

New Hampshire Fallen 7 Poker Run

AZ Rider

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On June 21, a group of Jarheads MC members & supporters were riding through Randolph, New Hampshire when a pickup truck pulling a car trailer crossed the centerline & hit the group head-on. Seven riders were killed and 3 others went to the hospital. From the [GoFundMe announcement](#) ... Jarheads Motorcycle Club is a club consisting of active duty or honorably discharged Marines and FMF Corpsmen. They ride and serve veterans and veteran families in their communities. Chapters are in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Maine.

Fundraisers around the country have been taking place, to assist with burial & medical expenses, as well as the financial stresses that such a loss of a loved one can have on a family.

On July 13, the New Hampshire Fallen 7 Poker Run took place; riding out of & returning to [Desert Wind Harley-Davidson](#) in Mesa. It was presented by the dealership's [East Valley HOG Chapter](#). Riders started gathering at 7am. Lou with Hard Drive donated 30 cooling neck scarves to the first 30 registered. The first of the riders pulling out at about 8am; after opening ceremonies, including a Color Guard. The goal was to have all riders back in before noon & the worst of the heat.

Thank you to Jennifer Sievers for your help with this article. She explained, "So I was approached by

multiple riders throughout the community to see if there could be something done for the Fallen 7 Jarhead Marine Riders in NH. So I got with DWHD and East Valley HOG. We decided to put together a Poker Run in 2 weeks for the Fallen 7. DWHD sponsored the event and EVHOG put the event together.

"We quickly reached out to the [American Legion Post 27 in Apache Junction](#) and they without hesitation stepped up to the plate and offered their Post as the first stop of our poker run. They offered a breakfast for the riders and all the proceeds would also go to the Fallen 7. Then we asked the Marine Corp Recruitment Station at Power and Southern in Mesa if we could stop there on our run and they agreed. The third leg of our stops was at [DT Mesa Fest Artists Emporium](#), on MacDonald in Downtown Mesa. They are a non-profit organization and they jumped in to help.

"We were able to get an awesome flag line with a line of 20 flags for the riders to ride thru as they left the dealer, provided by the [Patriot Guard Riders](#). We had Emily Wishman sing a beautiful version of the National Anthem.

"We were able to raise just under \$4500 to donate to the family members of the Fallen in NH. We had about 175 riders & passengers on the ride in 114

degree heat. We were so happy so many showed up on this hot day to give back to our fellow Brothers and Sisters on the road. We even had YUMA HOG ride up from YUMA to attend this poker run and give back. That says a lot."

Once the riders returned to DWHD from their 40-mile excursion, there was a bike wash tent, with all donations going toward the cause. Most everyone gravitated indoors to the cool where Desert Wind HD was hosting a lunch that people could enjoy while waiting to hear who the ride winners were.

Erica aka Siren of American Patriots RC, holding a straight to 8, won the High hand \$300 DWHD gift card. Donna 'Niner' Horn had the Low hand & collected a \$150 DWHD gift card.

Drawings for raffle prizes were pulled from the players cards. Raffle goodies were donated by DWHD, EVHOG, Artists Emporium, & Jerome Director of Yuma HOG.

As Jennifer stated in her Facebook invitation announcing this event, "Let's show how Arizona bikers support their biker brothers and sisters no matter where they live. If this happened to you, you would want your biker family to support your family!!"

It looks like East Valley HOG & Desert Wind HD represented Arizona bikers very well this day!

Betsy & Bruce

