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## MEDIA ALERT

### Seton Catholic Prep Presents 4<sup>th</sup> Annual 'Tribute to Veterans' To Recognize Veterans and Pray for the U.S.A. and Elected Officials



**WHO:** Seton Catholic Preparatory together with Michael Guggemos, chief information officer for Insight, and other distinguished veterans, including members of the Seton community.

**WHAT:** Seton Catholic Prep's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual "Tribute to Veterans": where we will honor our veterans and pray the *Rosary for Our Country* and elected officials.

**WHEN:** 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 11, 2016 (Veterans Day).  
Agenda as follows:

**8:15 a.m., flag raising ceremony, front of school** – Welcome by Principal Pat Collins and prayer and flag blessing by Fr. Chris Axline. The flag will be raised by Eagle Scouts and Seton students Ben Leach '17 of Troop 77, and John Buessing '19 and Robert Buessing '17 of Troop 565. *Saxophonist James Stevenson '17 of Chandler will perform The Star Spangled Banner.*

**8:30-8:35, dismissal to gym** – Students dismissed to the gym where attending veterans will be honored; followed by the praying the *Rosary for Our Country*. Dismissing seniors first, they will receive red, white and blue USA Rosaries as a gift upon entering the gym.

**8:35-9:15 a.m., veterans' ceremony and Rosary for Our Country** – Student Body President Ezekiel Smith '17 to introduce Michael Guggemos, chief information officer of Insight and veteran. Student Council officers will introduce the veterans in attendance. Student body will pray the *Rosary for Our Country* and elected officials, led by Fr. Dan McBride, Pastor at St. Mary's Parish in Chandler, and Fr. Chris Axline, school Chaplain. Following the rosary, music teacher Tim Smith will lead all in singing *God Bless America*.

**9:15 a.m., student dismissal to first period and visitors' reception** – Students dismissed from the gym. Reception for veterans and guests to follow in the Sr. Joan Marie Courtyard.

**WHERE:** Seton Catholic Preparatory  
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### **Seton Students to Pay Tribute to Veterans – Add One**

**WHY:** Paying tribute to veterans is a standing tradition at Seton that in recent years has become a formalized event. Seton Principal Pat Collins organized the school's Veterans Day event as an educational opportunity for students to understand the meaning of Veterans Day, recognize veterans for their acts of patriotism, and honor the sacrifices of veterans and active duty service men and women. Through the *Rosary for Our Country*, created by Manny Yrique of Magnalite Distributors, Inc. of Phoenix, Seton students come together in prayer for each of the 50 states and elected leaders.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Veterans in attendance during the event will include the following:

Mike Guggemos – Non Commissioned Army Officer – Event speaker

Phillip Alexander – Army Sergeant 1977-1981

Charles Austin – Army National Guard, 28 years

Jack Barten – Army Sergeant, SCP Security 1976-1980

Quentin Beatty – Retired Army Lieutenant, SCP Science Faculty

Gerry Cassidy - Navy Electronics Technician, Petty Officer, Second Class, SCP Science Faculty, 1983-1989

Carl Cunningham – Retired Army Sergeant, 1972-1978

Tom Darby – Retired Air Force Colonel, SCP Social Studies Faculty, 1968-1993

Tom Dunning – Retired Air Force Major, 1958-1981

Christopher Hill – Retired Army Lieutenant Colonel, 1986-2006

Patricia Kuras – Retired Air Force Master Sergeant, 1983-2003

Lou Mills – Marines Combat Photographer 1947-1949

Louis Knolls – Retired Army Corporal, 1947-

Charles Self – Retired Air Force Captain, 1950-1973

Paul Spink – Air Force Staff Sergeant, 1977-1983

Robert Stoll – SP4 Army, 1965-1967

Fr. Joseph Wambach – Lt. Commander Chaplain United States Navy

### **About Seton Catholic Preparatory**

Founded in 1954, Seton Catholic Preparatory is a private, coeducational high school in Chandler, Arizona open to students of all faiths and dedicated to academic excellence, leadership and loving service to others. Seton Catholic Prep serves a diverse student population of more than 550 young men and women from parochial, private, charter, public and home schooling backgrounds. For 60 years as the only Catholic college preparatory high school in the East Valley of Phoenix, Seton Catholic Prep focuses on developing the individual student. The Seton experience allows ample opportunity for students to discover and develop their God-given talents in a supportive community, thus enabling them to succeed in higher education. For more information, visit [www.setoncatholic.org](http://www.setoncatholic.org).