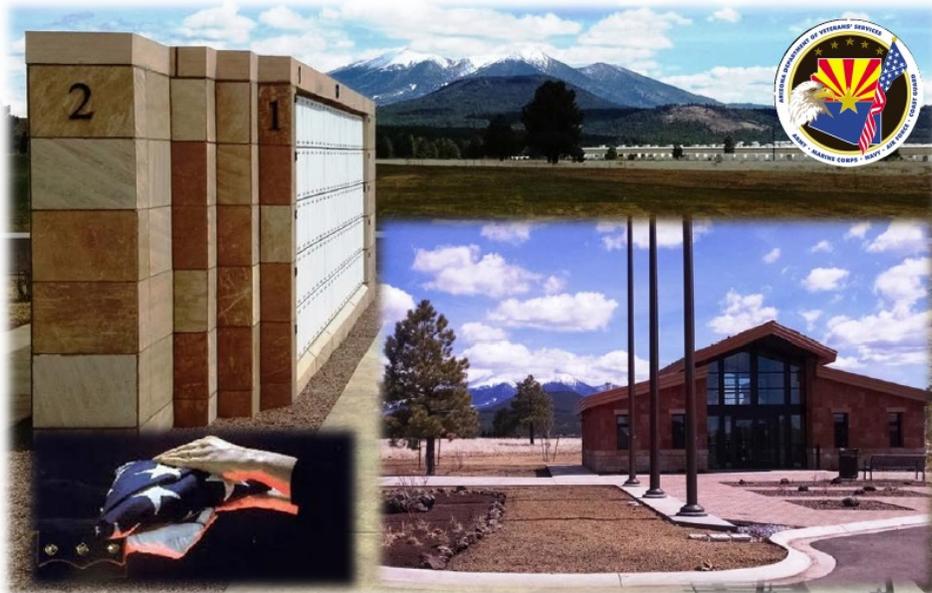




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Dedication Ceremony, Saturday, June 11, 10am MST

Announcing the Arizona Gold Star Military Medal



Since Arizona's statehood, 3,029 of her sons and daughters in uniform have given their lives in defense of this nation.

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ARIZONA STATE VETERAN HOME-PHOENIX (ASVH-Phoenix)

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- Contents submitted by Kristin Fray



Wedding Bells – Susan Dahl & Curtis Robertson

We offer special congratulations to ASVH Veterans Curtis Robertson and Susan Dahl. The couple met at the Arizona State Veteran Home in December and married May 14. Curtis is an Army Veteran who served from 1976-1979 in California and Germany. Susan is an Air Force Veteran who served in 1978-1979.

When Curtis and Susan got engaged, the Arizona State Veteran Home community worked together to make sure their wedding was special. Mickey Dingott, another ASVH veteran, is a former judge, and he conducted the ceremony. The dietary department prepared a special dinner, our Music Therapist sang, and donations were used for a dress, flowers, and decorations. The ASVH Administrator Jim Dugger even walked the bride down the aisle!







Cinco de Mayo Birthday

May opened with a Cinco de Mayo party, featuring NA Margaritas and a Loteria Game. ASVH veterans then went on an outing to the Sun City Elks for burgers. One of our veterans celebrated a birthday that day, so the Elks provided a birthday cake and sang to him! He decided to buy a scratchers ticket, and was pleased to win \$200! What a great birthday present!



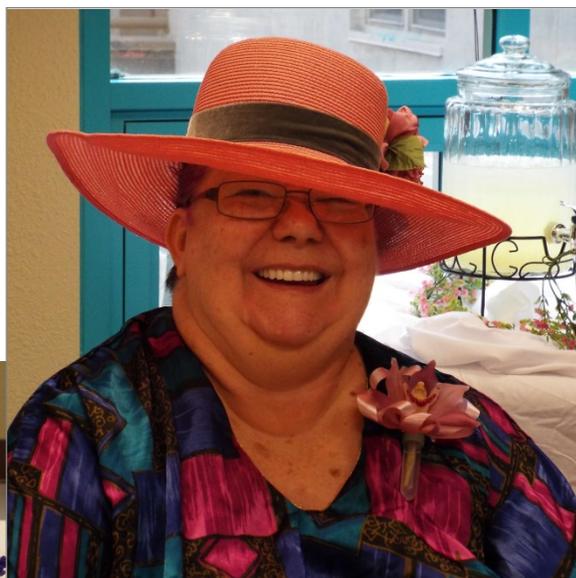
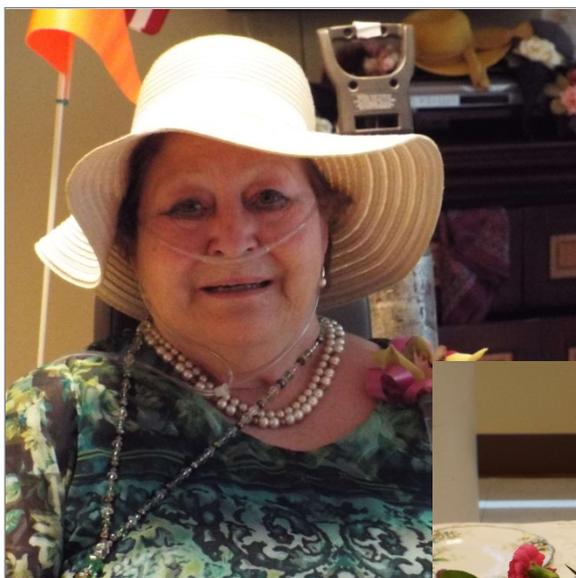
This year marked the 7th Annual "Salute Our Troops" event with Grand Canyon University. Volunteers from Grand Canyon came to visit veterans. Together, they enjoyed coffee and pastries. Then volunteers assisted in a poker game, drum circle, karaoke, and wheelchair bowling. The event concluded with a service branch sing along. Our veterans had a great time!





Mother's Day Tea

For Mother's Day, our lady veterans and members were treated to a special tea. Volunteer Janice Hermann and Recreation Staff Betty Lou Gwin made the event really special. Veterans enjoyed special treats, fine china, hats, and jewelry. They decorated with fresh flowers and received orchid corsages.





The Scottish American Military Society, Post 48, provided a Remembrance Table for ASVH Veterans on May 7. Thank you to SAMS for the moving presentation.



Veterans were treated to a Martial Arts Demonstration on May 10.





Garden Club

The ASVH Garden Club is going strong. We have many tomatoes, corn, and artichoke plants blooming!





ASVH Celebrates Nurse Week and Nursing Home Week!

The Arizona State Veteran Home Staff celebrated Nursing Home week, and Nurse's Week. We had a Superhero day, Retro day, Sports day, and Patriotic Pride! The staff got into the spirit.



The ASVH Dietary Department shows off their patriotic pride!





Volunteer Appreciation

On May 19, we honored volunteers with the Arizona State Veteran Home Volunteer Appreciation Dinner—thanking volunteers for donating over 10,000 hours!







Thanks to the American Legion for their donation of 53 DVD players!





ARIZONA STATE VETERAN HOME-TUCSON (ASVH-TUC)
 - Contents submitted by Sam Nanez & Ellen Bittman



April & May in Review

On the Memory Care Unit, the arts and crafts program continues to be a success with our residents.



Our residents enjoyed an outing to Old Tucson Studios where more than 300 movies and television shows have been filmed. They got to enjoy the ambience, which included a gun fight, western dining and a western skit.





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Dennis, the dog handler, and Daisy pay a visit to our residents on a weekly basis. This is the third year that they have been visiting ASVH-Tucson. Sadly we say goodbye for the summer months while they seek cooler temperatures out of state.



Most recently, Morris has picked the Veterans Home to be his home. He has won the hearts of the Veterans, residents and staff. Morris was checked out at the veterinarian and got his clean bill of health. Morris brings a lot of pleasure to those he comes in contact with. We are lucky to have Morris as part of our family.





Our 4th annual car show was a great success, sponsored by the Door Slammers. More than 75 vintage, classic, and muscle cars were shown. We had a great turnout, with more than 300 people enjoying the show.







Residents, staff and visitors enjoyed the DJ music and dancing in the parking lot broke out.





The VFW and ALA helped provide the beverages and pulled pork, cole slaw, chips and a variety of sodas. The Employee fundraising committee sold Eegee's.



Everyone enjoyed "My Little Red Volks Wagon." The heads were turning when it was being parked. A couple of people commented that it was the biggest convertible they'd ever seen.





Mrs. Mungaray, whose husband resided here, provided entertainment for the birthday party, singing some English and Spanish songs. Everyone was treated to cake and ice cream hosted by ALA and VFW.





On our trip to the Tucson Reid Park Zoo, our residents enjoyed the viewing the animals in a natural habitat setting. This is always a popular community outing our residents look forward to participating in.







Our annual Cinco de Mayo celebration was a great success, with live Mariachi music and Mexican refreshments.





Our Mother's Day celebration kicked off the week of recognition during National Nursing Home Week. This year's theme was "It's a small world with a big heart." Our Mother's Day breakfast was a great success. The meal was enjoyed, accompanied by harp music played beautifully by Pat Harris, who plays for the Tucson Symphony. The harp she played for us was her mother's harp, which added special meaning.



Our monthly Beer, Pizza & Wings party continues to be enjoyed by the residents and families.





Tom Sinclair, our artist volunteer, exhibited his artwork of portraits he has done of our veterans/residents. To accompany his art display, wine and cheese was enjoyed along with classical music. More than a dozen pieces of artwork were exhibited. The artist gifted the portraits to the individual residents.





Our residents, staff, and volunteers enjoyed shopping at our Semi-Annual Open House, where vendors exhibited artwork, jewelry, purses, wallets, and woodwork. Live entertainment accompanied, with classical piano music. Light refreshments were served.



Jerry Sorrells (pictured at left) has gifted more than 100 personalized Arizona Mesquite wood pen/pencil holders to our residents. At the Open House, he made pen/pencil holders available for purchase to the general public.



Produce on Wheels WithOut Waste (POW-WOW) continues to be a success for the Tucson facility and community. We had approximately 100 people at the March POW-WOW and another 100 at the April POW-WOW. A big "Thank You" to all the volunteers who assist with this program on a monthly basis to include the University of Arizona Nutritional Program, ALA, VFW, and ASVH-Tucson volunteers.





Big Hearts Little Hooves pays a visit each month providing our residents with pet therapy. Pictured below with her mother is the newest member of Big Hearts Little Hooves, who was born six weeks prior to the May visit.



As part of our Memorial Day Remembrance, members of Fort Huachuca visited our residents. Pictured in the middle is Adenito Chavez, our World War II former POW. The group visited throughout the facility.





ASVH-Tucson hosted a Memorial Day Remembrance on Monday, May 30th. Pictured below are Wanda Wright, Director of Arizona Department of Veterans' Services and Martha McSally, Congresswoman of the 2nd Congressional District of Arizona shaking hands with Resident Lawrence Rushing.



Pictured right are James Ross, Administrator for ASVH-Tucson and Congresswoman Martha McSally.



Pictured below is the list of our residents we remembered on Memorial Day.

Remembering:		Arizona State Veteran Home—Tucson
Abbl, Dennis	Lawton Jr, Raymond	Memorial Day
Angone, Robert	Leon, Ubaldo	May 30, 2016
Barnes, Arthur	Lopez, Ramon	01:00 p.m.
Bieger, Frederick	Martin, Howard	
Blanchard, James	Mitchell, Leonard	
Bokor, John	Mortensen, Ramona	
Borrego, Jesse	Mungaray, Ramon	
Brennan, Terrence	Munoz, Ernest	
Cappadocia, Frances	O'Daniels, Larry	
Carlaftes, John	Okada, Enro	
Cyprian, Rudolph	Ortiz, Oscar	
Erickson, Roger	Pied, Roosevelt	
Farakas, Daryl	Raybon, Levon	
Ford, Charles	Santistevan, Sam	
George, James	Silverstein, Leo	
Hines, Robert	Sproule, Frank	
Jones, D L	St Louis, William	
Jones, George	Sturges, Frederick	
Kelly, James	Welsh, William	
Koobs, Harold	Whitehead, Howard	
Kuhn, Ronald	Yubeta, George	



Our Ladies Tea was enjoyed by all those present, pictured below, including residents, family members, staff and volunteers.





ASVH-TUC: Coming in June

- Our residents continue to enjoy their community outings. June outings include: Walmart on June 1st, 8th and 15th and 22nd, and 29th; Family Dollar on June 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th; and Desert Diamond Casino trips on Tuesday, June 7th, Tuesday, June 14th and Tuesday, June 21st at 1:00 p.m. On Friday, June 3rd at 10:00 a.m., Harkins Movie Theater for a matinee. On Thursday, June 16th at 11:00 a.m. lunch at Golden Corral Restaurant.
- On Saturday, June 11th at 10:00 a.m., the Elks and Boy Scouts present Flags and ice cream social.
- On Saturday, June 11th at 2:00 p.m., DAV hosts bingo followed by cake and ice cream.
- On Tuesday, June 14th at 2:00 p.m., the Army Birthday and Flag Day will be recognized in the Chapel/Community Room.
- On Tuesday, June 14th at 5:30 p.m. ASVH-Tucson enjoys the monthly Beer and Pizza night in the Sports Lounge.
- On Sunday, June 19th at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel/Community Room, Father's Day celebration with the Sahara Belly Dancers.
- On Tuesday, June 21st at 1:30 p.m., in the Chapel/Community Room, the VFW/ALA hosts the monthly birthday party.
- On Friday, June 24, 2016, Little Hooves and Big Hearts will return with the miniature therapeutic horses.
- On Saturday, June 25th from 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., Produce on Wheels Without Waste (POW-WOW) returns. For a donation of \$10, you may take up 60 pounds of produce.
- On Wednesday, June 29th at 2:30 p.m. in the Chapel/Community Room, the Elks host Bingo.

Musical entertainment events coming in April include:

- On Friday, June 3rd at 2:30 p.m., Georgia's Gift of Music with musical instruments and song.
- On Friday, June 10th at 2:30 p.m., Southern Arizona Arts Council Association provides the entertainment for happy hour.
- On Sunday, June 12th at 2:30 p.m., Over the Hill Vets performs country music/Bluegrass in the Chapel/Community Room.
- On Friday, June 17th at 2:00 p.m., Dr. Lois Wilde performs a piano concert in the Chapel/Community Room.
- On Friday, June 24th at 2:00 p.m., the Country Duo performs.
- On Sunday, June 26th at 2:30 p.m., The Expressions/jazz music performance in the Chapel/Community Room.

Donations recently received by ASVH-Tucson include:

1. On April 1st, Theresa Sheridan donated in memory of her father a "lapghan" that she had made.
2. On April 2nd Arizona Elks Tucson East 2532 hosted a BBQ for our residents.
3. On April 2nd, Maynard Stout, Veteran Committee Chair, donated deserts (4 cakes, mini eclairs, mini cream puffs, 10-12 packs of soda, 24 bottles of water, and 4 packs of Oreos) valued at \$78.
4. On April 11th and 22nd, Michael Tice donated three model planes with descriptions and picture frames, a Route 66 hat and Arizona State road map, a helicopter model, and one 1948 Ford car model valued at \$115.



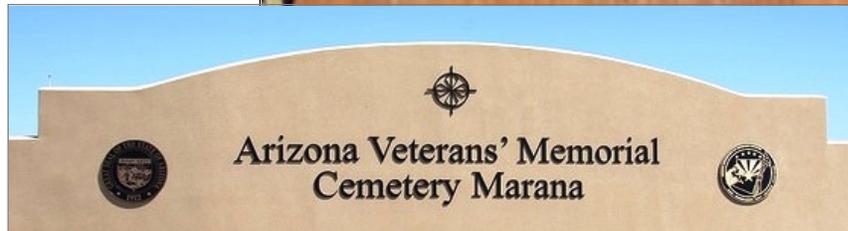
5. On April 12th, American ALA Unit 8 Casa Grande donated 25 adult coloring books with 25 packages of colored markers and 25 toiletry bags, 6 adult clothing protectors, two afghans, two pairs of pants, three 4 oz peanut butter/crackers, adult briefs, and puzzles valued at \$95.
6. On April 20th, Joe Rudy donated two khaki slacks and 8 shirts valued at \$50.
7. On April 23rd, Daniella and Harold Roberts donated 10 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies on behalf of Girl Scout Troop 1972.
8. On April 23rd, XPO Logistics (Gabby Delgado) donated books and magazines valued at \$400 in memory of Books for the Brave.
9. On April 27th, ALA Oro Valley Unit 132 (Onita Davis) donated 156 hardback and paperback books valued at \$156.
10. On May 16th, Mike Dyer, on behalf of Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH), donated 15 books valued at \$100.
11. On May 21st, Michael Tice donated two paperback books valued at \$20.

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

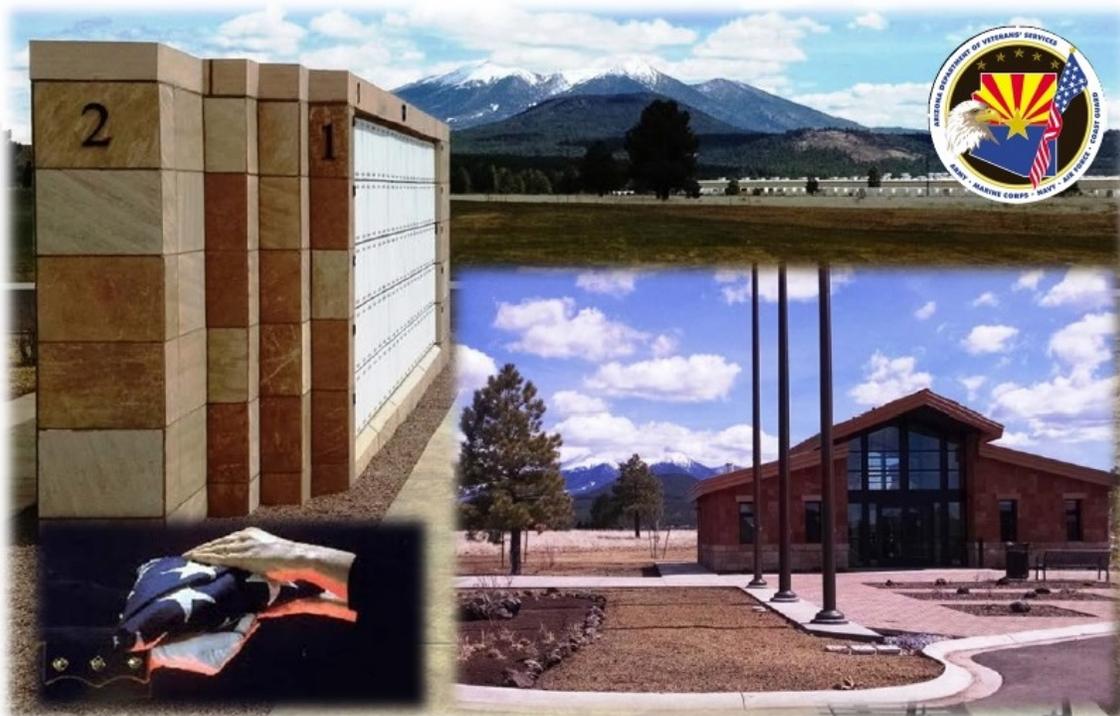


ARIZONA VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERIES (AVMC)

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



AVMC – Camp Navajo Dedication is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, 10am MST.





ADVS Events

Arizona Military Women Veterans Expo Events – March/April 2016

April saw the second pair of four Military/Veteran Women's Expos at Arizona State University in Tempe, and at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. Both events were very well-attended, and survey feedback has been positive and valuable. Watch for future ADVS events!