

# SAVE THE DATE

The Veterans Legal Institute Inaugural Gala

## *The American Patriots Ball*

Celebrating and Empowering Our Nation's Heroes

SATURDAY  
September **22**  
5:30 PM

The  
Fashion Island Hotel  
Newport Beach, CA

### Honorees:

**Philip V. Brozenick**, Deloitte - Veteran of the Year  
**Rochelle Karr**, O'Melveny & Myers - Veteran Advocate of the Year  
**OC Women2Women** - Community Partner of the Year

For volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, please contact  
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Dear Veteran Supporter,

Because of dedicated advocates like you, Veterans Legal Institute has empowered thousands of homeless, disabled, at-risk, and low-income veterans across Southern California. Our local heroes have overcome barriers and restarted their civilian lives with the support of generous partners making pro bono legal services possible. Truly, your compassion will continue to drive VLI's mission to increase access to housing, employment, education, and healthcare – one veteran and military family at a time.

To continue honoring and empowering our veterans and service members, we invite you to our inaugural charity gala, **The American Patriots Ball**, on **September 22, 2018** at 5:30 pm at **The Fashion Island Hotel in Newport Beach**.

This inspirational evening will welcome hundreds of community and business leaders for dancing, dining, and an exciting live auction. We will be honoring these long-term partners who are perfect reflections of VLI's mission:

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How can you be part of this special evening?

- Sponsor or underwrite the event
- Purchase a ticket
- Support our live or silent auction with a unique experience, gift basket, or gift card
- [Donate](#)

To sponsor, donate, or volunteer, please contact me directly at 949-290-5733 or by email at [abalta@vetslegal.com](mailto:abalta@vetslegal.com). You may also contact KellyAnn Romanych, Director of Development, at 818-219-1916 or [kromanych@vetslegal.com](mailto:kromanych@vetslegal.com). We are happy to arrange a volunteer to pick up live and silent auction items. A mail in form is attached for your convenience. We appreciate your consideration and look forward to you joining us to increase veteran well-being.

With gratitude,

Antoinette Balta, President and Co-Founder

*All proceeds from the evening will go to ensuring high quality, free legal care so our deserving veterans and service members live with dignity, hope, and promise.*

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## MISSION

Veterans Legal Institute (VLI) is a 501(c)(3) that provides pro bono legal assistance to homeless, at-risk, disabled, and low income current and former service members to eradicate barriers to housing, healthcare, education, and employment, and to foster self-sufficiency. VLI also advocates on behalf of its clients by providing community education and policy advocacy in an effort to increase awareness, resources, and overall protections to current and former members of the US military.

## IMPACT

### Since 2014

- ★ Opened over 3,600 individual cases
- ★ Restored over \$1.5 million in veteran benefits
- ★ Provided a value of over \$13.5 million of pro bono legal services

### 2017 Highlights

- ★ 1,647 individual cases (83% male; 17% female; 38% older Veterans)
- ★ 32 mobile outreach clinics at veteran hotspots
- ★ 36% of cases in veteran benefits and discharge upgrades; an increase of 16% from 2016

## NONPROFIT RECOGNITION

### Local

- ★ 85 pro bono attorneys from solo and top law firms
- ★ Local, state, and national corporate support
- ★ Newsletter to 7,000+ business, veteran, and government professionals

### National

- ★ Platinum Seal in Guidestar
- ★ The Patriots Initiative Accreditation
- ★ Multi-year inclusion in US Veterans magazine with national distribution

*"I wouldn't have been able to go from homeless shelter to homeowner without VLI's help."  
~ Linda, Army Veteran*

Linda is an Army Veteran who made her military career in flight operations. She came to VLI because she was facing a court action by a major national bank for a loan she had already paid. As a result, she was blocked from buying property. "You take a big step owning your own home," Linda shared. "The bank attorney would not respond to my phone calls. It was crazy." VLI accepted Linda's case, contacted the bank's attorney, and successfully filed an Acknowledgement of Satisfaction of Judgement. With the case dismissed, Linda has been able to buy and sell property three times and looks forward to an even brighter future.

## EMPOWER VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Veterans Legal Institute is accepting donations of gift cards, gift baskets, art, jewelry, services, and other exciting items for the Live and Silent Auctions. If you wish to be a sponsor, donor or volunteer, please contact Antoinette Balta at phone 949.290.5733 or email at [abalta@vetslegal.com](mailto:abalta@vetslegal.com); or KellyAnn Romanych at phone 818.219.1916 or email at [kromanych@vetslegal.com](mailto:kromanych@vetslegal.com).

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## SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

BENEFITS	PRESENTING \$20,000	PLATINUM \$10,000	GOLD \$7,500	SILVER \$5,000	BRONZE \$3,000	PEARL \$1,000
<b>Print Advertising</b>						
Stewardship Ad in Chosen Trade Magazine	★	★	★			
Ad in Program Book	Prominent Full	Full	Half	Quarter	Name	Name
Corporate Logo on Step and Repeat	★	★				
Ability to Distribute Marketing Materials	★	★	★	★	★	
Corporate Logo on Photo Booth Pictures	★	★				
Corporate Logo on Event Photos	★	★				
Presence in Event Collateral	Prominent Logo	Logo	Logo	Logo	Name	Name
<b>Social Media Advertising</b>						
Presence on VLI Website	Prominent Logo and Sponsor Link	Prominent Logo	Logo	Logo	Name	Name
Live Streaming During Event with Guests	★	★				
Post Event Metrics for SM Forums	★					
<b>Event Extras</b>						
Pre-Event VIP Reception	★	★	★	★		
Event Table for Ten	★	★	★	★	★	2 Tickets
Recognition by MC	★	★	★	★		
Prime Table Seating	★	★	★			
Opportunity to Speak on Stage	★					

## EXCLUSIVE UNDERWRITING OPPORTUNITIES

All underwriting opportunities receive prominent signage at the event, presence on VLI website, listing in the event program book, and an opportunity to distribute marketing materials in the event swag bag.

\$5,000	\$3,000	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$1,000
Wine Audio Visual Bar Services	VIP Reception	Print Collateral <del>Swag</del> <b>SOLD</b>	Decor & Centerpieces Photography	Live & Silent Auctions Entertainment

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## The American Patriots Ball

### Ticket/Sponsorship Purchase Form

Name

Company Name

Billing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone

Fax

Email

- I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$250 each
- I would like to sponsor at the following level \_\_\_\_\_
- Check is enclosed (Please make payable to Veterans Legal Institute)
- I would like to make a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- I would like to donate the following item(s) to the silent/live auction: \_\_\_\_\_
- Please charge my credit card (we accept AMEX, M/C, Visa, Discover)
- Invoice my company

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorizing Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

EIN 47-1608069

Please return completed form to:

Antoinette Balta  
c/o Veterans Legal Institute  
2100 N. Broadway Ave., Ste 209  
Santa Ana, CA 92706

\*Donations are tax deductible to the extent the law allows

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **SEP 08 2014**

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DLN:  
26053633002164  
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(877) 829-5500  
Accounting Period Ending:  
December 31  
Public Charity Status:  
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)  
Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:  
Yes  
Effective Date of Exemption:  
August 11, 2014  
Contribution Deductibility:  
Yes  
Addendum Applies:  
No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to [www.irs.gov/charities](http://www.irs.gov/charities). Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

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VETERANS LEGAL INSTITUTE

Sincerely,

*Tamara Ripperda*

Director, Exempt Organizations