



Arizona Department of Education
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This letter is to certify that the Veterans Heritage Project, an organization aimed at connecting school children with military veterans in their communities through programs which develop appreciation for America, is in accordance with Arizona Revised Statute 15-154.01, which outlines the Arizona Department of Education's Character Education program. This program possesses several character education attributes, as defined by statute:

- **Citizenship** – The students are instilled with a sense of civic pride, as they learn about our nation's military history through the eyes of those who have served.
- **Generosity** – Students learn about the benefits of giving from those who gave their time, and for some, their lives in defense of our nation.
- **Gratitude** – Students are reminded of the costs associated with our freedom and reminded to be thankful.
- **Orderliness** – Students are taught the value of orderliness, and how being organized supports future success.
- **Respect** – Students learn about respect and develop an admiration for those who have earned our respect as a nation.

Additionally, this program satisfies section b(3) of A.R.S 15-154.01, which requires programs to share "stories from the lives of our nation's leaders in which character qualities are demonstrated." For these reasons, the program and its curriculum are deemed indicative of character education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Hoffman".

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