

Post 35 Bike Night in Chandler

American Legion’s Mathew B. Juan Post 35 hosted their bi-annual Bike Night on July 23, 2022. The Post was hosting their regular karaoke in the main bar as well... So there was plenty going on.

There was a good-looking turnout in the parking lot... a mix of bikes and cages. Everyone seemed to be having a very good time! There were riders from other Posts, the DAV, VFW, and others of the motorcycle community... independents and patch holders.

This is a social evening plus a fundraiser for the various programs that the American Legion supports. Among them, the Legacy Scholarship provides college funding to children of post-9/11 GIs who died on active duty or Veterans who received injuries causing 50% or greater disability.

Post 35's American Legion Riders President Scott Wetmore explained, “We have several event fundraisers every year that we ask for donations to distribute out to various veteran, youth and community organizations. We also give

out funds specifically to veterans that have special needs or are in a crisis situation.” He added, “The American Legion Riders basically put on events throughout the year to support each other and make friendships that in return help us be successful in donating to those in need.”

We learned that Post Commander Charlie Lang had been ‘arrested’ as a fundraiser for the Legacy Fund. He circulated through the crowd ~ appropriately ‘handcuffed’ of course ☺ ... asking for ‘bail’ money ~ while others were collecting money to keep him ‘locked up’. This SEEMED to be the more popular choice! ☺ It was all in good fun and he was very good natured about the whole thing. Post 35 announced later that they raised \$1,565 for the Legacy Foundation. Congratulations!

There was good music by the band Outliers. Numerous vendors ringed the hall. There were foodstuffs, jewelry, CBDs, a chair massage zone, a stitcher, Downtime Wines, accessories for home & self, a variety of giftables, and more. The East Valley ABATE of AZ Chapter

had an information and membership table set up.

The Post thanks VFW Post 3513, Sons of the American Legion Squadron 44, and CAD Stucco & Stone for their support of this evening.

Post 35 hosts this Bike night twice per year. The next one will be in January. It’ll be in the AZ Rider calendar once particulars are announced.

Before that, they will host their annual Toy For Tots toy drive & poker run. It’ll be on the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend ~ November 26. More details are in the calendar. The toys collected go to the Chandler Care Center. Their volunteers organize everything and, with the help of Chandler FD, distribute the toys to local families in need.

American Legion’s Mathew B. Juan Post 35 is located at 2240 W Chandler Blvd in Chandler AZ. It is a nice facility, with a number of areas that can be rented for your upcoming event. Contact them at 480-821-0002 for more information.

