

# SWEAT FOR THE VETS

The Sweat for the Vets fundraiser for Veterans First was co-hosted by Aint Nick's Tavern and Riding4Vets. This was their 4th annual event. The ride started & ended at Aint Nick's, located at 6840 N. 27th Ave, Phoenix.

This is a Photo Hunt Run. In this case, each stop had a flag, representing one of the branches of US military service. Stops were at Jimbo's Sports Bar in Glendale; Neighbor's Bar in Peoria; Beaver Bar in Phoenix; and VFW Post 9400 in Phoenix.

Somewhere between 40-50 people showed up in support of the event. There was a lower % of riders this time; but then again it was a daytime ride, in July, in Phoenix. For those who didn't ride but wanted to take the trip, the party bus took them to each checkpoint. Others just stayed at Aint Nicks, made their donations, & bought into the raffles. It's all good & went to the cause.

Riders took a picture / selfie with the

flag at each stop then returned to Aint Nick's. The afternoon party included raffle drawings and announcement of the winners. Music was provided by the sound system at Aint Nick's. Once all the participants were back & verified their photos, those who completed the run earned a ticket toward the grand prize. Grand prize for the run was a shooting table donated by a veteran and a \$200 HD gift certificate donated by the Hemp Foundation.

One of the raffle items was body armor graciously donated by State 48 Plates Body Armor (a Veteran-owned company in the East Valley). Raffles were also donated by 5.11 Tactical in Phoenix, Vacay-Cowboys Clothing Company in Phoenix, Rebel Reaper Clothing in Phoenix, Cider Corps Cidery in Mesa, Ride Now Powersports, and Remember The Name Promotions of Phoenix.

Afterwards, Ain't Nicks posted this message, "Thank you to who all came out

for the Sweat For Vets ride! Another successful fun year!! Cannot wait to see the turnout for next." Riding4Vets commented, "We want to THANK EVERYONE who showed up, supported and came to help and give to a great cause this past weekend!!! We were able to raise and donate a generous gift \$3,500 to help an agency that can make changes in a Vet/ Veterans lives."

Since 2003, the mission of Veterans First has been, "Preventing homelessness and stabilizing lives by providing advocacy, programs, services, and referrals for all Veterans, with special emphasis on Senior, Disabled, and Women Veterans, including their families." Learn more about Veterans First via their website, <https://veteransfirstltd.org/>

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