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Support Education and Employment for Vets (S.E.E.4VETS) Adds 3 New Distinguished Veterans to Board of Directors.

(SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.) S.E.E.4VETS is also proud to announce some exciting changes, the addition of three talented people to the elite-team of Board of Directors - Pete Palmer, Brig. Gen. US Army (Ret.), Kevin Hudson, Col. US Marine Corp (Ret.) and Ian Parkinson, Sgt. US Army (Ret.). They will add to the leadership already in place. Along with other Board members, they will provide thoughtful guidance and governance to the organization's direction and growth.



Pete Palmer recently retired after 8 years as director of the General Dynamics EDGE Innovation Network (www.EDGE-Innovation.com), Pete was responsible for leading the EDGE Innovation Network Enterprise which served as the key construct for General Dynamics innovation efforts. Prior to joining General Dynamics Mission Systems, Pete performed over 32 years of active service as a commissioned officer in the United States Army, retiring in 2009 as a Brigadier General. His experience in the Army includes a wide range of assignments in the Infantry, training and education both stateside and abroad.

Ian Parkinson served as an infantryman in the United States Army from April 2009 until May 2013. He served two overseas assignments. The first, a non-combat role, was a yearlong defensive mission in the Republic of Korea. And the second was a combat deployment to Kandahar, Afghanistan, beginning in the Spring of 2011. During the deployment to Afghanistan Ian was directly engaged with Taliban fighters on a routine basis. The most notable event that took place during this time was when an IED erupted beneath him, and instantaneously amputated both of his legs; for this, Ian was awarded the Purple Heart. After roughly two years of physical rehabilitation, and re-learning to walk with the use of prosthesis, Ian was medically retired after four years of service at the rank of sergeant.



Ian is a recent Summa Cum Laude graduate from Arizona State University's Fulton Schools of Engineering with a B.S. degree in Graphic Information Technology (GIT) in December of 2017. The first year of schooling took place at Scottsdale Community College – where Ian first became acquainted with S.E.E.4 VETS. During his education, Ian gained first-hand perspective on the significance of the services that S.E.E.4 Vets provides and supports.



Kevin Hudson, Colonel, USMC retired in 2016 after 25 years of active service. Shortly after retirement, he joined YAM Worldwide as a Director for YAM Management in Scottsdale, AZ. Prior to retirement, Kevin served in many key capacities as a Marine. Upon completing Naval Aviation Flight Training, he was designated a Naval Aviator in January of 1995 in Pensacola, FL. In his final years of service, Kevin served as the Director of Global Force Management (GFM) for Policy, reporting directly to the Secretary of Defense on all Global Force Matters. S.E.E.4VETS is honored to have him join an elite team of Board of Directors as the organization expands to other states outside of Arizona.

LtGen (Ret) Rusty Findley, Vice Chairman of the Board, SEE4Vets, commented on these additions: "SEE4Vets is excited to welcome these three distinguished veterans to its' Board of Directors. Their experience and expertise will certainly add to SEE4Vets mission of providing financial assistance to deserving student veterans at community colleges throughout our state. The \$135,000 that SEE4Vets has distributed in its' first three years of existence is just the beginning as the need is vast for these deserving young men and women. BGen Palmer, Sgt Parkinson, and Col Hudson will be valuable assets in supporting that mission."

