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ARIZONA STATE VETERAN HOME-PHOENIX (ASVH-Phoenix)

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October/November in Review



The National Charity League visited our veterans and held a Halloween Party with pumpkin painting, Halloween music, and dancing to "Thriller".



On Halloween Day, Staff, volunteers and veterans dressed up at their favorite character and had a Halloween Parade around the facility.



The Costume Winners!





In November:

For Veterans Day, Encanterra Country Club hosted an Honor Dinner for our WWII Veterans, Korean War Veterans, and their spouses. Some of the veterans were not able to make the trip but the spouse were delighted to represent their husbands at the Honor Dinner.



On November 29th, 2016: Encanterra Country Club members want the veterans to prepare for the holidays in December by bringing presents for each and every veteran at the Arizona State Veterans Home in Phoenix.







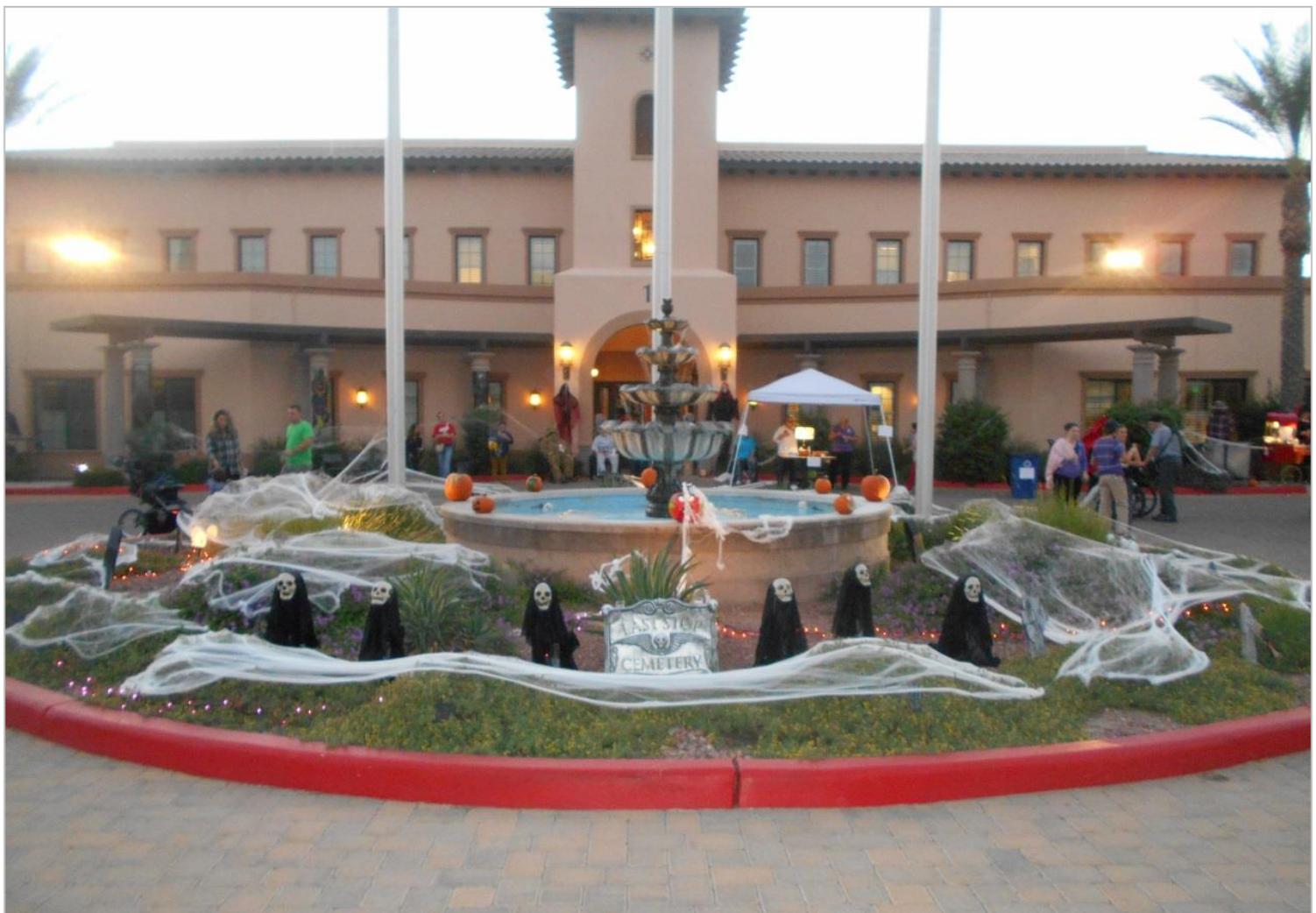
ARIZONA STATE VETERAN HOME-TUCSON (ASVH-TUC)

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



October/November in Review

Our Annual Fall Carnival continues to be a success. Residents, Veterans, staff, volunteers and guests all enjoyed the evening. There were train rides, jumping castle, a cake walk, cotton candy, snow cones, food, and live entertainment. Everyone had a haunting good night.





ASVH-Tucson held a pumpkin decorating contest just prior to Halloween. Pictured below are two of the winning pumpkins and their creators.





At our Halloween party on October 31st, we had residents and staff entertaining us with their prize-winning costumes.



Resident Juanita Burgess



Resident Thomas Fallows

ASVH-Tucson staff members





Cinemark Tucson Marketplace Theater opened up on November 9th in our neighborhood. Pictured below is Sam Nanez, Therapeutic Program Manager, with Ashton Conroy, with Cinemark Marketing. Tickets were handed out to our residents, volunteers, and staff. Everyone in attendance enjoyed a free movie of their choice (every seat a recliner in all theaters), along with a complementary beverage and popcorn on VIP night (the night prior to the official opening night).



For our Veterans Day celebration, which was also our 5th anniversary, we honored all who served.



(right) Congressman Raul M. Grijalva, 3rd District Arizona spoke to our Veterans/residents, thanking them for their service to our country.



**John Lewis Grand, US Army Retired,
 Vietnam Veteran**



Chief Jerry Ravlin, US Air Force, Active Duty, Davis Monthan Air Force Base



Pictured above is our James Ross, with the guest speakers and chaplains.

Thanks to VFW #4903 for posting and retrieval of colors.





On Veterans Day, AVN-Regt Soldiers from Fort Huachuca visited one-to-one with our Veterans.



ASVH-Tucson volunteer visited in full dress uniform on Veterans Day. (right)

Produce on Wheels With Out Waste (POW-WOW) returned in November from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. (winter/spring hours). POW-WOW customers were encouraged to donate non-perishable food items to be collected in the boot (shown below) to be given to Veterans.





An early Thanksgiving meal was made available to accommodate residents' family members and guests who might not be able to be with their loved ones on Thanksgiving Day. Pictured below are some of our staff going through the Thanksgiving buffet line. Thanks to Nicole Contreras, Dietary Manager, Pam Hare, Food Services Supervisor and the Dietary staff for putting together this wonderful Thanksgiving buffet made available for a nominal \$3.00 charge for non-residents.



Resident Juanita Burgess enjoyed an early Thanksgiving meal with family and friends.



Resident Suzan Rolfeboutwell enjoyed an early Thanksgiving meal with family and friends.





ASVH-TUC: Coming Soon

- **December outings include: Target on December 7th; Walmart on December 14th, 21st, and 28th; Family Dollar on December 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th; and Desert Diamond Casino on December 6th, 13th, and 20th. On December 8th lunch at Lens Chinese Buffet. On December 16th Cinemark Movie Theater for a matinee of Rogue One Star Wars.**
- **January outings include: Target on January 4th; Walmart on January 11th, 18th, and 25th; Family Dollar on January 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th; and Desert Diamond Casino on January 10th, 17th, and 24th. On January 12th, lunch at Golden Corral. On January 20th, Cinemark Movie Theater for a matinee to be determined.**
- **On Saturday, December 3rd at 1:00 p.m., Moose Riders ice cream social in the Chapel/Community Room.**
- **On Friday, December 9th from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., ASVH-Tucson hosts the Holiday Open House featuring carriage rides, crafts, vendors, food and music.**
- **On Saturday, December 10th from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Produce on Wheels Without Waste (POW-WOW). For a donation of \$10, you may take up 60 pounds of produce.**
- **On Tuesday, December 13th at 5:30 p.m., ASVH-Tucson enjoys the monthly Beer and Pizza night in the Sports Lounge.**
- **On Saturday, December 10th at 2:00 p.m., DAV hosts bingo followed by cake and ice cream.**
- **On Wednesday, December 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel/Community Room, the Elks host their annual Christmas party with gifts and refreshments.**
- **On Thursday, December 15th at 5:30 p.m., AMVET/American Legion will host Bingo.**
- **On Saturday, December 17th at 2:00 p.m., VFW hosts their annual Christmas/Holiday party with gifts and refreshments.**
- **On Tuesday, December 20th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. in the Chapel/Community and Lounge, the American Legion Auxiliary will host a holiday party for residents, volunteers and staff. Gifts will be given to the residents.**
- **On Saturday, December 24th at 1:00 p.m. Purple Hearts Organization will deliver gifts and bring along Santa to visit our residents. This is also the first day of Hanukkah.**
- **On Friday, December 23rd at 9:30 a.m., Little Hooves and Big Hearts visit with the miniature therapeutic horses.**
- **On Saturday, December 31st at 2:00 p.m., the Knights of Columbus host New Year's Eve party in the Chapel/Community Room. Bringing in the New Year with a champagne toast.**
- **Coming in January: 5th Annual Chili Cook-off; Martin Luther King remembrance; and Chinese New Year.**

Musical entertainment coming in October includes:

- **On Friday, December 2nd at 2:30 p.m., Georgia's Gift of Music with musical instruments and song.**
- **On Friday, December 9th at 2:30 p.m., Southern Arizona Arts Council Association provides the entertainment for happy hour.**
- **On Sunday, December 18th at 2:30 p.m., Over the Hill Vets performs country music/Bluegrass in the Chapel/Community Room.**
- **On Friday, December 16th at 2:00 p.m., Dr. Lois Wilde performs all Christmas and Holiday music.**
- **On Friday, December 23rd at 2:00 p.m., Country Music Duo performs country music in the Chapel/Community Room.**



- On Friday, December 30th at 2:30 p.m., Sunset Sound performs jazz, music from the 60s and 70s in the Chapel/Community Room.

Donations recently received by ASVH-Tucson:

1. On September 2nd, Edith Craig on behalf of American Legion Auxiliaries (ALA) Unit 109 donated 4 busy aprons with an estimated value of \$240.00.
2. On September 12th, ALA Unit 109 donated two shooting games, six flags (Army), and eight DVDs with an estimated value of \$180.00; four 30 packs of assorted beers and two 4 packs of winecoolers with an estimated value of \$124.24; as well as 23 audio books with an estimated value of \$230.00 for a combined estimated total value of \$534.24.
3. On September 30th, Theresa Lee on behalf of Raytheon donated toiletries.
4. On October 1st, Francis McDermott donated VCR tapes and books with an estimated value of \$150.00.
5. On October 5th, Arthur Carbary donated two boxes of books with an estimated value of \$50.00.
6. On October 6th, Patty VanAuken on behalf of Ladies Auxiliary - AM-VETS Post 770, donated a Christmas, a Santa Picture, and a large and small Christmas lighted cactus with an estimated value of \$150.00.
7. On October 7th, Mary Tonik on behalf of ALA Unit 109 donated candy for bingo prizes and Halloween with an estimated value of \$11.42; candy for Veterans with an estimated value of \$21.70; three cases of water and candy for bingo and Halloween for an estimated value of \$16.99; three cases of water and Grandma's Cookies with an estimated value of \$18.39 for a combined total donation of \$68.50.
8. On October 10th, Shirley Pritchard in memory of Elliott Pritchard donated a pre-lit Christmas tree.
9. On October 21st, ALA Oro Valley, Unit 132 donated cakes, brownies, cookies, and candy with an estimated value of \$150.00; and 74 paperback books and 32 military newspapers with an estimated value of \$157.00 for a combined donation total of \$307.00.
10. On October 30th, Chris Lopeman donated one Soldier Paver (Army) to the facility with an estimated value of \$20.00. The residents enjoy him as he stands guard in the lobby entrance to the facility.
11. On November 5th, the Arizona Elks Organization (Sierra Vista) #2065 The Wandering Wapitis drove roundtrip mileage of 150 miles and spent four hours preparing and barbequing hamburgers, hot dogs, and ribs for our Veterans/Residents and their families. Special thank you to Mary Shaffer for the donation of a gas grill valued \$155.65.
12. On November 10th, ALA Oro Valley Unit 132 donated 14 hardback, 4 paperbacks, and 2 trade paperbacks with an estimated value of \$60.00 and 100 Veterans Day cards which were distributed to our residents on Veterans Day with an estimated value of \$100.00 for a combined donation total of \$160.00.

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.

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AVMC Marana	Web	Facebook
AVMC Sierra Vista	Web	Facebook



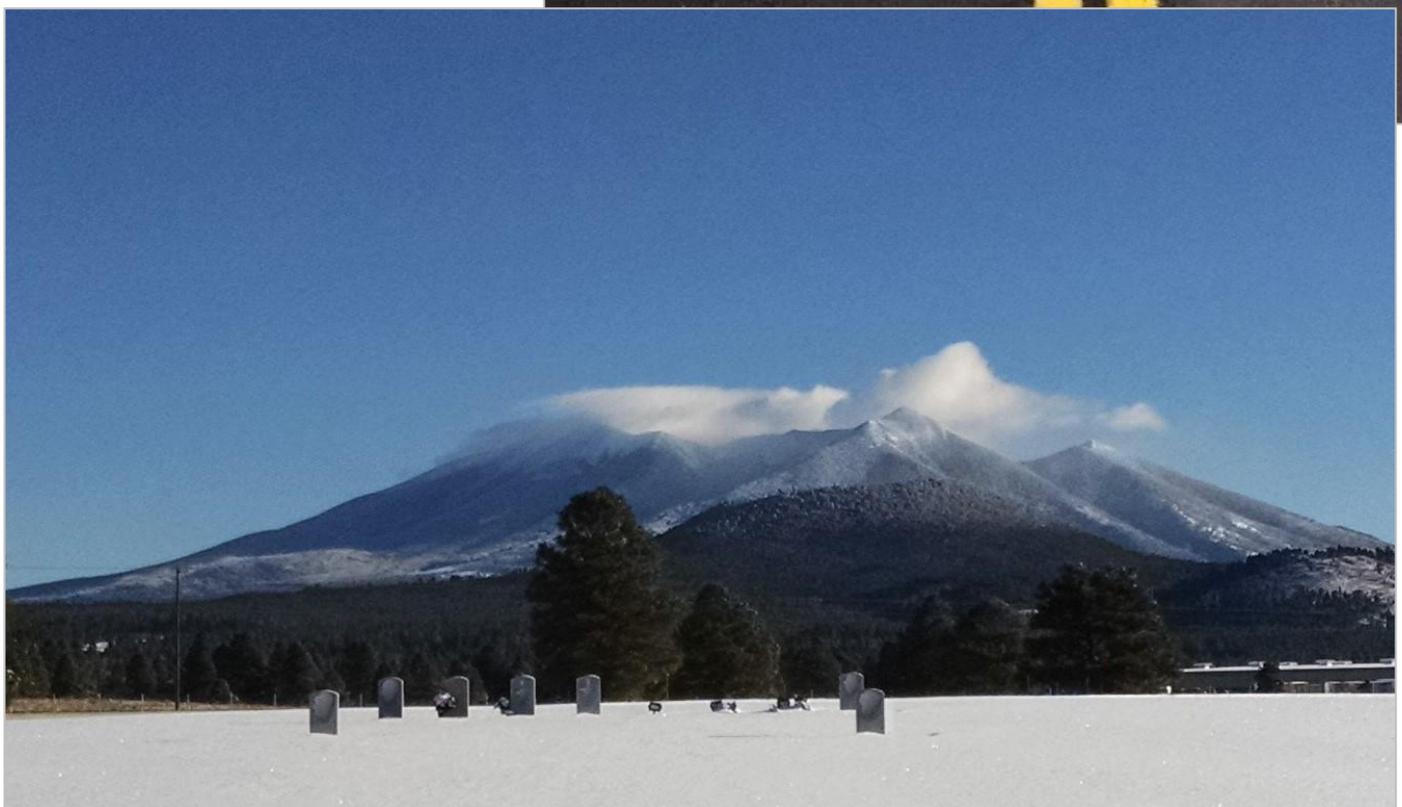
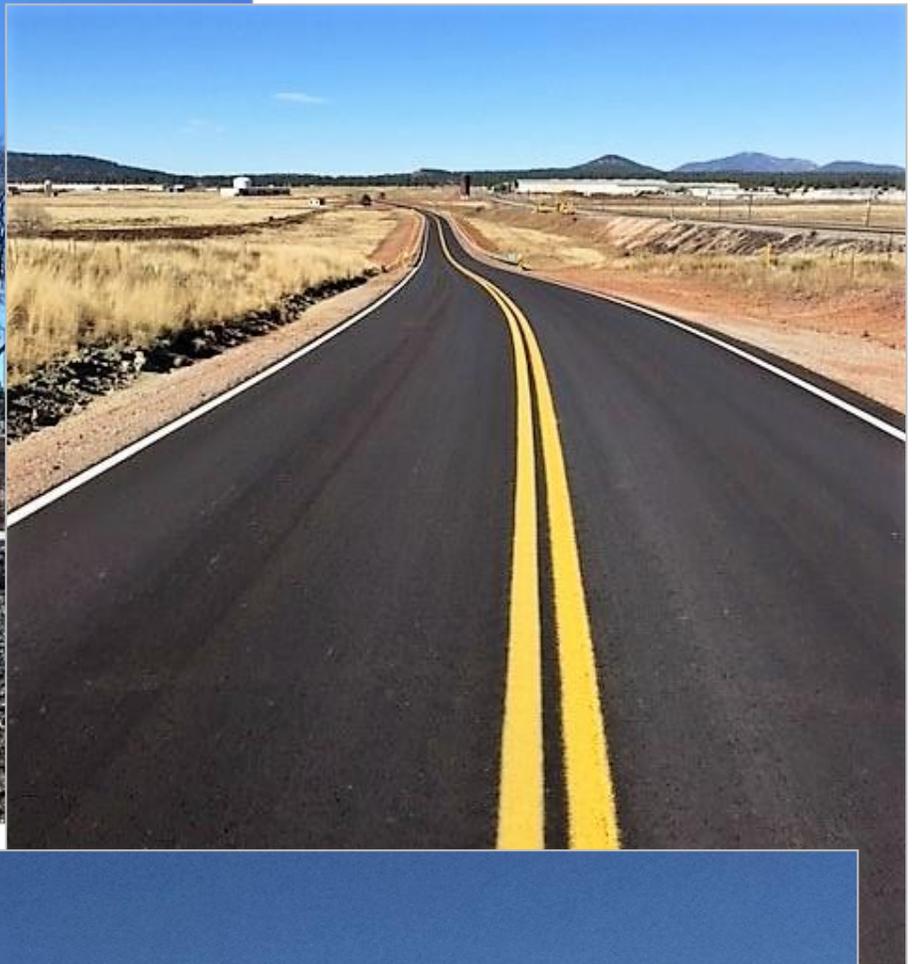
AVMC Camp Navajo

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/avmccnvetsdr>





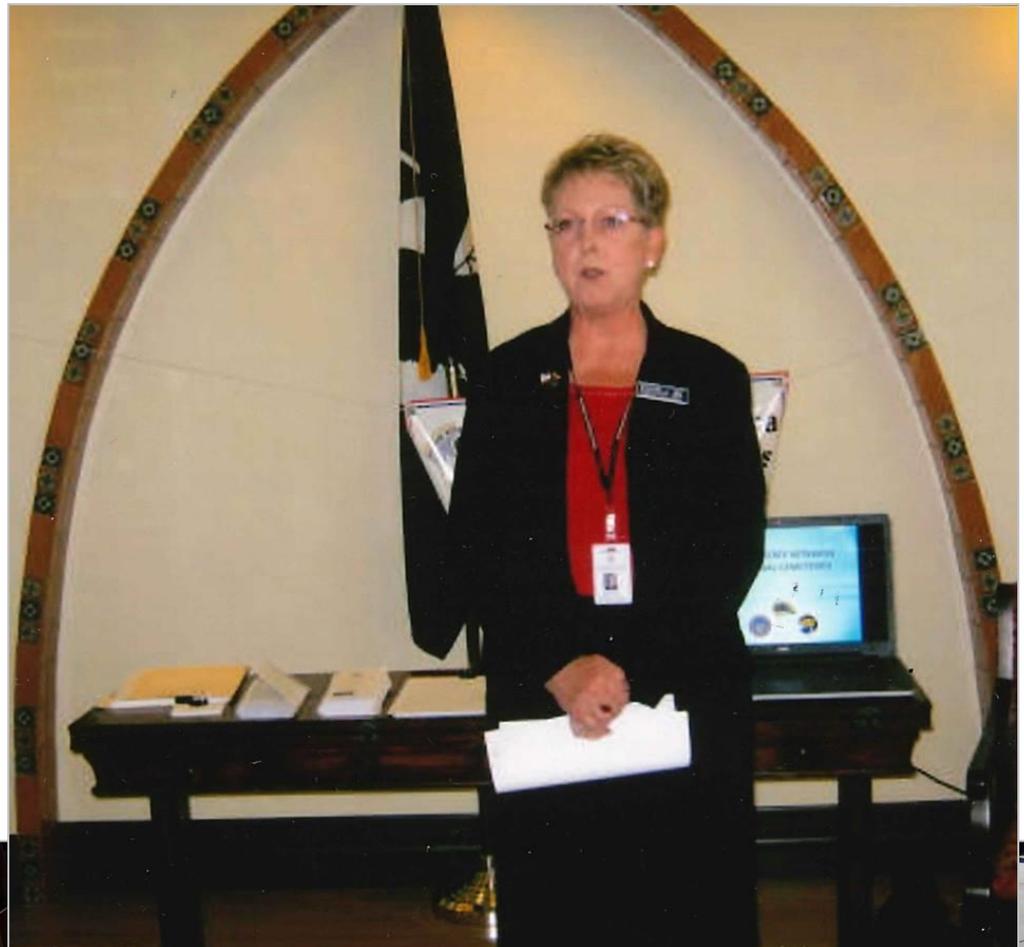
A few new pictures from AVMC Camp Navajo: New roadway, first snowfall



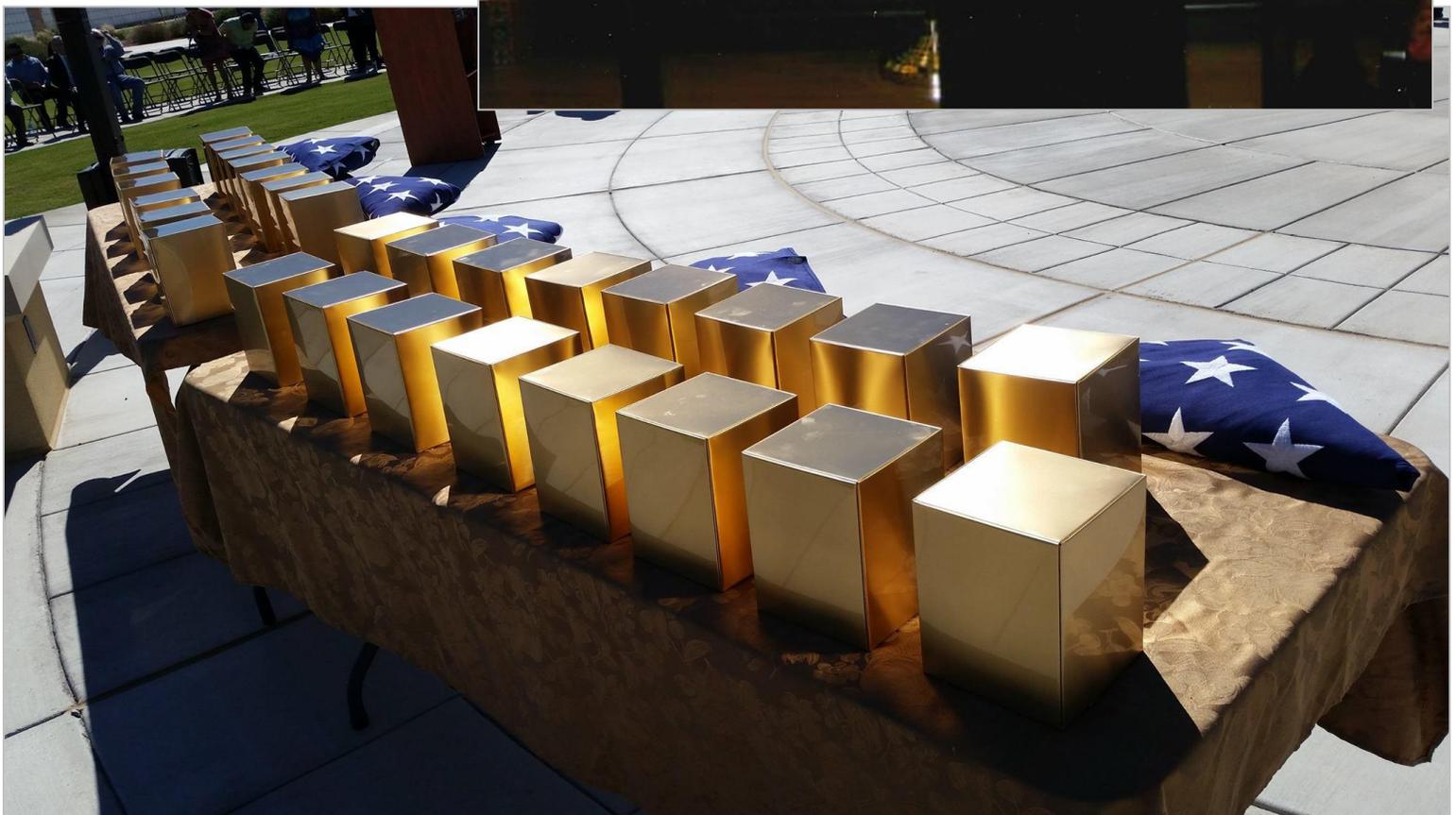


AVMC Marana

AVMC Marana Administrator Bonnie Dudelston provides outreach to Korean War Veterans group at Arizona State Veteran Home Tucson on Nov 2.



On Saturday, October 15, Missing in America Project (MIAP) laid to rest the remains of 27 veterans whose final arrangements had been delayed. We were honored to provide this service.





AVMC Sierra Vista

On November 10, the USMC League Thunder Mountain #1283 detachment performed their annual USMC birthday ceremony at the SAVMC Veterans Chapel.

On Veteran's Day, several volunteers placed thousands of US flags on veteran's gravesites.





Looking forward, on December 17th at 10am the 107th Civil Air Patrol Squadron will be performing the Wreaths Across America ceremony. Soon after the ceremony, community volunteers will lay over 3000 wreaths on the veteran's gravesites. Everyone is invited to help REMEMBER our fallen U.S. veterans. HONOR those who serve. TEACH your children the value of freedom. To donate a wreath goto www.savmcf.org





ADVS Events

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