

WOUNDED VETS RUN III

The third annual Phoenix Wounded Vets Run took place on Saturday March 12, 2016. Sign-in took place at H-D of Scottsdale. Each year, the Infidel Nation RC hosts this event. Spearheading the effort to organize this is Joe Stazione. We appreciate the information he was able to share with our readers about this day.

This year's honoree is Marine Cpl Phillip Quintana. He served as a machine gunner. While on patrol in Afghanistan, he & his unit were blown up when their truck hit an IED. His story is featured on the www.theyfoughtweridenational.com website.

An estimated 550-575 people participated this year.

The day's destination was the Roadrunner in New River. The ride, which was escorted by the sheriff's department, followed back roads. This allowed communities along the way to get involved. There were citizens along the route; there to wave to the bikers and show support. The ride took about an hour and a half and was around 45 miles.

The end party included music by a dj, provided by the Roadrunner. This event is family friend-

ly. Joe explained, "We are trying to raise awareness for the men and woman that served our country and came back with injuries that prevent them from leading a normal life. This is something that young kids should be involved with because they will be the up and coming generations that will be helping the same type of people."

We learned from Joe that on April 2, a gathering took place at Harley Davidson of Scottsdale; to present Cpl Quintana with a check for \$17,000.

Thanks go out to sponsors HD of Scottsdale, Roadrunner Restaurant, Killer Auto Sales, Homeowners Financial Group, Alliance Safety, Lindsay Zuniga Realtor, Road Warriors AZ, Knockout Firearms, AOH {Art of Hope Fndn}, Veterans Matter - Operation Texas, & Iron Workers AZ Local 75.

Joe sent along this note as well, "I just want the word out. We host this event every year to help local vets and their families that really need it. We want the communities, government, families, riders and everyone else to come and see what it is we do and be a part. We are NOT the wounded warriors project. 100% of money raised goes to the honoree and the

event. Every person involved in making this happen is a volunteer. What sets us apart from other organizations is if you come to the event you get to meet our honoree and his family, talk to him, share a beer and hear his story. You see and get to know the person you're donating your money to. We expect big things to come in the next couple years. More than just a ride, this is a life changing experience that every vet coming home deserves."

Editors' note ... It is criminal that this man or any GI who is injured while serving should have to lay down a single dime for medical expenses. Leave it to say that our thoughts on that topic could fill far more space than we have here. But until such change comes as must be made to a treasonous system that treats its warriors so poorly, it is heartwarming to see the outpouring of support & love that this event generates.

Well done, to all involved!

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photos from the Facebook pages of
HDOS and Linda Fennelly*

