

## **Joseph E. Abodeely**

### **Education and Training:**

#### Civilian:

B.A. English, University of Arizona (1965)  
Juris Doctor, University of Arizona Law School (1971)  
Continuing Legal Education (CLE)--15 hours plus each year

Military: Distinguished Military Graduate, Army R.O.T.C. (1965)  
Combat Platoon Leader's Course (1967)  
Military Police Officer's Orientation Course (1970)  
Judge Advocate General's Corps International Law Course (1972)  
Judge Advocate General's Corps General Staff Course (1978)  
Judge Advocate General's Corps Legal Aspects of Terrorism Course (1980)  
National Defense University National Security Management Course (1980)  
Air University War College Associate Seminar Program (1992)  
Amphibious Orientation Training (1993)

### **Professional or Employment History:**

#### Military:

U.S. Army Infantry Officer—Active Duty (1967-69)  
U.S. Army Reserve Components--  
Judge Advocate, Arizona Army National Guard (1971-83)  
Staff Judge Advocate, 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade (1983-86)  
Chief, Law Branch, U.S. Army Military Police Operations Agency, Pentagon (1987-93)

#### Civilian:

Deputy Maricopa County Attorney (1971-85)  
Criminal Law Defense Attorney (1985-2011)  
Cases of note: State v. Jones (State Fair corruption), Jerry Buss \$1 million settlement for Maricopa County, U.S. v. Craig Kelly (defense of Hells Angels), Victoria Lund (Walt Disney's granddaughter) in civil and business matters

Admitted to practice before Supreme Court of Arizona, U.S. District Court of Arizona, U.S. 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals, U.S Federal Circuit Court of Appeals, and Supreme Court of the United States of America

Professional associations include State Bar of Arizona, American Bar Association, Maricopa County Bar Association, Arizona Attorneys for Criminal Justice, and National Association for Criminal Defense Lawyers

### **Civic Activities and Contributions:**

Hosted Salute to Arizona Veterans with guests General Colin L. Powell (1992), General Vessey (1993), and General Sullivan (1994); Co-host of Dinner in Honor of AZ Vietnam Veterans with General Barry R. McCaffrey (2011)

Host of Base Camp (yearly gathering of primarily Vietnam veterans)  
Provided legal advice to National Guard, Active Duty, and civilian personnel  
Represented veterans before the Boards of Corrections of Military Records  
Former Legal Advisor, National Guard Association of Arizona  
Former Legal Advisor, Phoenix Council Navy League of the United States  
Former Legal Advisor, In Country Vietnam Veterans Association  
Past President and National Councilman, Maricopa Chapter, Reserve Officer  
Association of the U.S.

Co-Designer of the Military Pavilion for the Arizona Centennial Celebration  
President and Legal Advisor, Arizona National Guard Historical Society  
Director, Arizona Military Museum  
Former Chairman, State Bar of Arizona World Peace through Law Section  
Former Chairman, Phoenix Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee  
Former President, Phoenix Mid-Town Lions Club  
Past President, Arab-American Cultural Association  
Host to Vietnamese Buddhist Youth Group each year for their camp  
Guest speaker at numerous civic organizations over the years

#### **Awards or Honors:**

Military awards include CIB, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Air Medal, and others  
BV Distinguished Attorney (Very High Rating in Both Legal Ability & Ethical Standards)  
Distinguished Service Award for Dedicated Service and Outstanding Achievement (1974-80)  
from National Guard Association of Arizona  
International Who's Who of Professionals (1996)  
National Register's Who's Who in Executives and Professionals (2004-2005 ed.)  
Presidential Who's Who in Professional and Business Achievers (2008 ed.)

#### **Publications:**

*Divisive Barbarity or Global Civilization* (contributing author of "Collective Security")  
*Vietnam* (October 2010) (author of "Breaking the Siege at Khe Sanh")  
Straight Talk with Joe <joeabo.com>

#### **Referenced in the Following Publications:**

*The 1<sup>st</sup> Cav in Vietnam, Anatomy of a Division*  
*Khe Sanh, Siege in the Clouds*  
*The Siege of Khe Sanh*  
*Valley of Decision*  
*For Our Beloved Country*  
*War Diaries and letters*  
"GIs Link Up at Khe Sanh, But Fight On" *Los Angeles Herald Examiner* (April 8, 1968)  
"Tucsonan Led Relief to Khe Sanh" *Arizona Daily Star* (April 13, 1968)  
"Former Iowan aided Khe Sanh" *Des Moines Sunday Register* (May 12, 1968)