

ALR Legacy Run



On Saturday March 19, the American Legion Riders of Post 2 hosted their 3rd annual Legacy Run. Monies raised by this event go to support the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund.

Registration for this self-paced ride was at Del Mar Leathers, located at 4815 E Main Street in Mesa, AZ. Always hospitable, on this morning owners Joe & Denise had coffee, water, fruit, and pastries available. According to Events Coordinator Michele Root there were 82 sign-ins, plus some who came out to the end party at Post 2 and made their donations.

The run was a scavenger hunt, with riders getting a list of things to find, observe, or photograph along the way. This was a clever approach, stepping away from the more traditional dice or cards. Plus you didn't have to collect a bunch of items, which can be problematic on a motorcycle. Stop one was at Post 39 in Gilbert, where breakfast was available. From there, stops were at River Bottom Saloon in Florence, American Legion Posts 9 in Florence and 54 in Coolidge; before ending at Post 2 at 2125 S Industrial Park Ave, in Tempe. Items to find

included answering the questions, "When did 'the Father of AZ' die?" and "Which anniversary was Post 9 in Florence celebrating that day?" Another task was to take a picture of or describe the location of the Instrument of Surrender. *Yes, first you have to know what it is* 😊 One of the scavenger item/questions referred to a game board at Post 39 called Gilbertopoly; which looks like a Monopoly board but is specific to Gilbert. Only one person, Nancy, answered that one.

Winners for the day were: Linda Sherman of Post 26 won \$50 for 2nd place. Nancy Reiter of Post 2 was 1st, answering everything correctly. She received \$100. Stephanie Martin won the 50/50, collecting \$341. Congratulations to you all. Of course, the biggest winner of the day was the Legacy Scholarship Fund and the kids it will help. The donation made to the Fund was \$1,245.

Michele wants to thank Joe & Denise, "for taking such great care of us on this ride and everything else Post 2 does. They were wonderful. We presented them with a Certificate of Ap-

preciation that I am proud to say will be displayed at DelMar Leathers." She continued, "The River Bottom and American Legion posts 39, 9, & 54 were awesome 'hosts'. Fools Life was terrific, yet again. They stayed longer than booked and did an awesome job of entertaining us. They are booked for our next Biker Ball in October. For those that helped from Post 2, I'd like to thank Sherrie Grey, Marla Kelly, Carolyn Roskob, Jeanie Lanaghan, Helen Cantu, Mary Ellen Kohut, Johnnie Barnett, Eagle Donaldson, Trish McElyea, and Judy Galvez with our Auxiliary. This was my last Run as Events Coordinator for Post 2. We had a great time, great people, delicious food - what a better way to go. Hope to see everyone at the Biker Ball on October 22nd with Fools Life."

The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund is a nationwide program, started to provide scholarships for children of active duty service men and women killed on or after Sept 11, 2001. The funds raised go toward ensuring that a post-secondary education will be a reality for their children who want it. Learn more at

www.legion.org/riders/scholarship

Bruce & Betsy