"A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives." This, more than his on-the-field statistics, can be viewed as his enduring legacy. He was born in Cairo, Georgia, to a family of share . . . [Read more](#)

Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo California (*c.1808 - January 18, 1890*) Hispanic, Mexican-American, Veteran, Politician, Rancher
Mariano Guadalupe Vallejo (c.1808–January 18, 1890) was a leader in the struggle for statehood for California. During his lifetime, he witnessed three nations rule California. Born to a . . . [Read more](#)