

Joseph E. Abodeely

May 4, 2012

Civic Activities and Contributions:

- Hosted ‘Salute to Arizona Veterans’ with guests General Colin L. Powell (1992), General Vessey (1993), and General Sullivan (1994); Co-host of Dinner in Honor of AZ Vietnam Veterans with General Barry R. McCaffrey (2011), LTG Mick Kicklighter (2012), General Anthony C. Zinni (2013)
- Co-Designer of the Military Pavilion for the Arizona Centennial Celebration (2012)
- President and Legal Advisor, Arizona National Guard Historical Society (1980-2012)
- Director, Arizona Military Museum (2006-2012)
- Legal advisor to In Country Vietnam Veterans Association and helped create timeline for AZ Vietnam Memorial (1992-2012)
- Host of Base Camp (RVN veterans) and Vietnamese Buddhist Youth Group (1999-2012)
- Hosted Navy Week at museum with Senator McCain and Rear Admiral Bruner (2010)
- Helped to place “Arsenal” building (houses museum) on Registry of Historic Places (2010)
- Arizona Memory Project input: museum images (2009); AZ Bushmasters’ history (2008)
- President, 1st Cavalry Div Association Air Assault-Sky Troopers Chapter (1999-2006)
- President, Arab-American Cultural Association (1999-2002)
- Chairman, State Bar of Arizona World Peace through Law Section (1996-1997)
- President, Phoenix Mid-Town Lions Club (1992-1993)
- Chairman, Phoenix Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee (1992-1993)
- President and National Councilman, Maricopa Chapter, Reserve Officers Association of the U.S. (1992-1993)
- Designed the Bushmasters’ memorial in Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza (1985)
- Legal advisor to National Guard Association of Arizona (1974-1980)

Awards or Honors:

Museum designated Commemorative Partner of USA Vietnam War Commemoration (2012)
Museum designated *New Times* Best of Phoenix museum for veterans (2012)
BV Distinguished Attorney (Very High Rating--Legal Ability& Ethical Standards (1986-2011)
International Who’s Who of Professionals (1996); National Register’s Who’s Who in Executives and Professionals (2004-2005 ed.); Presidential Who’s Who in Professional and Business Achievers (2008 ed.)
Phoenix Council Navy Leaguer of the Year of Pacific Southwest Region (1992)
President Bill Clinton thank you letter for helping Martha Raye receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom (1994)
General William C. Westmoreland endorsement for office of Maricopa County Attorney (1988)
Distinguished Service Award from National Guard Association of Arizona (1974-80)

Military awards include CIB, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Air Medal, and others

Publications: *Dear Mom and Dad, Love from Vietnam; Divisive Barbarity or Global Civilization* (contributing author of “Collective Security”); *Vietnam* (October 2010) (author of “Breaking the Siege at Khe Sanh”); *Vietnam* (December 2012) (author of “Air Cavalry”); Straight Talk with Joe <joeabo.com>.

Referenced in the Following Publications: *The 1st Cav in Vietnam, Anatomy of a Division; Khe Sanh, Siege in the Clouds; The Siege of Khe Sanh; Valley of Decision; For Our Beloved Country; War Diaries and letters*; “GIs Link Up at Khe Sanh, But Fight On”; *Los Angeles Herald Examiner* (April 8, 1968); “Tucsonan Led Relief to Khe Sanh” *Arizona Daily Star* (April 13, 1968); “Former Iowan aided Khe Sanh” *Des Moines Sunday Register* (May 12, 1968)

Education and Training:

Civilian: B.A. English, University of Arizona (1965)

Juris Doctor, University of Arizona Law School (1971)

Continuing Legal Education (CLE)--15 hours plus each year

Military: Distinguished Military Graduate, Army R.O.T.C. (1965)

Combat Platoon Leader’s Course (1967)

Military Police Officer’s Orientation Course (1970)

Judge Advocate General’s Corps International Law Course (1972)

Judge Advocate General’s Corps General Staff Course (1978)

Judge Advocate General’s Corps Legal Aspects of Terrorism Course (1980)

National Defense University National Security Management Course (1980)

Air University War College Associate Seminar Program (1992)

Naval Amphibious School Amphibious Orientation Training (1993)

Professional or Employment History:

Civilian:

Attorney admitted to practice before Supreme Court of Arizona, U.S. District Court of Arizona, U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, U.S Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, Supreme Court of the United States, and military courts under Article 27(b), UCMJ

Deputy Maricopa County Attorney (1971-1985)

Prosecuted major felony and organized crime cases and supervised Phoenix office of Arizona Drug Control District (drug intelligence agency)

Criminal Defense Attorney in city, state, federal courts, military courts (1985-2012)

Veterans’ attorney at Boards of Corrections of Military Records and other cases

Cases of note: *State v. Jones* (State Fair corruption), Jerry Buss \$1 million settlement for Maricopa County, *U.S. v. Craig Kelly* (defense of Hells Angels), Victoria Lund (Walt Disney’s granddaughter) in civil and business matters

Professional associations include State Bar of Arizona, American Bar Association, Maricopa County Bar Association, Arizona Attorneys for Criminal Justice, and National Association for Criminal Defense Lawyers

Military:

U.S. Army Infantry Officer—Active Duty (1967-69)

U.S. Army Reserve Components-- Provided legal advice to National Guard, Active Duty), and civilian personnel (’72-94)

Judge Advocate, Arizona Army National Guard (1971-83)

Staff Judge Advocate, 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade (1983-86)

Chief, Law Branch, U.S. Army Military Police Operations Agency, Pentagon, developed Dept of the Army policy (1987-93)