

DBMC Dogs For Vets

The 2nd annual Dogs For Vets Benefit hosted by Defiant Brotherhood MC was held at Desert Wind HD on Saturday February 11, 2023.

Sign in was at Desert Wind Harley-Davidson, located at 922 S Country Club Dr in Mesa, AZ. Participation was estimated at about 60 riders. Ride stops included Queen Valley Fire Dept, Dogs For Vets / ASAS, and J&P Cycle in Scottsdale, before returning to DWHD.

Shawn & his Dad, of the beneficiary organization Dogs 4 Vets - American Service Animal Society, hosted a ride stop at the school. It made for an interesting & enlightening addition to the event. They also manned an information booth at Desert Wind HD during the end party.

Vendors at the end party included custom embroidery, jewelry, Lethal Threat apparel, & Bang Energy Drinks. Hot dogs & burgers were served up at the DWHD cook shack, prepped by DBMC members.

There was great support from the raffle donors. Items included tools, apparel, gift cards, a double-decker tool box, 2nd Amendment items, a custom

seat, a Viking Bags sissy bar bag, Grunt Style Clothing, an air compressor, & more.

Sidney won the high hand prize; receiving a trophy & a certificate to Dillons. Jeff held the low hand. Congratulations to you both!

It was a good day for a great organization. Dogs 4 Vets, American Service Animal Society, is a local non-profit organization that trains service dogs for disabled Veterans. More specifically, these Vets attend the D4V school with their own dogs & train them to become their service dogs. For those Vets who currently have no dog, the adoption of a rescue dog is encouraged. By this means, two lives can be saved © Through the D4V training process, dog & handler become a team. Over & above learning a command-based set



of tasks, these dogs learn how to recognize & respond to their Veteran handler's symptoms & needs... PTSD anxieties, medical needs, mobility issues, & more. Veterans that qualify receive lifetime, no cost service dog training and certification. Their school is located in Gilbert, AZ. Its program has become so well regarded that Veterans will relocate from across the country to attend the classes. They are currently able to train about 100 veteran-dog partnerships per year. To learn more about the ASAS / Dogs 4 Vets organization, visit their website at <https://dogs4vets.org/>

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