



# SECOND PLACE

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To me, a ship's crest has always been an embodiment of the vessel; a beacon of beauty that demands all eyes fall upon it. In my design, I set out to create what Arizona is to me, a lively landscape with dreamlike views where the sun reigns, cacti thrive, and hills and valleys provide the prettiest of views. Aspiring to capture the native beauty of this state, I added one of Arizona's perfect sunsets, the infamous Grand Canyon the state is famous for, and a cactus standing tall on one of the canyon walls.

For my design, I researched significant symbols, mottos, and colors of the state, wanting to highlight what makes Arizona unique in her own way. For example: I used the motto "Ditat Deus" on the bottom arc of the crest, which means "God Enriches," as it is written around the Arizona state seal. As for colors, I stuck to the color palette of the State flag, and highlighted it in my design. Additionally, I drew inspiration from the official United States Navy crests, creating a more cohesive design.

For me, the Military has always been an important aspect of my life, as my grandfather served in the Coast Guard for twenty-one years. Growing up, I've always had a special place in my heart for the Military, and for those who choose to dedicate their lives to service for this country every day.