

Wounded Vet Run

The second annual Wounded Vet Run was held on Saturday March 7, 2015.

This year's honoree is Marine Brad Ivanchan. While on his 3rd deployment, serving as a Machine Gun Squad Leader; he & his unit were on patrol in Afghanistan when he stepped on an IED. The explosion took both his legs, plus additional injuries. You can read this courageous man's story on the website www.theyfoughtweridenational.com.

Sign-in for the run was at Haymaker Restaurant in Peoria. From there riders traveled north on 99th Ave to the 303, 303 east to the 17, I-17 south to the 101, and the 101 east exiting at Princess. They took the access road to Frank Lloyd Wright going west to Northsight Blvd and into the H-D of Scottsdale dealership.

According to organizer Joe Stazione, there were 400 bikes and roughly 600 people at the party at HDOS. This was a significant increase to last year's inaugural event.

The party included music on the Austin's Journey stage donated by Mike Roberts with the Arizona Moonshine Band. Their show was followed by

an awesome performance by patriotic rock band Madison Rising.

Joe has many event supporters & donors he wants to thank. "I would like to start by thanking Sean and Molly Chrisman owners of BoF Arms. If it wasn't for them donating the DPMS M4 we raffled off this event wouldn't have been pulled off as good as it did. We sold tickets for a few months leading up to the ride and the rifle funded the majority of the event. We didn't start getting sponsor money until late February. Sean Chrisman was a dear friend of the organization and a decorated Army vet, and we lost him on March 5th, the Thursday before the ride.

"Huge thanks go out to HDOS, Shelly Martin and the Harley team, MTX Audio,

Austin's Journey, 22kill, RMJ Electric, FX Tactical, Molon Labe Firearms Accessories & Apparel, Road Warriors AZ, MAS Creative Marketing, & Military Assistance Mission.

"And last but not least, thanks to The Infidel Nation RC. We are a club of dedicated vets and patriots that have made it our life's mission to help vets that have come home to nothing. I tell everyone that the club funds this event, the event does not fund the club. We put our heart and souls into this ride to make this happen for a second year, and we are not even close to being finished. We have big plans for year 3 and after. I personally can't say enough about the dedication of the club and the families that support the cause. If it wasn't for the ladies that believe in this as much as we do, it wouldn't have happened."

Thanks to the generosity of participants and sponsors, Brad will receive a donation around \$15,000.

Congratulation on a job well done!

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