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William Phipps' Estate Grants \$100K to Green Beret Foundation

San Antonio, TX (July 3, 2018) – William Phipps, a prolific actor with a TV and movie career that spanned over a half-century, has left behind \$100,000 to the Green Beret Foundation. Most notably, William starred in 1950's sci-fi films and voiced the original Prince Charming in "*Cinderella*." William passed away on June 1 in Santa Monica at age 96, making him one of Hollywood's oldest actors.

The Green Beret Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to supporting soldiers of the United States Army Special Forces—commonly known as Green Berets—and their families. As a segment of the Armed Forces that suffers a higher casualty rate than the rest, Green Berets are often faced with expenses relating to rehabilitation, medical and surgical costs, among other fees. The Green Beret Foundation steps in to provide advocacy and services to get the most from a Green Beret's military benefits to meet the entire family's needs.

"Being selected as a recipient of this grant is incredibly humbling," said Jen Paquette, Executive Director of the Green Beret Foundation. "Green Berets are some of our nation's greatest assets, and thanks to William, we will continue to support the mission of the Special Forces, here at home. We are not only thankful for William's support through this donation, but also for the time he served in the Navy. We will honor his legacy through our support of the community."

In the early days of World War II, prior to pursuing his acting career, William Phipps enlisted in the Navy. He attended naval radio training school at the University of Idaho and served as a radioman aboard six ships between 1942 and 1945.

After his discharge, William returned to Hollywood and used the G.I. Bill to enroll at the Actors Lab, a theater company-acting school. In 1947, Phipps' movie career got off to an auspicious start when he was casted in "*Crossfire*," an Oscar-nominated film noir drama that touched upon anti-Semitism.

William was best known for his many roles in 1950's science fiction films, where he was one of the genre's pioneers. William spent the better part of his life, almost 70 years, in Southern California, but always considered himself a Midwesterner at heart.

About the Green Beret Foundation:

Founded in 2009, the Green Beret Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the long-term health of the Green Beret community. The Foundation answers the call of the Green Berets and their families so that they can succeed in their next mission. Green Berets serve a little understood mission and face unique challenges when they come home. To aid in the transitions of Green Berets and their families, the Foundation provides casualty support, extended care support, family support and transition support. For more information, visit: www.greenberetfoundation.org.