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2022

REVIEW

Events

14th Annual Golf Classic Tournament

The 14th Annual Golf Classic Tournament at Santa Ana Country Club on **May 16** exceeded all expectations for MVAT's first-ever event in Orange County, California. Among the highlights was the presence of three recipients of the Medal of Honor: Col. Jack Jacobs, Lt. Col. Will Swenson, and SSgt. Clint Romesha.

The Opening Ceremony featured a Color Guard from the Southern California Army Recruiting Battalion and a tribute to MVAT's late founder and long-time Chairman Don Schwarz, a tireless champion of the Golf Classic and those who have served our country and their families.

The Post-Play Reception, sponsored by **Econ One Research** and **EmployeeMetrics**, ended the day and featured a presentation involving the Medal of Honor recipients, raffle drawings, and golf prizes.

We are incredibly grateful to our Lead Sponsors - the **Eastwood Charitable Fund** and **RBC Wealth Management** - and for the incredible support from **COLLECTT memorabilia**, **Golden Road Brewing**, and **Tito's Handmade Vodka**. (Full list of sponsors on the MVAT website.)



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Evening of Honor

October 6 saw a sell-out crowd of 250 veterans and guests attend an **Evening of Honor** presented by the MVAT Foundation in partnership with American Legion Ronald Reagan Pacific Palisades Post 283. Representing MVAT were Board Chair Doug Berl, Board Vice Chair Bob Jerome, Board Members Larry Schnadig and Pete Seitz, Executive Director James Colbert, and Heroes Linked Program Director David Tenenbaum.

Held at the Luxe Sunset Boulevard Hotel in Los Angeles, the event featured Medal of Honor Recipients Command Sergeant Major Gary Littrell and Specialist Jim McCloughan engaging in a discussion of their battlefield experiences and their lives since receiving the Medal of Honor with a special focus on how mentoring and network building not only assisted them but enabled them to assist those who separated from active service after them. Vice Chair Bob Jerome led the discussion.

The audience members' questions for Jim and Gary after the presentation were outstanding. Thirty minutes after the event ended, the vast majority of the audience remained engaged in networking with each other throughout the meeting room, the reception patio, and the hotel's hallways.



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Gala

Renowned actor, producer, and veterans advocate Joe Mantegna received the MVAT Foundation's Don Schwarz Distinguished Service Award at the annual Gala on **October 8**.

The pre-dinner portion of the Gala, held at the Los Angeles home of Dr. Frank Luntz, featured video presentations on MVAT's program achievements including the Veteran's Home Repair pilot program and Heroes Linked.

This year's nationally televised 2022 Memorial Day PBS Special from the Mall in Washington DC included a special tribute in which Joe Mantegna and actress Joan Smart portrayed MVAT Advisory Board Member Maj. Gen. (ret.) Mark Graham his wife Carol and told the story of their two sons' deaths in service to the country. After the televised segment was shown to the Gala audience, Mark and Carol were reunited on stage with a visibly moved Joe Mantegna.



The program to present the Don Schwarz Distinguished Service Award to Joe Mantegna followed the dinner service. Don Schwarz founded the MVAT Foundation in 2009 and served as its Chairman and guiding light until a few months before his May 2021 passing.

A video showcasing Joe's efforts over the past two decades in support of veterans and the U.S. Armed Forces was shown and Board Chair Doug Berl delivered remarks about Don. Board Vice Chair Bob Jerome introduced a video tribute from fellow actor and renowned veterans advocate and philanthropist Gary Sinise. MVAT supporter Howard M. Bernstein introduced Joe and presented him with the award. Joe delivered an eloquent and heartfelt response.

Following the award ceremony, Board Vice Chair Bob Jerome led a presentation featuring Medal of Honor recipients Lieutenant Colonel Will Swenson (MVAT Board of Advisors), Command Sergeant Major Gary Littrell, Master Chief Petty Officer (SEAL) Britt Slabinski, and Specialist Jim McCloughan.



Honoree Joe Mantegna on stage during the October 8 Gala with (left to right) MVAT Chairman Doug Berl, Award Presenter Howard M. Bernstein, and Kat Schwarz, wife of the late Don Schwarz, MVAT's founder and longtime Board Chair for whom the award was named in recognition of his passionate advocacy for America's veterans and their families.



Service-disabled USAF veteran Daniel Munoz, Sr., whose home was repaired by a team of volunteers as part of an MVAT pilot program, is seen at the Gala with his niece and caregiver Elena and Medal of Honor recipients (left to right) Command Sergeant Major Gary Littrell, Master Chief (SEAL) Britt Slabinski, Lt. Colonel Will Swenson, and Specialist Jim McCloughan.

Program

Veterans Home Repair

A crew of MVAT volunteers worked on service-disabled USAF Veteran Daniel Munoz's Whittier, California home as part of a pilot program focused on Veteran's Home Repair on **October 7**. Mr. Munoz was no longer able to keep up with the extensive repairs needed to keep his home habitable and safe for him and his extended family.

Television coverage of the effort was captured by local ABC and NBC affiliates, and footage from their interviews made the evening news. The *Whittier Daily News* ran a story on the event that also appeared in the publisher's other regional editions.

Carried out in partnership with the Los Angeles chapter of Habitat for Humanity, the crew of volunteers was led by Board Vice Chair Bob Jerome and included Board members Candice Appleton, Medal of Honor recipient Jack Jacobs, Tom Rooney, Larry Schnadig, and Pete Seitz as well as Advisory Board member Medal of Honor recipient Will Swenson. They were joined by Medal of Honor recipients Jim McCloughan and Gary Littrell and MVAT Executive Director James Colbert.

Links to videos of the Veteran's Home Repair pilot program and KABC Evening News' feature as well as the newspaper coverage can be found on the MVAT website



U.S. Marine Corps veteran and MVAT Board Member Pete Seitz helps paint the home of Daniel Munoz, Sr. as part of the Veteran's Home Repair pilot program.



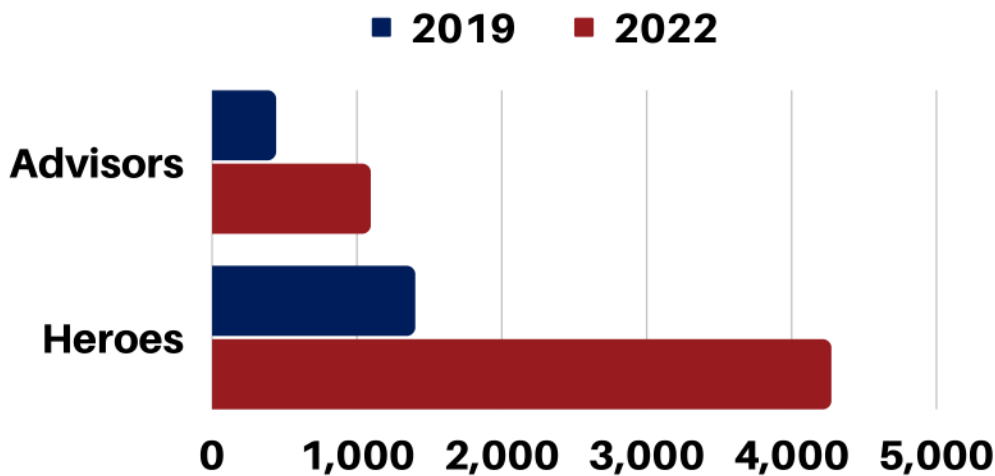
Daniel Munoz, Sr. is seen at his Whittier, California home with his niece and caregiver, Elana, during the Veteran's Home Repair pilot program on October 7.

Daniel Munoz, Sr. (with back to camera) speaks with (left to right) MVAT Board Member Tom Rooney, Medal of Honor recipient and MVAT Advisory Board Member Lt. Col. Will Swenson, Medal of Honor recipient Jim McCloughan, MVAT Executive Director James Colbert, and MVAT Vice Chairman Bob Jerome.



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Platform User Growth



The number of Advisors and Heroes engaged in the range of Heroes Linked's offerings.

Advisors are professionals with a wide range of professional experience who voluntarily engage with Heroes Linked to assist Heroes with their professional success.

Heroes are veterans, active duty service members in the process of separating from military service, military spouses, and Gold Star Family Survivors, those who lost a family member in service.

User Activity


49,272

In 2022, Advisors and Heroes engaged with Heroes Linked messages and accessed the platform 49,272 times.

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Networking User Growth


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At the end of 2022, there are 1,900 Heroes and Advisors actively using Heroes Linked's **Networking Tools** to communicate via electronic messaging, telephone calls, and video calls carried out on the platform with month-over-month growth.

The biggest challenge facing veterans today is establishing positive post-service careers. Heroes Linked provides veterans across the country with the critically needed services of mentoring, advising, and networking in an easy-to-use online platform.

Job acquisition, which was a major focus in the wake of the 2009 recession, is no longer an issue relative to assisting veterans to navigate their employment and build careers. As of October 2022, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate for all U.S. veterans was 2.5% while the rate for the American labor force as a whole stood at 3.7%.

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3,715 Jobs for Veterans Listed Monthly

The screenshot displays the 'JOBS' section of the Heroes Linked platform. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'NETWORK', 'GROUPS', 'JOBS', 'DISCUSSION', and 'RESOURCES'. Below this is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon and a 'Search' button. To the right of the search bar are filters for 'Location', 'Industries', and 'Job Type', along with a 'Clear All' button. The main content area shows four job listings, each with a company logo, job title, location, date posted, and job type. Each listing also has an 'Active' toggle switch and a bookmark icon.

Company	Job Title	Location	Date Posted	Job Type
Ingram Micro	Associate II, Accounting	Greer, SC, US	Dec 22, 2022	Full-time
MarketCast	Operations Manager	Tampa, FL, US	Dec 22, 2022	Full-time
MarketCast	Ad Survey Technical Specialist	Tampa, FL, US	Dec 22, 2022	Full-time
Army CECOM	Lead Logistics Management Specialist	Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, US	Dec 22, 2022	Full-time

Throughout the 12 months of 2022, an average of 3,715 active open positions seeking veteran applicants appeared in the **Jobs Section** of the Heroes Linked platform, posted by Advisors as well as dynamically drawn from the Indeed and WayUp job platforms.

Advisors post **Referrals** where they can be of direct assistance via guidance for Heroes on the specific company, position, and application best practices.

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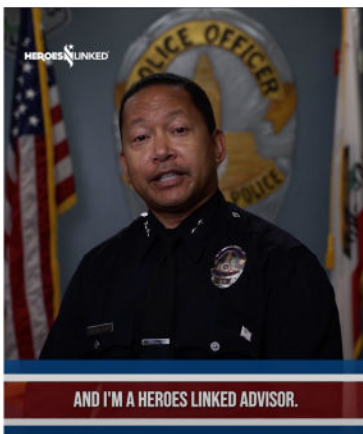
LAPD Taps Heroes Linked to Reach Veterans Across the USA

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) is utilizing Heroes Linked to reach veterans across the country about career opportunities within the nation's third-largest municipal police department.

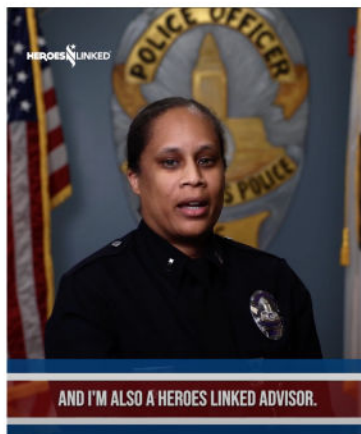
The awareness campaign kicked off with a video message from LAPD Deputy Chief Alan Hamilton, Commanding Officer of LAPD's Valley Bureau, comprising two million residents spread across 260 square miles.

Chief Hamilton's clear message is that the LAPD is a career-oriented organization that offers generous incentives for veterans and active-duty personnel transitioning from service.

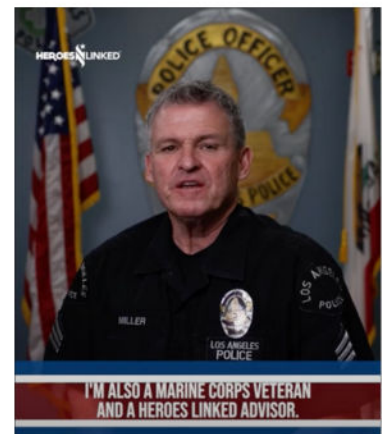
The first phase of the initiative includes Advisor videos distributed via the Heroes Linked platform and social media.



**Deputy Chief
Alan Hamilton**



**Lieutenant
Tiffany Ayers**



**Officer
Jan Miller**

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Recent Testimonials

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Charles Fant
U.S. Army veteran

"I just had time to dive into the feedback [my Heroes Linked Advisor] gave me on my resume and LinkedIn. So insightful and helpful I can't thank [my Advisor] enough."

02

Dwayne Alborn
U.S. Navy veteran

"I recently had a really good conversation with Nathan on [Heroes Linked]. His insights helped me out and better understand some perspectives of my potential customers."

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Zachary Bache
Military Spouse

"The opportunity to speak with someone who also pivoted careers was very helpful. I appreciate [my Heroes Linked Advisor's] thoughts on action items for my next steps."

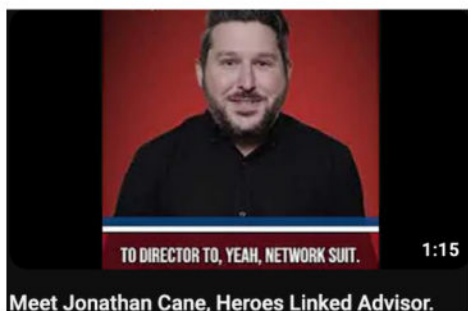
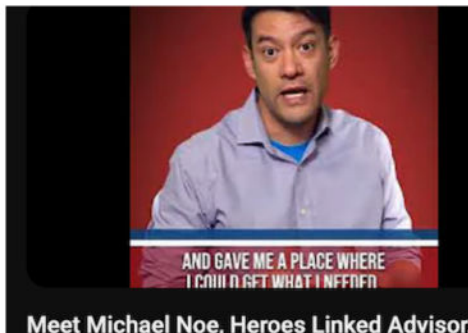
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Stephanie Powell
U.S. Marine Corps veteran

"[Advisor Blas Villalobos] was so friendly yet professional and provided me with several nuggets for success. He also invited me to stay in contact and keep him informed of my progress for my new podcast. I left with many more tools and resources. I am deeply thankful for his insight and valuable time spent sharing this information with me!"

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Recent Advisor and Hero Videos



COMING IN 2023

Gala 2023

Excitement is building for the Gala coming in Fall 2023.

Veterans Home Repair

The impactful pilot program will be carried out again with possible expansion.

15th Annual Golf Classic

Our premier golf fundraising event returns to Santa Ana Country Club on Monday, August 7.

New Heroes Linked Offerings

- Career Boot Camp
- Monthly "Meet This Advisor" programming
- Partner Advisor Video Series

Veterans of Tomorrow

2023 will see the Veterans of Tomorrow program return to U.S. military facilities for dialogue with America's future veterans.

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