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ARIZONA STATE VETERAN HOME-PHOENIX (ASVH-Phoenix)

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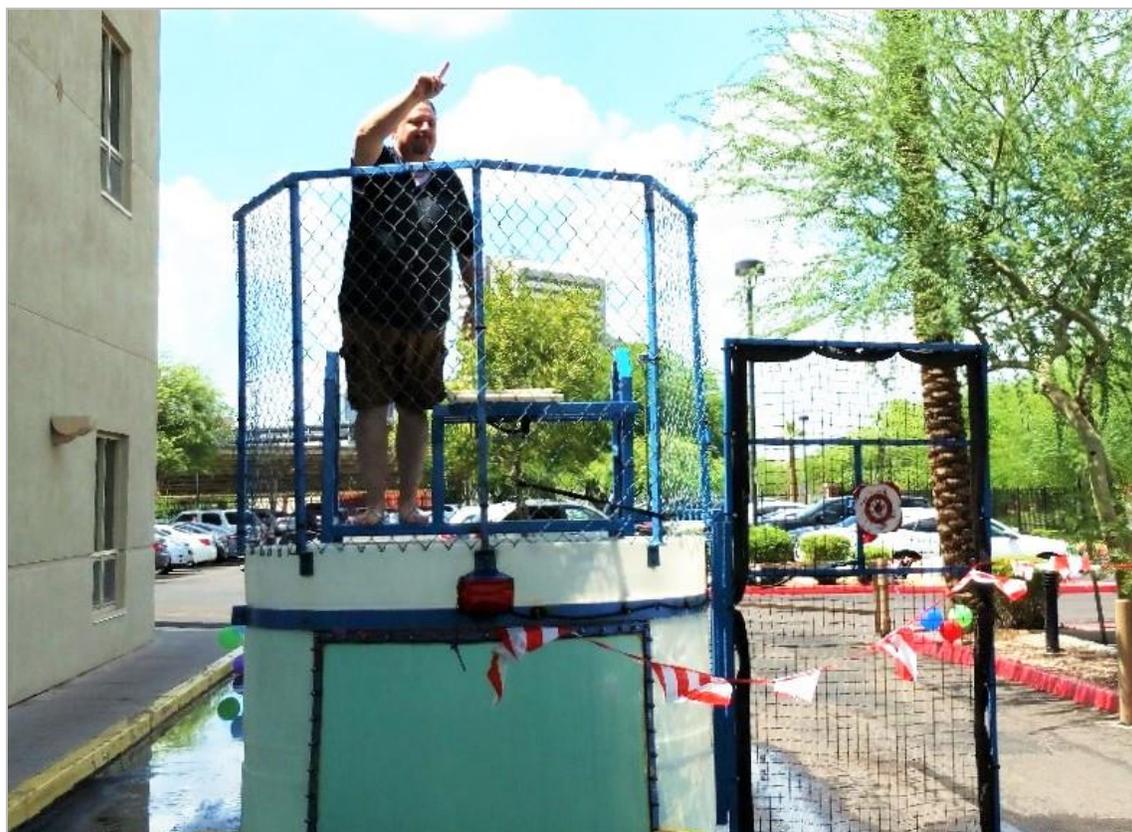
August & September in Review

We're a little lightweight this month but will seek out additional content for future issues.



Cooties Pup Tent sponsoring an amazing Cooties Carnival for the Arizona State Veteran Home in Phoenix. Carnival games include: Ring Toss, Golf, Air Hockey, Shuffleboard, Basketball, Target shooting and a full size dunk tank! There was cotton candy, loaded potato tater tots, soda pop and raffle drawings at the end of the day!





Jim Dugger, Administrator, getting ready to be dunked by the veterans!



Balloon Volleyball with Civil Air Corp 388 Composition Squadron



Luau Party with Riders USA and Blue Star Moms



ARIZONA STATE VETERAN HOME-TUCSON (ASVH-TUC)

- Contents submitted by Sam Nanez, Ellie McLain, and Ellen Bittman



August/September in Review

- Produce on Wheels With Out Waste (POW-WOW) took a break from August through October and resumes on the second Saturday in November from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. (winter/spring hours).





- **Little Hooves, Big Hearts Miniature Horse therapy visits continues.** Our residents, family members, and staff look forward to their visits each month.



- **Sunset Sound entertains during happy hour on the 5th Fridays of the month with contemporary rock and roll.**





- On August 5th and 9th ASVH-Tucson hosted a series of continuing education classes for staff taught by the Alzheimer's Association on dementia behaviors, activities of daily living (ADLs), sexuality, & caregiver self-care. ASVH-Tucson embraces opportunities to provide our staff and volunteers educational opportunities to best serve our Veterans/residents and their families.



- In August, the Elks put on a BBQ, which included hamburgers, hot dogs (with all the fixings) and pulled pork. Three different BBQ sauces were available and the residents truly enjoyed the pulled pork, which was a special treat. An assortment of sodas, beans, coleslaw. Desserts of apple and cherry pies finished off the BBQ.





- While here for the BBQ, the Elks graciously donated a cat tree house, which was assembled immediately after the BBQ for Morris, our facility cat. Morris is pictured below with Robert Cormaney, who enjoys his time with "his" cat. Many of our residents refer to Morris as their personal cat. Now Morris can pick his perch.





- Sister Carolyn and Father Angelo have been enjoying their retirement, but Sam Nanez was able to persuade them to come do a special mass, which also doubled as a surprise 86th birthday party for Father Angelo attended by residents, families and staff.





- Our weekly movie matinee program in Building 2 is a great success. Ten to fifteen residents participate in viewing the weekly movies. Some of the movies they have enjoyed include *Walk the Line*, *White Fang*, *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid*, and *Draw*. In October, we'll be showing the old Universal Studios horror shows (like *Frankenstein* and *Dracula*).



- The American Legion Unit 8 Casa Grande puts on Bingo on the second Tuesday of each month in Building 2. It has been very successful. The residents look forward to the assortment of prizes to be won.





Pictured below are the ladies from ALA Unit 8.



- Our monthly birthday party, hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), always brings in a nice assortment of cakes, which satisfies the sweet tooth of all.





- Dr. Lois Wilde plays music from Broadway shows once a month. Mr. Mortensen's family (daughter and grandsons) performed music from Camelot during the most recent happy hour entertainment. Phantom of the Opera is slated for October 28th.



- Our newest visiting volunteer Ellen brings Lacey, the bulldog for pet therapy with the residents. Lacey brings smiles to the faces of those she visits.





- **Door Slammers, who participated in our 4th annual car show, raised money for their part of the purchase of the Memory Care cognitive tactile boards shown here in the hallways of Building 5. ALA and VFW also.**





- **ASVH-Tucson held a Patriot Day – 9/11 Fifteen Year Remembrance on September 11th. Overview of timelines was shared along with ringing of the bell representing the Twin Towers, the Pentagon, and the field in Shanksville Pennsylvania.**

Remembering:

Anthony Berver
 David Givens
 Dennis Heikes
 David Lewis
 Jesus Mata
 Teddy Milewski
 Harry Monsen
 George Reyes
 Walter Schmidt
 Bobbie Shepherd
 Frances Timm
 Richard Timm
 Joe Valenzuela

Arizona State Veteran Home—Tucson
Memorial of Remembrance
September 30, 2016
10:00 a.m.





- For Hispanic Heritage month, we had two events on September 16th. Mariachis Allegra, traditional Hispanic music, performed in the early afternoon. The residents and families enjoyed the entertainment provided.



- Later that evening, we had Family Fiesta night. The La Paloma folklorico dancers performed traditional dancing in traditional attire from six different regions of Mexico. We were fortunate to have them back with us for the second year. They are internationally known and have performed in the Olympics in Sydney and London. They have been asked to go to the Tokyo Olympics in 2020.







- **ASVH-Tucson held its second annual dog show. We had five participants, ranging from the smallest, a 3 month Dachshund to the largest, an Alaskan Malamute. Each dog took home ribbons in categories for first and second place and participant ribbons.**







Pictured above is Charlie Esquivel, from the Recreation Department, with his dog Sitka.



ASVH-TUC: Coming in October & November

- On September 30th, ASVH-Tucson held a Memorial of Remembrance.
- October outings include: Walmart on October 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th; Family Dollar on October 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th; and Desert Diamond Casino on October 4th, 11th, and 18th. On October 13th lunch at Lens Chinese Buffet. On October 14th Harkins Movie Theater for a matinee of Sully.
- November outings include: Walmart on November 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th; Family Dollar on November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th; and Desert Diamond Casino on November 1st, 8th, and 15th. On November 18th, Harkins Movie Theater for a matinee to be determined.
- On Tuesday, October 11th at 5:30 p.m., ASVH-Tucson enjoys the monthly Beer and Pizza night in the Sports Lounge.
- On Saturday, October 8th at 2:00 p.m., DAV hosts bingo followed by cake and ice cream.
- On Thursday, October 20th at 5:30 p.m., AMVET/American Legion will host Bingo.
- On Friday, October 21st from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., ASVH-Tucson hosts our annual Fall Carnival to include entertainment, live DJ, cake walk, jumping castle, train ride, horses, and an assortment of games. Hot dogs, chili dogs, nachos, popcorn, cotton candy, and snow cones.
- On Wednesday, October 26th, the Elks host Bingo with cash prizes.
- On Friday, October 28th at 9:30 a.m., Little Hooves and Big Hearts will return with the miniature therapeutic horses.
- On Monday, October 31st at 2:30 p.m., the Elks will host the annual Halloween costume contest for residents and staff in the Chapel/Community Room.
- On Saturday, November 12th from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Produce on Wheels Without Waste (POW-WOW) returns. For a donation of \$10, you may take up 60 pounds of produce.
- Coming in November: Veterans Day celebration; Marine Corps anniversary celebration; a special Thanksgiving meal will be provided approximately 7 – 10 days prior to Thanksgiving to accommodate families who can't be here for the actual holiday (non-residents pay \$3.00 per meal); and the traditional Thanksgiving meal on Thanksgiving Day.
- **Musical entertainment coming in October includes:**
 - On Friday, October 7th at 2:30 p.m., Georgia's Gift of Music with musical instruments and song.
 - On Friday, October 14th at 2:30 p.m., Southern Arizona Arts Council Association provides the entertainment for happy hour.
 - On Sunday, October 16th at 2:30 p.m., Over the Hill Vets performs country music/Bluegrass in the Chapel/Community Room.
 - On Friday, October 28th at 2:00 p.m., Dr. Lois Wilde performs music from Phantom of the Opera.
 - On Sunday, October 30th at 2:30 p.m., The Expressions/jazz music performance in the Chapel/Community Room.



➤ **Donations recently received by ASVH-Tucson:**

1. In August, The Door Slammers Car Club, American Legion, and Veterans of Foreign Wars raised money during the spring car show to purchase 4 sensory tactile boards to the ASVH-Tucson Memory Care Building. Special thanks to Alfred Hubert for coordinating the car show, BBQ, and the donations.
2. On August 31st, Francis McDermott donated books with an estimated value of \$75.00.
3. On September 13th, ALA Unit 8 Casa Grande donated 8 large print Word Search books, 4 New Testament Bibles, CDs from Pinal County Cowboy Church, 3 musical CDs, 5 wheelchair/walker bags, and 14 books with an estimated value of \$150.00.
4. On September 16th, Francis McDermott donated books with an estimated value of \$90.00 in memory of Lt. Col. R.N. Geb, USAF.
5. Melanie Elam donated two framed artworks in memory of David Givens. The artwork has been placed in Building 2, where he resided.
6. On September 9th, American Veterans Foundation (AVF) donated \$1,000.00.

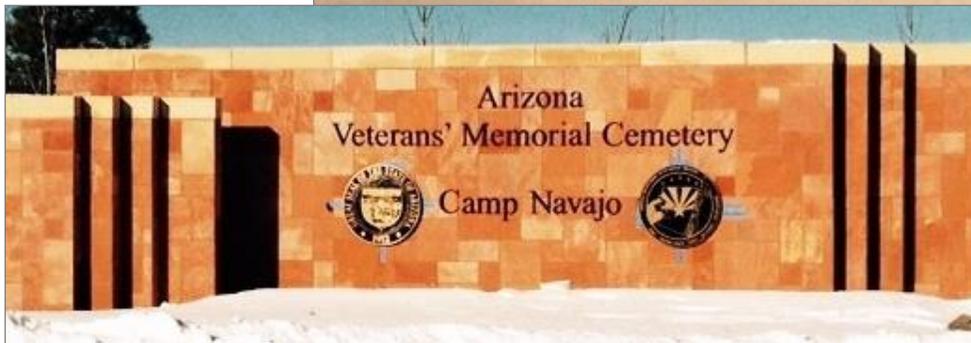
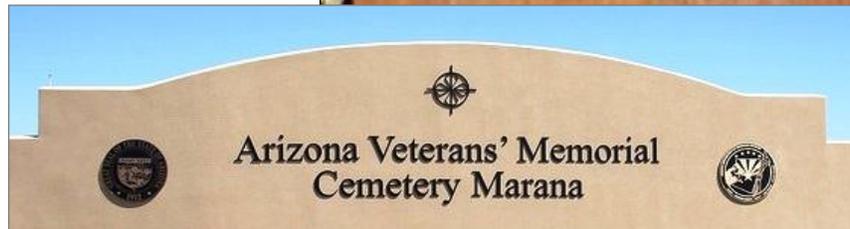
Thanks to all for the much needed and much appreciated donations!!!



ARIZONA VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERIES (AVMC)

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

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



AVMC Camp Navajo

Our new 1.5 mile access road is complete from the interchange near the Camp Navajo entrance gate to the AVMC Camp Navajo cemetery gate. We're delighted with the results, and we once again want to express how much we appreciate your patience while the road was under construction. A detailed news story is online here: <http://bit.ly/avmccnvetdsr>





AVMC Marana

On Saturday, October 15, the group Missing in America Project laid to rest the remains of 27 veterans whose final arrangements had previously been delayed for a number of reasons. Below, see several images from the memorial event. We also offer these two links to coverage of the story:

Tucson News Now: <http://www.tucsonnewsnow.com/story/33399730/27-vets-buried-with-honors>

KVOA – News 4 Tucson: <http://www.kvoa.com/clip/12824030/27-homeless-veterans-laid-to-rest-in-marana>

Learn more about the Missing in America Project online [HERE](http://www.miap.us/): <http://www.miap.us/>













AVMC Sierra Vista

Thank you! On September 17th the ALC (Advanced Leadership Course) Class 16-015 at Fort Huachuca class volunteered to help caulk the expansion joints at the older Columbarium sidewalks.

September 17th The Veterans of Foreign Wars Riders Skyland Chapter conduct their annual POW/MIA observance ceremony at the Southern Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery.



September 17th the local Girl Scout troop retired over 250 US flags at SAVMC.





ADVS Events

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