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ARIZONA STATE VETERAN HOME-PHOENIX (ASVH-Phoenix)

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June & July in Review

With the hot summer months upon us, the ASVH - P started doing breakfast outings to the VA Canteen. A troop of volunteers from the Patriot Guard Riders assist a group of veterans to attend "Breakfast Club" at the VA Canteen often on Wednesday morning. Veterans have an opportunity to visit and shop while they are there. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the Therapeutic Programs Department at 602-248-1575.





Special thanks to the Sun City Elks who sponsored a "Swing Memories" Concert this past month. Veterans enjoyed classic tunes performed by this 18 piece swing band. Veterans also enjoyed a patriotic craft group.





Veterans enjoyed visits from "Curly" the baby goat and "Winston" the chick, at right.

July opened with a wonderful concert (below), performed by the East Valley Chorale. They perform annually on Fourth of July weekend, and ASVH Veterans were grateful that the tradition continued. Veterans also enjoyed an ice cream social with United Long-Term-Care.

ASVH Veterans continued to celebrate the patriotic weekend with an Independence Day Pancake Breakfast! This breakfast was served and prepared by the Scottish American Military Society, who grilled pancakes outdoors for about 60 veterans. This was followed by a Flag Raising Ceremony by American Legion Post 29. Our gratitude also goes to members of the Patriot Guard for helping escort the veterans at the event.





Later that day, veterans enjoyed a patriotic "Starman" slideshow by volunteer Brian Hopkins, and veterans were able to watch the fireworks in the Steele Indian School Park from the front porch.



We also celebrated "Christmas in July" on July 19. Volunteers from the Red Cross helped to hand out cards and visit with veterans. Our Dietary Department prepared a special steak lunch. Then, our veterans participated in a raffle where they could select a Christmas gift!



Throughout the month, veterans and staff prepared for the 16th Annual ASVH Variety Show. The show featured the amazing talents of ASVH Veterans, Staff, and Volunteers. It included magic tricks, jokes, songs, dog tricks, a Zumba dance number, and even Marilyn Monroe! The ASVH Glee Club performed "Blue Eyes Cryin' in the Rain" with Tone Chimes.



The Variety Show was hosted by Jerry Beck, who did a fabulous job! Over 75 people attended the show, which received rave reviews!





ARIZONA STATE VETERAN HOME-TUCSON (ASVH-TUC)

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June/July in Review

The Memory Care Unit residents are shown below enjoying the Karaoke Program.

Staff pictured are Derek Duncan, Recreation Department, and Barbara Kasper, Housekeeping Manager.





In honor of Flag Day, Tucson Elks East & Cub Scouts Organizations presented a history of the American Flag. They also brought examples of each incarnation of the American Flag. All in attendance received a small flag. An ice cream social followed.





On June 14th representatives from Christ Presbyterian Church donated 12 radio/cassette/CD players, 25 audio books, and 75 CDs. Pictured second from the right, is one of our volunteers, Ingrid McKee, who leads the residents in exercises, visits with them one-on-one, and reads current events to the residents on a weekly basis. She brings her enthusiastic positive energy to all that she does, to include spearheading this donation.



On June 14th we celebrated the Army's Anniversary and Flag Day. Our residents are pictured below waving their flags & singing patriotic songs.







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





On Father's Day we had the Desert Arabian Dancers perform. The show was enjoyed by all in attendance. Refreshments included potato skins, chips and salsa and a variety of beers and soda.





On June 21st we celebrated our monthly birthday party, hosted by the VFW and ALA.





On June 23rd the Pima County Recorder's Office sent 2 representatives to assist those who needed to register to vote or update their information. The ALA was kind enough to also send 2 volunteers. We had approximately 30 residents/Veterans take advantage of this opportunity. A special thank you goes to Charles Esquivel, Recreation Department, for arranging and coordinating this endeavor.





Produce on Wheels WithOut Waste (POW-WOW) continues to be a success for the Tucson facility and community. We had approximately 180 people at the June POW-WOW. A big "Thank You" to all the volunteers who assist with this program on a monthly basis, to include: ALA, VFW, and ASVH-Tucson volunteers.





Big Hearts Little Hooves pays a visit each month providing our residents with pet therapy.





Pictured below are some of our Memory Care Unit Veterans doing some Target Practice, along with their "targets".





Our 4th of July BBQ hosted by the Elks was attended by record numbers – more than 75 residents and family members were served. They enjoyed ribs, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, and a choice of apple, cherry, or peach pie and an assortment of soft drinks.



Sierra Vista Elk Wandering Wapitis serving up the BBQ fare.





Pictured above left to right is: Craig Cesar, Resident; Mary Shaffer, Arizona Elks Association ASVH-Tucson – Representative; and Vernon Kloster, Resident.

The Arizona Elks Association donated two market umbrellas, umbrella stands, 12 chair cushions, and a brand new stainless steel BBQ grill. Residents, families, and staff greatly appreciate the enhancement of the patio behind Building 1.





Kids Unlimited performed patriotic music as part of our 4th of July weekend festivities, followed by cake and ice cream.





(at right) Desert Melodies performed patriotic songs on the 4th of July. Fresh fruits and cool beverages were provided.



(below) Morris continues to provide therapy to our residents. Pictured below is Anthony Berver enjoying some one-on-one time with Morris.



(at right) Mr. & Mrs. Timm celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in July. Both reside in the Memory Care Unit. Family provided special anniversary cake for the occasion. Residents, staff, and volunteers were all invited to their anniversary party.





Wayne Braastad celebrated his 94th birthday in July, which attended by his family, friends, and other residents.





University of Arizona College of Nursing students are assisting with the exercise program. Pictured right and below is Balloon Volley in the Memory Care Unit.





Three of our women residents celebrated their birthdays in the month of July. Pictured from left to right: Sandra LaCosse, Resident; Anna Marie Gomez, Chaplain; Juanita Burgess, Resident; Tricia Mateosky, Procurement Associate; Delene Sabol, Recreation Department; and Susan Rolfeboutwell, Resident.



(left) Our monthly birthday party continues to be a success, hosted by the VFW and ALA. Everyone enjoys the variety of cakes and ice cream as we celebrate July's birthdays.

Pictured at right are Resident Henry Richards, 92, and his family.





ASVH-TUC: Coming in August and September

- August outings include: Walmart on August 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st; Family Dollar on August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th; and Desert Diamond Casino on August 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd. On August 18th lunch at Golden Corral. On August 12th Harkins Movie Theater for a matinee of Ghostbusters.
- September outings include: Walmart on September 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th; Family Dollar on September 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th; and Desert Diamond Casino on September 6th, 13th, and 20th. On September 9th, Harkins Movie Theater for a matinee of Star Trek Beyond.
- On Saturday, August 6th at 11:00 a.m., the Elks are hosting a BBQ to include pulled pork, with a variety of sauces and all the fixings.
- On Tuesday, August 9th at 5:30 p.m., ASVH-Tucson enjoys the monthly Beer and Pizza night in the Sports Lounge.
- On Saturday, August 13th at 2:00 p.m., DAV hosts bingo followed by cake and ice cream
- On Thursday, August 18th at 5:30 p.m., American Legion will host Bingo.
- On Friday, August 26th at 10:30 a.m., Little Hooves and Big Hearts will return with the miniature therapeutic horses.
- On Saturday, August 27th 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, August 31st, the Elks host Bingo.
- Coming in September: 2nd Annual Dog Show; Air Force Anniversary; Mexico's Independence Day; Family Fiesta Night with Folklorico dancers

- Musical entertainment coming in August includes:
 - On Friday, August 5th at 2:30 p.m., Georgia's Gift of Music with musical instruments and song.
 - On Friday, August 12th at 2:30 p.m., Southern Arizona Arts Council Association provides the entertainment for happy hour.
 - On Friday, August 19th at 2:00 p.m., Dr. Lois Wilde performs a piano concert in the Chapel/Community Room.
 - On Sunday, August 21st at 2:30 p.m., Over the Hill Vets performs country music/Bluegrass in the Chapel/Community Room.
 - On Friday, August 26th at 2:00 p.m., the Country Duo performs.
 - On Sunday, August 28th at 2:30 p.m., The Expressions/jazz music performance in the Chapel/Community Room.

- Donations recently received by ASVH-Tucson:
 1. On June 3rd, Oro Valley ALA Unit 132 & Gold Star Mothers donated 4th of July Cards and Veterans Newspapers for our Library.
 2. On June 9th, ALA Unit 109 donated 4-30 packs of assorted beers. Estimated value of \$112.13.
 3. On June 14th, Christ Presbyterian Church donated 12 radio/cassette/CD player, 25 audio books and 75 CD's. Estimated value of \$700.00.
 4. On June 23rd, Elks Lodge #2592 Green Valley donated clothes, books, puzzles and various toiletry items. Estimated value of \$150.00.
 5. On June 24th, the Family of Walter H. Schmidt, donated his electric wheelchair along with clothing items, copy machine and a small refrigerator.
 6. Lucille Lombardo, with VFW Auxiliary, donated \$70.00 for bingo prizes.
 7. Borderlands Food Bank provided a check for \$92 for the May POW-WOW.

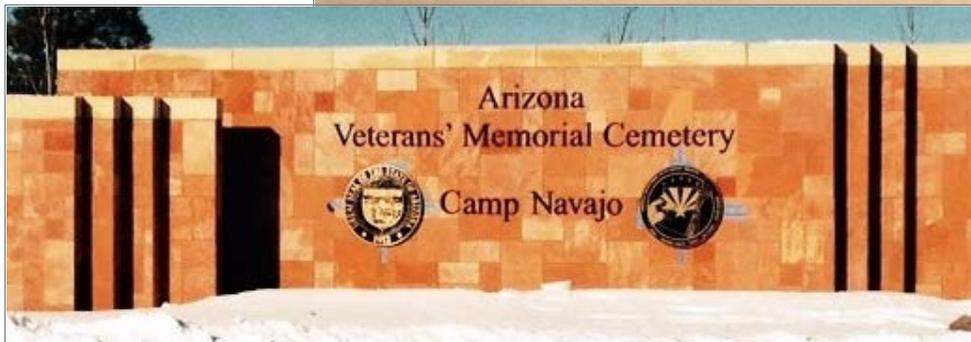
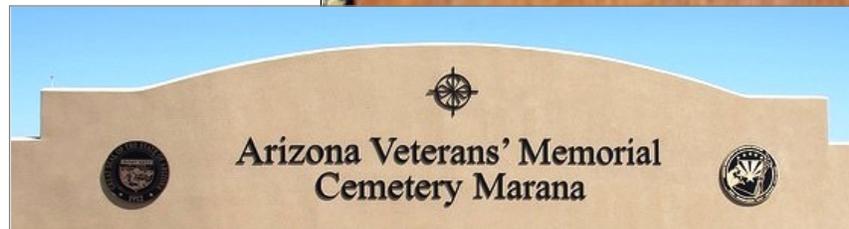


8. On July 1, 2016, ALA Unit #109 (Mary Tovak) donated candy bars for bingo valued at \$25.00.
9. On July 6, 2016, Cathy Kelly from Banner University Medical Center donated care packages which consisted of a razor, toothbrush, tooth paste, deodorant, dental floss, chips, and t shirts valued at \$120.00.

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

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



We are delighted to be able to provide three beautiful final resting places for our veterans and loved ones.

Coming Soon: AVMC Camp Navajo will have its new access road completed, hopefully before the snow flies this fall, just 10 miles west of Flagstaff. We'll keep you posted as to its completion, and we appreciate your patience while the detour road has been in use at Camp Navajo.



ADVS Events

Lights! Camera! Action!

Our July 2016 State of the Department interview video provides ADVS' constituents and staff alike with a recap of department activities over the past year, along with a preview of things to come. We hope you will find the more casual question and answer style enjoyable. Click [HERE](#) or on the image below to watch online now! ([PDF Script](#))

