

Ride for The Vets Poker Run

The Ride For The Vets Poker Run was hosted by the Freedom Biker Outreach Motorcycle Ministry on May 22, 2021. Its purpose was to raise money and awareness to help our Homeless Veterans; with all proceeds going to that cause.

Sign-in was at the Original Breakfast House, 13623 N 32nd St, Phoenix. They had between 80-90 participants. The self-paced ride spanned the Valley. The next stop was at What The Hell Bar and Grill in East Mesa followed by William B Pate Post 7401 in Chandler. From there they went to Rogue Rider Industries in Surprise with the final stop being at the Trakside Sports Bar and Grill in Surprise. Freedom Biker Outreach sends a great big thank you to these businesses for their support.

High hand prize was \$100.00 and low hand of \$50.00. Congratulations to the winners!

Terry Torrence of FBO shared that, "At the final stop at Trakside we had a lot of great raffle prizes including two laptop computers, Dixxon flannel shirts, helmet/bike camera, and a large variety of many more raffle goodies. A great big thank you to everyone that donated these great prizes. We had awesome bbq and brisket provided by Fat Ox BBQ. Thank

you so much. We also had an outstanding band Icons & Anthems. They really rocked the place. Thank you so much. You guys are awesome."

This event supported Veterans First. It is a local organization that helps to prevent homelessness among Veterans and to help stabilize their lives. FBO was also able to purchase items for its Backpack Program. Terry explained, "Our Backpack Program is a program of distributing backpacks to homeless Veterans. We fill the backpacks with a new t-shirt, box-

ers, socks, a blanket and or tarp, hygiene items, hand sanitizer, hand/body wipes, sunscreen, water, snacks, a hat, a small flashlight and other little essential items. In the winter we include gloves and other warm items. The backpacks are stuffed full.

We have a lot of help and support from our Friends in the motorcycle community to fill the backpacks and more importantly to distribute them. We will be able to distribute another 100-125 backpacks, bringing the total to about 725 backpacks given out since the middle of October 2020."

In closing, Terry sent along this note.... "I would like to Thank all of our great sponsors and everyone that donated raffle prizes. You all helped make this an outstanding First year event. Let's do this again in the spring of 2022 and make it even bigger. Watch for the date. With much love and respect to all,

Terry Torrence
Freedom Biker Outreach"

Congratulations on a successful day!

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The mission of Veterans First LTD is, "Preventing homelessness and stabilizing lives among our Women Veterans while providing referrals, resources and information to all Veterans, their families and caregivers." [from their website]

While they address the unique needs of female Veterans, the organization also assists with the needs of all Veterans. "We



educate Veterans on resources that provide information relating to their specific need or issue. This education enables, empowers, and encourages our Veterans to work towards stabilizing their lives." There are Advocacy and Hand-Up Programs plus a variety of resources and referrals to help Veterans, Veteran Families, Caregivers, Veteran Children, Elderly Veterans, and Widows/Widowers of Veterans.

Learn more about Freedom Biker Outreach MM and Veterans First LTD via the provided links. Please consider these organizations when deciding where your future personal donations and/or fundraising efforts will be directed.