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#### The ELITE Network National Board

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in 1991. THE ELITE SDVOB Network has evolved into 42 chapters nationwide whose volunteers are made up of Service Disabled Veterans of the US Armed Services. From the hills of California to the shores of Guam, Bob Mulz has tirelessly led the effort to build a national network of chapters throughout the USA and its territories. Working in concert with Corporate, State and Federal advocates, Bob has opened doors for contracting opportunities and has been instrumental in State and Federal legislation to increase the spend for SDVOB companies. You can read more about this truly remarkable individual who accepts no defeats for Veterans as you turn the pages of the premiere e-newsletter for the ELITE today.

#### **BOUT THE INNOVATOR**

For your comments or editoria remarks, please contact Renee Mitchell, Creative Founder & Editor of THE ELITE SDVOSB NetworkTalk™ at 650-964-7683 or renee@usvetsintech.org



130502-N-MG658-017130502-N-MG658-017101002-N-6214F-078 BEVIER, Mo. (Oct. 2, 2010) Navy SEALs fold the flag of Special Warfare Operator (SEAL) 2nd Class Adam Smith at the graveside service. Smith was one of nine service members killed when the helicopter in which they were traveling crashed in Zabul Province in Southern Afghanistan, Sept. 21. (U.S. Navy photo by Senior Chief Mass Communication Specialist Robert J. Fluegel/Released)

#### **FEATURES**

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### 12<sup>th</sup> Annual **National Conference** Long Beach ♦ California



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**It** is going to be a most engaging crowd at the Hotel Maya in Long Beach next week for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference that will feature Matchmaking, Networking, and, let's not forget, the NEW ELITE Shark Tank competition. For the most daring who is willing to 'swim with the sharks' to present his or her product or service, a team of judges made up of an investment banker, an energy specialist and a technology company will award \$5000 and recognition in THE ELITE SDVOB NetworkTalk™.



#### The ELITE SDVOB NATIONAL **CONVENTION AGENDA**

#### Highlights

**Hotel Maya** is the Venue! Icebreaker/Welcome Reception NEW ELITE Shark Tank Event Think Like a Negotiator Workshop Matchmaking with My Business Matches Informative Workshops and Tradeshow



## At the Helm and Full Speed Ahead

While the fighting in the Battle of the Hedgerows was moving toward St. Lô, Robert H. Mulz was quietly born at home in Brooklyn, New York on 16 July 1944. After high school and college at NYU, Bob entered the US Naval Reserve in 1960.

With the heating up of the Vietnam War in 1966, Bob was called into active duty. From deployment on the guided missile destroyer USS Henry D. Wilson DDG 12 during the "ugly war" in Southeast Asia to the USS Robison DDG12 and USS Hoel DDG13, Bob Mulz retired after 27 years of service as a Master Chief Fire Control Man (E(9).

A distinguished and highly decorated Veteran, Bob Received two NAVAL Commendation medals and five NAVY achievement medals with combat V for superior service along with many medals and other personal letters of commendation.



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The ELITE SDVOB Network

ob Mulz, Founder/Owner

The organization exists for the benefit of Veterans and strives to create an atmosphere of "win win" for the Veteran and its partners.

Bob Mulz Chairman The ELITE SDVOB Network



From Left to Right: Chuck Forrest, Dave Aguilera, Bob Mulz, Chairman of The ELITE SDVOB Network, Monica Heredia, Verizon, and Rebecca Aguilera- Gardiner, Convention Chair.

### National Chapters

of Videoelectronics, a niche electronics store for hard-to-find items was voted one of the best small businesses by the City of San Diego in 2003. Shortly thereafter, in 2005, the US SBA then awarded Videoelectronics as "Veteran Small Business of the Year."

In addition to being a successful small business owner and community activist, Bob founded and chairs the San Diego Elite SDVOB Network since 2002.

Under Bob's leadership, the accomplishments for the ELITE SDVOB Network have evolved into 42 chapters nationwide with recognition by the Federal and State legislators for the benefit of SDVOBs throughout the USA.

And, at the same time, Bob continues to run and manage a successful small business now in its 32<sup>nd</sup> year.

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Rick Fowler, Bob Mulz and Chuck Forrest.

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#### A Steady Expansion for The ELITE

#### Year **Annual Convention Location** San Diego, California 2003 2004 San Diego, California 2005 San Diego, California 2006 San Diego, California 2007 Army Military Academy, West Point, New York 2008 Naval Military Academy, Annapolis, Maryland 2009 Air Force Military Academy, Colorado Springs, Colorado 2010 Coast Guard Academy, Annapolis, Maryland 2011 Chicago, Illinois 2012 Las Vegas, Nevada 2013 San Diego, California 2014 New York, New York 2015 Long Beach, California

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Dennis Thurston, Southern California Edison, Speaker, Elite SDVOB Conference,

Queen Mary, 2015.

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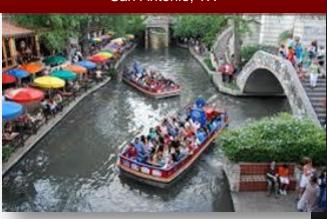
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Current Industry Trends

THE ELITE SDVOB Network  $Talk^{TM}$ 

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## FEDERAL LEGISLATION

Department of Veterans Affairs -Final Ruling

Veterans Benefits,
Health Care, and
Information
Technology
Act of 2006 (Sec. 502/503)

Service Disabled Veterans Executive Order 13360

Veterans Benefits Act of 2003 – P.L. 108- 183

Veterans
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Development Act of
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