

## **Rick Hearn**

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Rick joined Vestar in 1994 as its Director of Leasing, becoming Vice President of Leasing in 2014. He is currently its Designated Broker (AZ), a 30-year veteran of the industry, and responsible for the leasing, marketing, and broker management of the company's retail portfolios (development, operational, third party) in the western U.S. (AZ, CA, TX). Prior to joining Vestar, he worked in DAUM's Retail Division, Phoenix-AZ, spending five years specializing in the sales and leasing of retail centers, representing private and institutional clientele.

He is a longstanding member of the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC), a volunteer executive since 1994, and the recipient of the prestigious "Trustees Distinguished Service Award" (2010). He is a past Chairman of the Western Division Conference, a 13-state regional program (2007 – 2009); Arizona's former PAC Chairman (2005 – 2008) and a past AZ/NV/NM State Director (2002 – 2005).

Rick has also been a member of Valley Partnership since 2005, an organization that is the "Valley of the Sun's" premier advocacy group for responsible development. Through its representation of the commercial, industrial and master planned real estate development industry, Valley Partnership presents a balanced, pro-development perspective and the Valley's best industry education and networking opportunities for its members. As a past Chairman of the Board (2012) and still active with the organization today, his focus in 2012 was on the organization's centric goals of advocacy, education, networking and philanthropy. Specific organizational goals as Chairman included board development and governance, communication strategies, strategic public/private sector alliances, and the enhancement of its fiscal policies.

He has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management (Honors), with an emphasis in Human and Fiscal Resources, from the University of Phoenix, complementing his prior collegiate experiences at Arizona State University, College of Business Administration, majoring in Real Estate with an emphasis in Finance.

Rick is family community-minded, with his support for many local charities and organizations. With his wife (Ann), they enjoy their two sons, wives and three grandchildren, exploring all that Arizona has to offer. He's actively involved with Fighter Country Partnership as its Immediate-Past Chair, Chairman from 2016 - 2019, and a part of its Board since 2008. Guiding this philanthropic advocacy group that supports the Airmen, their families and mission of Luke AFB in Glendale, Arizona. A base that unbeknownst to many, is the largest jet fighter wing in the world, and most certainly for the US Air Force.