

# Pony Express Run with CVMA 32-1



On Saturday September 28, 2019, the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association Phoenix AZ Chapter hosted their 2nd annual Pony Express Run. This event raises funds for local Veterans Charities. It is a Family-Friendly event.

The riders again gathered at Harley-Davidson Scottsdale for registration. After breakfast, which was also sponsored by HDoS, riders departed on a self-paced ride which included stops at Cave Creek Guns and the Hideaway in Cave Creek. In regard to the route; Ghost, CVMA 32-1 Chapter Commander, explained that “due to road construction it was a shorter ride than we originally planned for.”

We learned that there were a total of 165 riders. This is about double the participation of their inaugural ride. Congratulations! The event also had the support of more than 50 volunteers. Nice!

The ride format is based on the old Pony Express. Rather than the traditional card that you get stamped at each stop, for this ride you pick up a card aka ‘mail’ at each stop. You deliver the mail to the last stop. Those cards are all put into a pot & prize winners are drawn from those cards. It strikes me as a unique & clever approach to a riders game; and is apparently being well received.

There was a significant prize pool, with over \$6,000 in prizes awarded to participants in the ride and through raffles.



Ghost sent along this message: Each year the event gets bigger and better. Thanks go out to the sponsors Harley Davidson of Scottsdale, Cave Creek Guns, Hide-a-way Bar, Scottsdale Gun Club, Heroes Pub, First Watch, Castles and Coasters, Hot Air Expeditions, Aquarius/Edgewater/Colorado Belle Casino, South Point Casino, Blazin M Ranch, Casino AZ, Wildlife Zoo, Hotel California Casino, Phoenix Zoo, Verde Canyon Railroad, Harrah’s AK-CHIN Casino, Don Laughlin’s Riverside Casino, Orleans Casino, Hon Dah Casino, & Gold Coast Casino.

100% of all monies raised goes to Veteran Charities. Ghost shared that CVMA 32-1 will be awarding almost \$10,000 before the end of the year to various Veterans organizations, including Horse Rhythm Foundation <http://www.horserhythm.org/> and Arizona Mission of Mercy <https://www.azmom.org/>

Mark your calendar for th 3rd Annual Pony Express Run, set for 26 September 2020.

Learn more about the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association & follow them on Facebook at... <https://www.facebook.com/cvma32.1/>

Congratulations CVMA 32-1 on a successful day!

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