

# Modock's Ride for Caring House

## 14 Years of Love & Respect

This year's Modock's Ride took place on Saturday December 16, 2023. It is co-hosted by the Rez Riders IMC Arizona Chapter and Reztoration Ministries. This ride brings Christmas Cheer to the Gila River Tribe's Elders who live at Caring House. From the organizers, "The Rez Riders Indigenous Motorcycle Club has hosted The Caring House Run aka MODOCK'S RIDE for 14 years now. It is one of the highlights of our year and truly one of the more emotional experiences we have as a club. So many of the elders and residents at Caring House do not receive any visitors or gifts throughout the whole year - so this makes it especially important that we go back every holiday. A few years back we added the name MODOCK'S RIDE in memory of our past President who really championed this ride and made it what it is today."

The meet up location was Vee Quiva Casino in Laveen, making it a run of about 35 miles.

More than 60 riders/bikes participated, along with nearly a dozen vehicles that followed. Some rides AND riders were all decked out for Christmas. It was

a beautiful day and many residents were out to see and hear the bikes arrive.

The bikes did a "rolling thunder" as they rolled in, handed out stocking stuffers, gift bags, lap blankets, beanies, & goodies to every resident. The gift of TIME was also shared, as the bikers spent time visiting with the Elders. They visited residents in their rooms, blessing each person with a prayer and smudge/eagle fan blessing.

Caring House is a long-term care facility in Sacaton. There are nearly 90 residents currently. The facility is a combination of hospice care, long term elder care, and short/er term rehabilitation care.

Best Holiday Biker was Laurinda Warren on a 2017 custom Indian Dark Horse. *{photo bottom right}* Best Bike of the day was Normita Hernandez's custom Harley Davidson Heritage Softtail. *{photo bottom left}*

RRIMC AZ Chapter President, WHEELZ says "We are blown away at how many biker friends and riders showed up for our event and donated to this cause. The biker community is truly generous - we want to thank Bikers Against Child Abuse, Bling Devas MC,

the Medicine Wheel Ride, Carnales MC of Arizona, Motero Life, and others."

Partner organizer Bill Gowey of Reztoration Ministries commented, "The support and all the donations are so much appreciated. Because of the generosity of this group, not only are we able to help the Caring House, but we have an extra 100 care packages to send to other elder facilities in Navajo and Hopi land. God Bless you all."

In addition to Modock's Ride, this Season the RRIMC teamed up with Title 1 Hope to assemble more than 250 food boxes for native families in need in Gila River.

From the Rez Riders IMC, "The purpose of the Rez Riders IMC is to foster a family environment of Native people through charitable acts. That's who we are. That's what we do."

Thank you to Wheelz, Bill Gowey, & Patty D for providing details for this article, PLUS to photo-moto-journalist Olivier Touron for sharing his photos from the day.

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