

Rich Mettille

Retired Executive

Motorola SPS

Rich Mettille worked for Motorola for 33 years in a variety of positions. In the earlier years during Motorola's growth, he was responsible for facilities installation and maintenance in Motorola factories in the Phoenix area, as well as some off-shore locations in Asia. His final 5 years, before retirement in 1998, he was responsible for company events, developing and rolling out volunteer projects in the Phoenix metro area, as well as in Austin, and for fund raising and distribution of funds to a variety of charity programs.

His commitment and enthusiasm were essential to the successful launching of Christmas in April * Phoenix (now renamed "Rebuilding Together") in 1992, and was a member of the Board for several years. Rebuilding Together refurbishes homes of elderly, disadvantaged and low-income families. His commitment to volunteerism resulted in several awards, including the Phoenix CEO Volunteer of the Year Award for Motorola 1994, and honored by the City of Phoenix in 1996 when he was designated as one of the official Olympic torch carriers through the streets of downtown Phoenix. His past involvement with charities also includes Arizona Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, past president and board member; Phoenix Futures Forum, past President and Board Member; Phoenix Clean and Beautiful, past President and Board Member. He was also Motorola's Campaign Manager for United Way, which included speaking in the Phoenix Valley and several California cities.

He has been Phoenix area resident since 1958, and has been married for 50 years. He is enthusiastic about the mission and direction of S.E.E.4Vets, having had personal knowledge of some of the challenges faced by our returning veterans through his relationship with his father-in-law, who was the recipient of two Bronze stars and a Purple Heart.