

# Pony Express Ride with CVMA 32-1

The 3rd annual Pony Express Ride took place on October 24, 2020 & was once again brought to you by Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Chapter 32-1. CVMA32-1 is a non-profit 501 (c)(19) that donates to various Veteran care facilities and to Veteran charities. Thank you Mark "Tazz" Prine, CVMA Chapter 32-1 Chapter Commander, for your help with this article.

Just under 150 riders met at the American Legion Post 117 in Phoenix. The route was approximately 150 miles. The first leg traveled through Fountain Hills to the American Legion Post 58, then to Bartlett Lake Marina. From there riders headed toward New River with a gas stop at the Minute Mart on I-17 and New River Rd. Last stop was at Dillon's BBQ @ Western Trails in Morristown. Everyone was provided a route map. Riders had the option of departing for a self-paced ride or they could leave in 1 of the 3 guided groups. All riders had to be at the last stop by 3:30 to be eligible for prizes & raffle drawings.

There is no game such as poker or dice as part of the ride. Instead, riders received a Post Card with a Pony Express theme. At each stop the card was stamped with a different postmark. The 'mail' was then delivered to the last stop;

with all the postcards being put into a pot. Prize winners were drawn from those cards.

There was an impressive array of prizes; including two signed prints from Eric Herrmann, motorcycle art donated by artist David Mann, C2 Tactical range time, exhaust from Cary Faas Racing, a 3-day two-night stay in Laughlin, a Bondurant SRT Day valued at \$1,099; plus knives, quilts, hats, cash prizes, and MORE!!!

The AC/DC cover band 'AZ/DZ The Ultimate AC/DC Experience' started their show at 5pm.

Mark sent thanks to event supporters & donors Cary Faas, Bondurant High Performance Driving School, American Legion Posts 117 and 58, David Mann, and the Original Breakfast House; adding, "Dillon's at Western Trails was super awesome in allowing us to end our event at their location."

The \$6000 in donations that were collected from this ride all went to these beneficiaries.

Community Bridges Inc offers many services. These include assisting people with mental health & addiction recovery and helping survivors of human trafficking and other physical & mental abuse. Their Veterans Programs offer employment assistance, counseling, working

with homeless Vets to help them with transition to permanent housing, and more.

Horse Rhythm Foundation is an organization that offers a unique approach to assisting active military, Veterans, and first responders who have mental health disorders (PTSD) and/or physical disabilities (traumatic brain injuries, amputations, etc.) due to combat or public safety tragedies. For examples, their equine-assisted therapy can help participants with impaired mobility to experience increased balance, muscle control, and strength. TBI patients develop increased concentration, calmness, and independence.

Learn more about the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association & follow Chapter 32-1 on Facebook. They are always looking for donations in order to help their cause, Vets Helping Vets. They have a State Rally in Yuma scheduled for April 16-17, with all 9 chapters getting together. This event will be open to all riders. Watch their page for updates & details.

Thank you CVMA 32-1 for your efforts on behalf of Veterans!

*Betsy & Bruce*

