

October 10, 2018

"Father and Son"

Kyle Mitchell



Kyle Mitchell is a Diné (Navajo) Native American. He grew up on the reservation with his grandparents, where he learned the family's work ethic along with oral tradition every day.

After graduating high school he enlisted into the Army where he served two tours – one in Iraq and one in Afghanistan. After his discharge from the military, he decided to pursue his degrees in Accounting. While taking a Mythology course at South

Mountain Community College, with Liz Warren, he was introduced to the storytelling community.

Now he shares oral traditions through stories that are contemporary and informative. Kyle is currently the American Indian Outreach Coordinator and adjunct faculty member of the Storytelling Institute at South Mountain Community College.

November 14, 2018

"Piloting Air Force One"

Colonel (retired) Scott Turner

An assignment to pilot Air Force One gives a pilot many challenges. Prior to his retirement in 2014, **Colonel Scott M. Turner** served as the Commander of the Presidential Airlift Group located at Andrews Air Force Base, MD. He joined the Presidential unit in 1998 and served the Administrations of Presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama. Colonel Turner earned his commission through the United States Air Force Academy and entered active duty in 1986. His assignments over his career focused on flying large Air Force airplanes. At the time of his retirement, his 10,500 flight hours were the highest in the Active Duty Air Force. Upon his retirement, President Obama awarded Col. Turner the Defense Superior Service Medal. Other notable awards include the Meritorious Service Medal and the Air Medal. Additionally, he was the 2000 recipient of the Airlift/Tanker Association's General Robert E. "Dutch" Huyser Award, recognizing the pilot who has displayed sustained excellence in airmanship. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Biology as well as a Master's Degree in Aeronautical Sciences. Col. Turner will talk about his experiences flying three Presidents, including the challenges he faced in safely transporting them to dangerous locations.



January 9, 2019

"German POW's in Arizona"

Steve Hoza

Steve is a Phoenix native who has been in the museum field for 30 years. I am a recognized authority on the history of World War Two in Arizona, having written two books, one on the German POW Camps in Arizona and Arizona's WWII aviation training fields. I also run the official website of the Wallace and Ladmo Show (www.wallacewatchers.com).



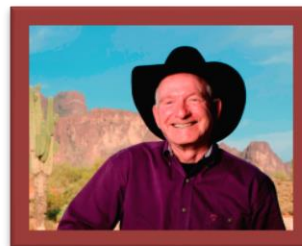
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February 13, 2019

"Arizona's Rocky Road to Statehood"

Marshall Trimble

Marshall Trimble has been called the "Will Rogers of Arizona." He was born in Mesa, AZ but moved to Ash Fork when he was 8. After attending Phoenix College and serving in the Marines, he began teaching Arizona history at Scottsdale Community College. His first book was published in 1977 by Doubleday & Company, New York. Since then he's written more than twenty books on Arizona and the West. Trimble is one of the state's most popular speakers and performers. He's also an educator, lecturer, folk singer and stage performer. Trimble has received many honors both as a historian, writer and performer. In 1997, the governor of Arizona appointed him Official State Historian. In 2000, he was selected as one of Arizona's representatives in the Library of Congress' "Local Legacies." A former Marine, he's a member of the AZ Veteran's Hall of Fame, won an Emmy for hosting TV show "Arizona Backroads" and winner of numerous achievement awards.



March 13, 2019

"Arizona woman journalist led way for next generation - including me"

Karina Bland

Karina Bland is a longtime, award-winning journalist at The Arizona Republic and azcentral.com, where she is on the storytelling team and writes a popular column. She is a two-time graduate of Arizona State University, earning a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1987 and a master's degree in communication in 1997. She went to work for the Mesa Tribune in 1987, was hired by The Phoenix Gazette in 1990 and then The Republic when the two papers merged in 1997.

Karina, 53, raises her teenage son Sawyer and tap dances in Tempe.



April 10, 2019

"Ghost Towns -- Specters of the Past"

Jay Mark

Historian **Jay Mark's** career includes antiques & bookstore owner, commercial photography, professional theater, radio and television. He brings a lifetime of knowledge and experience to his lively and engaging presentations.

A regular contributor of history-related articles to the Antique Register; Arizona Contractor & Community, and The Arizona Republic, Jay is also a published writer of seven antiques-related books. He is co-author of a history of the Buckhorn Baths in Mesa.

A recipient of numerous awards honoring his service to the community, Jay remains actively engaged in issues relating to historic preservation, history museums, public transportation, urban planning and public policy

