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ARIZONA STATE VETERAN HOME-PHOENIX (ASVH-Phoenix)

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February Report

On February 3, veterans were invited to attend a private tour of the [Martin Auto Museum](#), where they were able to see and touch classic cars and memorabilia. They were able to exchange personal stories with the owner of the museum and see some amazing classic cars.







Then, Veterans and Members enjoyed a Super Bowl party hosted by the Jewish War Vets, Scottsdale Post 210. More than 40 veterans attended the party and enjoyed pizza, drinks, and prizes. Veterans played ten games of rapid-fire bingo at halftime!





On February 13, veterans enjoyed visits from the Phoenician Raiders Booster Club, as well as the Arizona Rattlers at the Valentine's Party. Music was provided by the "Swing Memories" big band. Later that week, the Marine Corps League and Devil Dogs visited for an annual "Sweetheart Bingo" game.



Our greenhouse continues to thrive, and ASVH veterans appreciated help from "Fenix Group" this month as well.





Veterans received a visit from "Krystal" the therapy horse! She is going to visit twice each month.



Finally, we had a great time "Clowning Around" with the [Clown Unit at El Zaribah Shrine](#), who visited for a Carnival on February 20! They made balloon animals and played carnival games!



ARIZONA STATE VETERAN HOME-TUCSON (ASVH-TUC)

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February in Review

The A group of our residents went to the Tucson Gem & Mineral Show on February 4th. They had a great time checking out the displays of gems, minerals, meteorites, fossils and jewelry.



Pictured at the Tucson Gem & Mineral Show are Anthony Berver and Vincent Ahern.





Super Bowl 50 was enjoyed by the residents in their Sports Lounge along with pizza, hot wings, nachos, veggie tray, and an assortment of sodas and beers.





On February 9th, ALA Unit 8 Casa Grande put together Valentine treats for the Building 2 residents. They host a monthly Bingo in the Building 2 Recreation Area. Also pictured are Bank of America employees who help with prizes and volunteer.





On February 13th, the VFW hosted a Valentine Party, with entertainment provided by Kids Unlimited. The residents and their families thoroughly enjoyed the talents of the children to young adults from ages 4 – 17.





Our monthly birthday party continues to be a success, hosted by the American Legion Auxiliaries (ALA) and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). They bring in four to six varieties of cakes, which give our residents tasty options.





Friends Honoring Veterans came to visit and passed out more than 100 individual handmade Valentine cards and treats.

The Valentine's Party/ice cream social, hosted by the Elks, provided a variety of ice creams and toppings that was enjoyed by all.



Pictured left in the red vest is Mary Shaffer, with Vernon Kloster.

**ASVH-TUC: Coming in March**

- Our residents continue to enjoy their community outings. March outings include: Walmart on March 16th, 23rd and 30th; Family Dollar on March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th; and Desert Diamond Casino trips on Tuesday, March 15th and Tuesday, March 29th at 1:30 p.m.
- On Saturday, March 5th, the Elks will host a BBQ.
- On Tuesday, March 8th at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel/Community Room, the VFW/ALA will host the monthly birthdays' party.
- On Tuesday, March 8th at 2:00 p.m., American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Unit 8 will host Bingo in the Building 2 Recreation Area.
- On Tuesday, March 8th at 5:30 p.m. in the Sports Lounge, it is time for our Pizza and Beer Party.
- On Saturday, March 12, 2016, Produce on Wheels Without Waste (POW-WOW) returns from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. For a donation of \$10, you may take up 60 pounds of produce.
- On Thursday, March 17th, from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., Desert Christian School will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day celebration to include singing and arts & crafts.
- On Friday, March 18th at 2:00 p.m., the Elks are providing a pizza party in conjunction with the happy hour entertainment.
- On Friday, March 25th at 10:30 a.m., Little Hooves and Big Hearts will return with the miniature therapeutic horses.
- On Sunday, March 27th at 9:30 a.m., ASVH-Tucson will host an Easter Continental Breakfast. Easter baskets, provided by the Elks, will be delivered to the residents.

Musical entertainment coming in March include:

- On Tuesday, March 1st at 1:00 p.m., August Johnson performs on the piano.
- On Friday, March 4th at 2:30 p.m., Georgia's Gift of Music with musical instruments and song.
- On Friday, March 11th at 2:30 p.m., Tommy Tucker acoustic guitar/blues/rock hosted by SAACA.
- On Saturday, March 12th at 1:00 p.m., August Johnson performs on the piano.
- On Friday, March 18th at 2:00 p.m., Dr. Lois Wilde performs a piano concert in the Chapel/Community Room.
- On Sunday, March 20th at 2:30 p.m., Over the Hill Vets performs country music/Bluegrass in the Chapel/Community Room.
- On Sunday, March 27th at 2:30 p.m., The Expressions/jazz music performance in the Chapel/Community Room.

Donations recently received by ASVH-Tucson:

- On January 12th, ALA Unit 8 Casa Grande donated books, clothes, stuffed bears and back scratchers.
- On February 4th, ALA Madera Unit #131 donated vintage sodas with an estimated value of \$47.
- On February 9th, ALA Unit 8 Casa Grande donated baskets of goodies for Valentine's Day. Bank of America contributed Valentine's Day cards with \$6 enclosed for the Building 2 residents. Puzzles were also provided.
- On February 12th, David Alvarez, Veterans Case Worker from Congressman Grijalva's office, came by to deliver Valentines to the residents.
- In February, Dawn Baines donated six bags of books.
- Also in February, Gini Hoffmeyer donated puzzles.
- On February 19th, Michael Tice donated one model aircraft carrier with framed picture of the actual aircraft carrier and one aircraft model.

Thanks to all for the much needed and much appreciated donations!!!



ARIZONA VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERIES (AVMC)

- Camp Navajo [Web](#), [Facebook](#)
- Marana [Web](#), [Facebook](#)
- Sierra Vista [Web](#), [Facebook](#)



New Veteran Cemeteries - Dates

- Dedication of Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery - Marana is Saturday, March 26th, 2016.
- Dedication of Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery - Camp Navajo is Saturday, June 4th, 2016.

March is an incredibly busy time for both new cemeteries, with staff hiring, staff training, furnishings being delivered, and everything being set up just right to best serve our veterans, their families, and visitors.

Reminder: The Camp Navajo construction site is not yet complete, muddy conditions exist, and the road has not yet been paved. ***Please do not visit AVMC Camp Navajo until notified by ADVS that it is safe and appropriate to do so. At that time, we will publish official location addresses with directions, and update the associated web pages.***

AVMC - Marana is now open. See official dedication event flyer in the next page.





Arizona Department of Veterans' Services



Dedication of the

Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery

Marana



Date: March 26, 2016

Time: 10:00 a.m.

15950 N. Lockett Road

Marana, Arizona 85653





ADVS Events

ADVS Director Col. Wanda Wright and New Mexico Veterans' Services Secretary Designee Jack Fox (to her left) watch as Navajo Nation President Russell Begaye signs legislation creating the new Navajo Nation Veterans Administration and Advisory Council on Saturday, February 13th.

