

ARTHUR G. SLOANE VETERANS VOICE

# Shopping practices can help homeless veterans



Amazon has come up with an easy way to help veterans when they shop online. Simply go to smile.amazon.com any time to buy something.

Your first time, you will be prompted to log in to your Amazon account and select the charity you want to support. For eligible purchases of AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5 percent of the purchase to the Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness, which is the charity that includes Arizona Stand-Down for homeless veterans.

## Hall of Fame

Eddie W. Zulegar was born in Providence, R.I., in 1947 and served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1969 with service in Vietnam.

He worked 21 years with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office and has taught criminal justice at Estrella Mountain Community College, during which time he formed the college's Veterans Club.

He was very active in the Knights of Columbus and formed the Veterans Appreciation Banquet.

Zulegar has coached youth baseball and football teams and served on citizen advisory boards in Avondale and Good-year. He also volunteered at the VA medical center and Andre House, a shelter for the homeless.

Jeffrey L. Olson was born in Spring Grove, Minn., in 1949 and also served in the U.S. Army Courier Service between 1973 and 1976.

After the Army, Olson served as assistant director for the Veterans Employment and Training Service at the University of Minnesota and as a veterans benefits counselor.

In 1982, he was appointed by the governor to the position of deputy commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs, taking over as commissioner in 2000.

Since retiring, he has worked diligently for veterans with the American

Legion at all levels. He is the national commander's representative on the National Veterans' Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission.

In 2009, he was appointed by Gov. Jan Brewer to the Arizona Veterans Service Advisory Commission and has served as chairman.

Patrick D. "Pat" Tillman is the last of this year's inductees into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame, unfortunately posthumously.

He lived from 1976 to 2004 and served as a specialist, U.S. Army, 75th Ranger Regiment, and died in Afghanistan in 2004.

Throughout his college and NFL football career, Tillman was generous with his time and dedication to his Arizona fans. He volunteered with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Arizona, Boys Hope, Girls Hope and the March of Dimes. Tillman often visited local schools in the Valley of the Sun to read and mentor Arizona youths.

Giving up a multimillion-dollar NFL contract after the 9/11 attacks, Tillman joined the Army and became a role model for our nation's youths, many following him into military service.

I hope to be able to give you the website in a couple of weeks where you may nominate veterans for 2015 Veterans Hall of Fame.

## This and that

The Department of Veterans Affairs has announced that veterans have greater access to quality health care through a new initiative: Patient Centered Community Care.

VA Medical Centers will have the ability to purchase non-VA medical care for veterans through contracted medical providers when they cannot readily provide the needed care due to geographic inaccessibility or limited capacity.

Triwest Health Care Alliance has the responsibility in our state. Information is available by calling 855-722-2838.

Tin Can Sailors meets the second Monday every month at American Le-



gion Post 44, 7145 E. Second St. in Scottsdale.

There will be an Arizona Bull Session at 10 a.m. Jan. 17 at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 2333 E. Thomas Road, Phoenix. Cost is \$40, which includes registration, lunch, coffee and more. Information: Del Krause, 480-832-2283.

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