

Tour of Duty Ride

The 3rd Annual Tour of Duty Ride took place on Saturday April 28, 2018. This event supports Military Assistance Mission, or MAM www.azmam.org

MAM provides [from their website] “financial and morale aid to our current Arizona military, their families, and wounded heroes.”

Sign-in was at @ Peaks and Valleys, on Carefree Hwy in Phoenix. From there, 70 riders departed on the self-paced poker run route. There were stops at American Legion Post #58 in Fountain Hills and the VFW Post #1760 on MacDonal in Mesa. The last stop was at Desert Wind Harley-Davidson in Mesa. The total trip was about 56 miles.

Once at Desert Wind HD, there was entertainment by the band Bad June.

Desert Wind offered a DYNO test, Mesa SWAT showed their equipment, and Fitz Madrid from 98 KUPD emcee'd the day. Vendors were Once Upon a Prop Photography and Mr. Softee soft-serve ice cream. And of course there was the announcement of the ride winners: Matthew Smeltz (Army) 3rd place-\$50; Tim Legaspi (Navy) 2nd place-\$75; Adam Gadberry (Navy) 1st place-\$100. Congratulations to each of you!

MAM founder & CEO Margy Bons sends thanks to Patriot Guard for leading the ride, HydorChanger, Sanderson Ford, Southwest Trikes, and Law Tigers. She went on to say, “We love patriotism and this was definitely a very patriotic event. The Patriot Guard never ceases to amaze me when they lead with prayer and song

lending their support to those that serve and served.”

Margy, a Gold Star Mom, established the Military Assistance Mission in remembrance of her son, Sgt. Michael Adam Marzano – MAM, KIA OIF {Operation Iraqi Freedom} USMC 5/7/05.

There is SO much to learn about MAM and what it does for our Arizona GIs and their families. “MAM is proud to offer a number of programs to support our service members and families.” Visit their website at <https://www.azmam.org> to learn more about the organization and the numerous ways you can donate to their efforts.

Thank you to our GIs for your Service to our Country!

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