

APRC Veterans Day Run



On November 10, 2018 The American Patriots RC hosted its 1st annual Veterans Day Run. Beneficiary of the day was Dogs 4 Vets, an organization we introduced some of our readers to in our EV Rodeo article back in November. Their mission is such an excellent one that we were happy to learn that another group was also directing their energy toward this cause.

My thanks to Gary from APRC for helping us share news of the day with our readers.

Sign-in was at Chopper Johns, 2547 E Indian School Road in Phoenix. They offered a "Bloody Mary Special which was a terrific way to start the morning!" Approximately 65 riders took the self-paced 94-mile ride. Gary noted, "Many additional people participated that were either at the final stop location by chance or wanted to participate even though they were unable to ride on the Poker Run."

He continued, "After leaving Chopper John's riders proceeded to American Legion Post 34 in Cave Creek, a very popular destination for Arizona Riders. ... then on through the beautiful McDowell Mountains, to stop #3, the American Legion Post 58 in Fountain Hills; right next to what was at one time the tallest fountain in the world. Stop #4 was Desert Wind Harley Davidson in Mesa, and then on to the Final Party location, Good Time Charli's {6045 W Chandler Blvd} in Chandler."

The end party included drink & lunch specials, live music by 'Arizona Blacktop', raffles, and a 50/50. Gary commented, "This was definite-

ly a family-friendly event. Dogs-4-Vets brought in some of the service animals to mingle at the party; which was a huge hit with the crowd, especially the younger attendees!" Adding, "We don't have the names of the high hand and low hand winners, but they were given the choice of either \$250 cash or a 9MM handgun for the high hand and \$200 or a .380 hand gun for low hand. APRC also raffled off an AR-15 rifle... There were approximately \$3000 in donated raffle prizes... Prizes included Box Seats at a Phoenix Suns Game, 2-Day tactical training, liquor, and range time at an indoor shooting range. Numerous other items were raffled such as t-shirts, motorcycle clothing and massage gift certificates."

This inaugural event raised about \$2,500 for Dogs-4-Vets. Dogs-4-Vets American Service Animal Society is a local organization that provides assistance for Veterans with PTSD through the use of service animals. From their website, <https://dogs4vets.org/>, "Our Dogs4Vets program involves training the veteran's own dog so they become a certified Service Dog. If they do not have a dog, we advocate the use of rescues."

The American Patriots RC would like to thank their event supporters / donors Good Time Charli's, Desert Wind Harley Davidson, All American Firearms, Russ Brown Motorcycle Attorneys, M.A.M. (Military Assistance Mission), C2 Tactical, Thighbrush Products and Apparel for Bearded Lifestyle, Naumann-Hobbs, Phoenix Motor Leathers, and Massage by Angie.

Gary explained, "This was an incredibly fun

event with proceeds going to a great cause, supporting America's Veterans. American Patriots RC (APRC) was founded on the principles of supporting Active Military, Veterans, and the 2nd Amendment. Recipients of services from Dogs-4-Vets were on location at the end party and gave testimony to the benefits of the support that service animals provide. There was not a dry eye in the house! The support that we have received not only from the Biker Community, but also from outside the biker community has been outstanding. APRC is looking forward to hosting many more events for these causes in the future!"

Asked about future events he offered, "The November 10th event was our inaugural event. We are in the planning stages for the next one, which will also be on Veteran's Day Weekend 2019. We have a Veteran's support charity event planned for 5/25/2019 at Desert Wind Harley-Davidson and the plan is to partner with Dogs-4-Vets again as the recipient... For this event we are planning free lunch, another Gun Raffle, and a 50/50. We are also in discussions to have live music from a local band. Much thanks to Desert Wind for sponsoring the Gift-A-Shift Foundation event."

These events will be in our *AZ Rider* calendar as specifics come together.

To learn more about the American Patriots RC, or see more photos from this event, visit APRC on the web at <https://www.facebook.com/APRC.AZ/> Congratulations on a successful day! *B&B*

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