

# 'Soldiers Best Friend' Benefit Ride

On Saturday April 7, the North Phoenix Charter of the Iron Order MC hosted a benefit ride for 'Soldiers Best Friend'. Soldier's Best Friend is an Arizona-based 501(c)3 non-profit corporation that pairs Veterans with combat-related PTSD / TBI with service dogs.

This was a group ride with no game. It was simply a ride to enjoy being on the road together. That's cool.

Sign-in was at Arrowhead HD in Peoria. Around 30 riders went on the run, with an additional 20 or so making donations to the cause without participating in the run. Stops included Buddy Stubbs HD on Cave Creek Rd in Phoenix to check out the Motorcycle Museum. From there they rode to Connelly's Bar & Grill on Carefree Highway for the party. There were raffles and a bikini bike wash. There was also an auction for several larger items including a customized mini-bike and an commercial beer fridge.

Prez Brian U. of IOMC's North Phoenix Charter sent along, "We would like to thank everyone that came out to support, including

several military and veteran motorcycle clubs. Without them, we wouldn't be able to do things like this." He continued, "We have held a charity event on the same weekend every year for the

past six years. This year was by far the most successful one we have done. We always look for causes that need help, typically smaller organizations that operate solely from donors.

Working with Soldier's Best Friend is a blast, and we look forward to continuing the relationship in the future."

The day raised \$1016 for Soldiers Best Friend. The photo here is from the presentation.

Soldier's Best Friend "provides U.S. military veterans living with combat-related Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) with Service or Therapeutic Companion Dogs, most of which are rescued from local shelters." *{from their website}* This organization saves 2 lives at once.

There is no cost to the Veteran for the adoption of the dog or the training program. Learn more about this program by visiting their website at <https://soldiers-bestfriend.org>

Thank you Brian for your help with this article!

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