

# Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association

## Arizona

**Public Relations Officer Newsletter**

**Issue 3 – April 2017**

Welcome to the Public Relations Officer Newsletter for the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association in Arizona. We've got a lot going on this year! Take a moment to see what's gone on and coming up!!!

### ***UPCOMING EVENTS – more details in next pages***

#### **1-4 June 2017**

CVMA Nationals will be held in San Diego, hosted by CVMA 33-1, this year. This is an ideal opportunity for any AZ CVMA members to attend the National event to not only meet Brothers and Sister from across the nation, but to also meet the Life Membership requirement of attending one National Event.

#### **28-30 July 2017**

Arizona stepped up to the plate to host the second annual Regional Event for Region 8. The first thing we did was rename it to Region 8 Rally. It will be held in Flagstaff and there is some beautiful country for riding in the area. Come out and visit with your Brothers and Sisters from our Region!!

#### **8-10 September 2017**

CVMA Chapter 32-3 will be hosting the Annual State Meeting this year in the Prescott Valley area. This is a great venue to bond with the fellow members across the state. The Annual State meeting provides an opportunity to address relevant issues to members across the state as well as share stories, rides, and raise funds through raffles.

#### **Arizona State Representative**

Shooter will be finishing his term as the AZ State Rep at the end of this year. Look for information over the next couple of months about running for the position and the election dates and deadlines.

#### **Chapter Spotlight**

See what your fellow AZ Chapters have been up to this year on the pages following event information!



**CVMA National Meeting 1-4 June – San Diego****Wednesday 31 May 2017**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Event</b>
All day	NBOD Conf Room 12th floor	NBOD/ABOD Room Open
0900-1700	Destination Rm 2&3	National Store Open
1200-1700	Destination Rm 1	Delegate Sign-In
1500-1700	NBOD Conf Room 12th floor	NBOD-ABOD Meeting
1700-1730	Rock Church Conference Hall	NBOD Visit to Conference Hall

**Thursday 1 June 2017**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Event</b>
All day	NBOD Club Rm 12th floor	NBOD/ABOD Room Open
0700-0900	Connections Rm 3	Breakfast Option
0900-1500	Destination Rm 1	Delegate Sign-In
0900-1700	Destination Rm 2&3	National Store Open
0900-1100	Connections Rm 1&2	Chaplains' Meeting
1030-1130	Horizon Room 2nd floor	ABOD Meeting
1230-1400	Connections Rm 3	Charitable Donations Meeting
1230-1400	Connections Rm 1&2	Auxiliary State Rep Meeting
1700-1830	Horizon Room and Patio 2nd floor	Auxiliary Meet & Greet

**Friday 2 June 2017**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Event</b>
0700-0900	Pool Deck	Breakfast Option
0800-0900	Destination Rm 1	FM Delegate Sign-in
0900-1100	Connections Rm 1,2&3	FM Delegate Meeting
1100-UTC	Miramar National Cemetery	Kick Stands Up:1100; Honor Ride
1400-1600	Connections Rm 1,2&3	XO, CC, SR, & RR
1630-1900	San Diego Harley Davidson	Bike Night
1930-2300	Skully's Lounge	Social & Naming Ceremony

**Saturday 3 June 2017**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Event</b>
All day	NBOD Club Rm 12th floor	NBOD/ABOD Room Open
0600-0700	Connections Rm 3	Breakfast Option
0700-0800	Rock Church Conference Hall	National Meeting Sign-in
0800-UTC	Rock Church Conference Hall	National Meeting
0800-1200	Rock Church Meeting Room	Aux National Meeting
0900-1200	Destination Rm 2&3	National Store Open

**Sunday 4 June 2017**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Event</b>
0800-0900	Connections Rm 1,2&3	Church Service

*CVMA National Meeting Event Calendar as of 18 April 2017*

## ***CVMA Region 8 Rally 28-30 July – Flagstaff***

29 July (Saturday night) the Grand Canyon Harley Davidson is providing free hamburgers and hotdogs from 3-6 pm and they are giving us 10% off on all parts, accessories, and clothing.

On Jul 29 from 2000-2200 the Region 8 Rep will have a sit down by the bonfire and talk about the happenings of the CVMA.

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The Arizona State Rep reserved accommodations at Ft Tuthill, AZ, on a first come first serve basis.

1. This is a Air Force recreational camp grounds. You do not need a retired or military ID card. Everything is reserved under the AZ State Rep ID.
2. There is no bar or restaurant on site. (Public venues are located a mile down the road.)
3. If Chapters or States want to set up fund raising BBQ sites, I do have the large pavilion reserved that has the grills; you can sell meal tickets.
4. Saturday night, there will be a Bonfire Social. This will be a bring your own beverages of choice (BYOB) and lawn chairs.
5. If you are rated disabled, bring a copy of your VA rating to receive a free Golden Pass to get into our National Parks for Free. (i.e. Grand Canyon. You save \$25.00 per bike.) In order to obtain an access pass for National Parks one only needs a permanent disability not a 30% rating. Available for: U.S. citizens or permanent residents with permanent disabilities. Applicants must provide documentation of permanent disability and residency or citizenship.

[https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.htm#CP\\_JUMP\\_5088581](https://www.nps.gov/planyourvisit/passes.htm#CP_JUMP_5088581)

Look forward to seeing everyone, Ride Safe.

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**Currently there are two rides scheduled for 29 July (Saturday)**

**Wupatki Pueblo Indian Ruins**

**Humphreys Peak**

## **CVMA AZ State Annual Meeting 8-10 Sept – Prescott**

How do you feel about staying in a Historical Hotel, in the cool pines, with nobody else but your CVMA Brothers and Sisters, located in downtown Prescott on the renowned Whiskey Row! Well that is exactly where we are hosting the 2017 AZ CVMA State Rally/Meeting. 32-3 wanted to provide the best possible experience for all CVMA members here in Arizona. At 5500 ft, Prescott has warm summer days and cool summer night. We chose the Hassayampa Hotel to host our event as they were the most willing to work with our association and provided our members with a very memorable experience.

I know you are chomping at the bit to know what this amazing location is going to cost. First let me tell you that 32-3 is NOT going to profit from the hotel rooms. In fact 32-3 will not profit from the dinner either. Prescott is a "Tourist" town filled with rich history and as such everything does cost a little more.

There are 67 rooms reserved just for the CVMA for both Friday and Saturday night. That's every room in the hotel! So we will own the hotel! There are 12 Suites, 17 Kings, 23 Queens, and 15 doubles available. All of the rooms are absolutely amazing! We were able to negotiate the best possible price during this high tourist season. Suites are \$200 a night and all other rooms are \$169 a night. I know it is a bit on the pricey side but everything is within walking distance and the Hassayampa is right on Whiskey Row in Downtown Prescott!

We need to have this place booked out by 24 July 2017. Any rooms not reserved by then will be released to the public. Please make your reservation so we can have full run of the house! Ride up and stay the weekend. Saturday is going to be a day filled with riding, camaraderie and just downright FUN! Oh and don't forget about the 5 star catered dinner Saturday night! You will not be disappointed! There will also be a Social on Friday night along with a few other surprises!

We will be putting out the itinerary for the weekend events in the very near future. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Redbeard, PITA or Doc Ock.

**To reserve a room call the Hassayampa at: 1-800-322-1927 or 928-778-9434. Mention CVMA.**

32-3 is offering a 5 star catered meal at the 2017 State Meeting right inside the Hassayampa Inn! The meal will be plated and served to you! Again 32-3 did not inflate the price to make money. In order for us to get the various meeting rooms and banquet halls free of charge we must sell a specific amount of food. In order to meet this requirement, we MUST sell a minimum of 120 meal tickets. Again 32-3 is only interested in giving the members a "TOP SHELF" experience! The \$32.00 price includes the cost of the meal, all taxes and fees from the hotel and the fees from our Square account. We did not inflate the cost to try and make money.

Beef Dinner: Grilled Beef Tenderloin Tips with an Italian demi-glace, served with red mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables, dinner rolls and butter.

Vegetarian Dinner option: Vegetarian Chili Poblano ~ Fire roasted poblano pepper filled with sautéed leeks, spaghetti squash and yellow corn, served with mashed sweet potatoes, braised kale and smoked tomato coulis.

Desert is: BROWNIE À LA MODE: Warm double chocolate brownies with vanilla bean ice cream  
Coffee, Iced Tea and Water are also included in the price of the meal.



## ***32-1 Highlights (32-1B detachment approval)***

From January to March 2017, Chapter 32-1 members have actively supported over 30 different community and veteran events. This volunteer work was supplemented with the opening of a new detachment in Gold Canyon, AZ. Detachment 32-1B was approved by the national CVMA board and now serves the Apache Junction, Mesa, Chandler, Gold Canyon, and Florence AZ areas. Their monthly meetings are held in East Mesa, AZ and we have over 20 members who live in this zone.

During February 2017, fifty-eight volunteers from the various CVMA chapters worked as security volunteers at the AZ Standown 2017 three-day event. We actively supported two major veteran rides with the Wounded Warrior Ride and Cindi's Charity Ride. Two dozen members worked on Cindi's ride helping with registration and operating the poker draw stop points along the route.

Our weekly member nights were expanded from one to three. We now have a show of patches at Heroes Grille, the Hideaway, and Westgate Bike Nights multiple times during each month. We have as many as 30 members coming together once a week to share experiences and work together on different agendas.

Four veteran funerals were supported with escort riders during the first quarter. One of our long term members, Joel "Sarge" York passed and we actively supported his funeral service in Chandler AZ and his transportation to the National Cemetery for a second service. We also want to thank the other AZ chapter members who also attended this service.

In May 2017, our chapter will celebrate its' 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary serving AZ communities and veterans. Our chapter membership is strong and our Auxiliary group has grown to one of the largest in the company. We greatly appreciate all the time and talents that are shared with the Maricopa county community.



## ***32-2 Highlights***

32-2 conducted their Annual Memorial Ride in March with over 60 riders participating.

## 32-3 Highlights (1 of 2)

Hey everyone! Quite a bit has been happening up in the north with 32-3 over the last few months, with a lot more planned in the future. Because our riding season is just now beginning, there haven't been as many events happening up here the last few months. However there have been a few things.

The 32-3 Auxiliary hosted their Breakfast Fundraiser in February; we attended the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Honor Ride and Ceremony in Sedona and Cottonwood; and then rode down to support the Phoenix Wounded Vets Run in Scottsdale. We are looking forward to an amazing year ahead with many miles to click and Veterans to help! Here are a few updates about 32-3 and some of the bigger events happening in the future.

32-3 has adopted a Chapter Name and Logo. CVMA Chapter 32-3 is now known as the **Granite Mountain Chapter**. Our logo design was submitted to Nationals and approved by the NBOD.



## 32-3 CEB CHANGE

William "Duece" Lake has been elected the new chapter PRO and Darren "PITA" Driggs was elected the new chapter Scribe (Secretary).

On **13 May 2017** Grand Canyon Harley Davidson in Mayer will be hosting it's annual Veterans Appreciation Day Ceremony. The Prescott Inter Tribal Warriors Society will be presenting Warriors Medals of Valor to ALL veterans who have not received one **FREE OF CHARGE!** 32-3 will be escorting the Veterans at the local VA Domiciliary to the event. IF you have not received one of these beautiful medals, please come on up and join in the festivities. The ceremony starts at 1000hrs and will run until 1300hrs. Free Burgers and Dogs will be offered, compliments of Grand Canyon Harley Davidson.



**21 May 2017** will be our chapters Breakfast fundraiser and Drawing for our raffle. We will be serving Bacon, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Pancakes, Juice, and Coffee for \$6! Breakfast will begin at 0900 and run until all the food is gone or 1200hrs. We will be drawing for the raffle winner at 1000hrs, 1015hrs and 1030hrs. If you can come up, which would be great to see you all, why not hang out and stay for our chapter meeting! The breakfast and our meeting will be held at VFW 10227, 2375 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314.





## 32-3 Highlights (2 of 2)



The Nation of Patriots Tour is coming through Arizona **13-15 July**. This is an amazing charity that truly gives 100% of all funds raised to our Veterans! If you would like a full size copy of the flyer, please contact PITA at [pitacvma@gmail.com](mailto:pitacvma@gmail.com)



**Our Mission**  
Every year The Nation of Patriots organizes a national effort that pays tribute to, and honors, all of America's Armed Forces - Past, Present, and Fallen. This united effort is known as The Patriot Tour.

The Patriot Tour begins during Memorial Day weekend, when a massive group of riders escorts one American Flag on the back of a motorcycle to Woodstock Harley Davidson in IL. Upon arrival, the flag is transferred to the 8. escort. The next day the flag is taken to IN, then it travels to MI, and so on for 300 days, through 48 states.



The flag finally makes it full circle and lands right back in WI where it all started over Labor Day weekend.

It is the very foundation of the American Flag and all it represents, that our brave men and women in the military have stood for and died defending.



**The History of**  
**Nation of Patriots Ride**

This tour was started by one man's vision in Wisconsin who has never served in the military but saw his friends coming back injured and not the same people.

Frustrated by the amount of effort it took to get proper care through established agencies he felt he needed to take action. He took it upon himself to ride for vets who served in the last 3 campaigns.

### 2017 and Beyond

Over time this became a Nationwide grassroots campaign, covering the 48 states.

This ride is a fund raiser for wounded veterans with dependents from 1945 to current campaigns. All money raised in Arizona goes directly to Arizona's veterans in need. This is a 100% volunteer effort nationwide.

Last year \$11,200 was raised for your Arizona vets and we received an additional \$2,000.00 from NCP. We spent it all paying for challenging necessities for our wounded vets and their families.

Each rider is asked to make a donation of \$1 for the honor of escorting the flag.

Support for Arizona's ride comes from interested groups, local businesses, individual service clubs and individual donations.

Businesses who wish to support the Nation of Patriots Tour are always welcome and will be recognized as supporters of the Nation of Patriots Tour.

### 2017 Arizona Tour

The flag transfer to Arizona from Nevada is Thursday July 13 at the Kingman Elks Lodge 11:30 am. Arizona riders joining in Kingman will be part of the flag exchange ceremony along with lunch hosted by the Elks ... and a free fill up



The flag will then travel to Williams, Arizona after a stop at the Seligman General store for hydration break.

In Williams, there will be a remembrance ceremony, reception and dinner at the Wild West Junction with entertainment for all the attendees.

On Friday, July 14, we will be kicking off at 7:50am for a ride to the Grand Canyon, while there the flag will be flown over the Canyon courtesy of Papiion Helicopter Tours, sharing it with all who reside at and visit the canyon.

Immediately following the flag's reuniting, we will be kicking off to Flagstaff.

We will be met by Flagstaff Police at the north end of the city and escorted to the Veterans Memorial Park, where we will have a ceremony honoring our nation's fallen from Flagstaff and Northern Arizona.

The American Legion, which is adjacent to the park, will provide parking and host a lunch for all riders.

Friday evening, we will meet at Twin Arrows Casino where we have the back-patio area for a ceremony, visitation, a no host bar and a spectacular fireworks display.

Saturday morning will be kicking off at 8am and head for Winslow for a picture "standing on the corner", along with a breakfast hosted by the Winslow Elks Lodge and then to Gallup for the flag transfer to NM riders.

### Sponsors

We are a 100% volunteer organization and we return all donations that we collect in our state, to Arizona wounded veterans and their families.



We are working hard to expand our network and reach a larger crowd for one simple mission:

To financially support wounded veterans and their families.

We can't do it alone.

This year we will be working with individual vets in need recommended by various assistance organizations.



For more information, area hotels and updates please check:

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## 2017 AZ STATE RALLY

Sept 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>



Keep an eye on the State Webpage... The complete itinerary will be coming out in the next couple weeks! Multiple rides, poker runs, silent auctions, poker tournament...these are just some of the things being discussed! Reserve your room in the Historic Hassayampa Inn on Courthouse Square! Yea it is kinda spendy, and we apologize for that. We were extremely limited on locations that could accommodate our meeting, actually we only had 2 choices, this was the cheapest one. While you can find a hotel room for less, Motel 6 is \$70 a night, we are asking members to please book at the host hotel. Any rooms that are not booked for that weekend (both Friday and Saturday) we, 32-3, will have to pay for. Again 32-3 is not making a penny on the rooms nor the meal! If you have any questions or concerns please contact Redbeard, PITA or Doc Ock.

Don't forget about the amazing meal that has been arranged for Saturday night of the AZ State Rally at the Host Hotel! This is a 100% catered meal and truly is Top Shelf quality! Go online and make your reservations now so you don't have to worry about it later! Visit the 2017 Arizona State Webpage for information on the Host Hotel and to purchase your meal.

<http://azcvma323.wixsite.com/azcvma323/2017-az-state-rally>

Come on up and join us in the much cooler weather for these amazing events, or just to get together for a ride and lunch! Stay safe out there...PITA, 32-3 Granite Mountain Chapter Scribe.



## 32-3A Highlights

### A New Chapter Just Over the Horizon

Since 2016 when Detachment 32-3A was formed, it has been the goal to become a full Chapter within AZ. That goal is finally within reach. As of this article Detachment 32-3A is awaiting approval of a new member application. With that approval the requirement for 15 members will be fulfilled and the road to chapter-hood can begin. Preparations and discussions have begun but nothing solid until the NBOD has given their approval. Get ready AZ, the newest chapter coming out of Mohave County will be here soon.

### Detachment Trip to Beatty, NV

On March 18-19 Detachment 32-3A partook on their first ever Detachment Ride. The destination; Beatty, NV. The trip consisted of over 570 miles (for those in the Bullhead area) and 610 (for those in the Kingman area). Lead by Road Captain David "Brutus" Claypool. The Detachment traveled through three states finally finishing at their destination, the Stagecoach Hotel and Casino. While in Beatty, NV the Detachment enjoyed brotherhood and togetherness by going to dinner together at KC's Outpost. The next morning everyone got together and enjoyed breakfast at Denny's followed by a short ride to the neighboring ghost town of Rhyolite, NV, consisting of many old sites and some very interesting art pieces and one final stop to see the remnants of what use to be the Angel's Ladies Brothel. All in all a very successful ride kicking off what will be the first of many.



### AZ Bob's Cookout

On March 26th full member Bob "AZ Bob" Everly and his wife Le "Le" Everly hosted a cookout for his CVMA Detachment brother and sisters as well as that of another local motorcycle group; The Kingman "Brunch Bunch Riders." The Brunch Bunch is a non formal structure organization consisting of no officer positions whose goal is to bring like-minded people together who enjoy riding and grabbing a bite to eat. They get together twice a week to go out on a group ride and go to a predetermined location and enjoy fun and food. Together they all enjoyed each other's company around a wonderful spread of food while having great conversations and celebrating life.





## 32-4 Highlights (1 of 2)



32-4 has stayed busy so far in 2017. We started the year participating in the Tucson Stand down on 14-15 Jan and the Chili's Give Back events on 19 Jan and 23 February. Here are some other events we've enjoyed!

Visited 32-1 on 22 Jan. On a very brisk 30 degree cold morning, a few brave 32-4 riders headed out to visit 32-1 in Phoenix. Almost got Mason to sit on a Harley!!! Thanks to our brothers and sisters for hosting us there while we got warm and we were also able to see the largest Harley shop in AZ if not Merica!



Stole the Piston from 32-2 on 28 Jan. Huge turnout for the piston steal. Sorry 32-2 it is back home where it belongs! Come and get it!

Visited Veterans at the VA Hospital with 32-2 and NCOA Students. Great turn out with CVMA and Soldiers from the Noncommissioned Officer Academy on Fort Huachuca! All riders and participants were able to meet Veterans from the past and hear amazing stories! We left the VA with a sense of pride and knowledge to incorporate in our lives.



Outback's Give Back 7 March. This event was held down on the night of the event by our own Seal! He was able to inform the community on who we are and what we do. He was able to sell a great deal of tickets right at the door which in turn goes right back into the community veterans! Great job Seal!!!!

32-4 Highlights (2 of 2)



Supported the 32-2 Annual Memorial Ride. 32-4 road out to 32-2 in Tucson to help honor fallen CVMA riders and vets. This showed not only do we have each other’s back but proving our saying “Vets helping vets”. Thank you to all that helped support this event.

Held 32-4 2nd Annual “FUN” Raiser Event on 18 Mar. 32-4 held their annual March event and it was a great success! Thank you to Mama who drove the show and kept us on track! Everyone that came out to support really had a great time!



Breakfast with Vets from Prestige on 23 March. We were honored to take out our local veterans at Prestige assisted living to a group breakfast at Denny’s. 32-4 was featured in the local paper to help get the names of these vets out and to be honored by the community. We wanted to show them and the community they these vets are not forgotten and not alone. We are here to help enable them to live their life and be happy about being a vet in our community.

**First Annual Celebration of Life  
for the Fallen of CVMA 32-4**  
**5 August 2017 – ride starting around 1030**  
Save the date – more information to follow!



## 32-5 Highlights

Chapter 32-5 was officially stood up as a chapter in May 2016. As most new chapters do, we ran into a couple of hurdles at this beginning of 2017. In January, we held new elections for key positions in our chapter and have since started to rebuild a strong chapter focusing ourselves on Vets Helping Vets. Members helped Chapter 32-1 during the Arizona Stand Down in February.

We would like to thank everyone that has believed in 32-5, stood by our side, and helped our chapter stay successful.

We look forward to the continued success of 32-5 in our mission of Vets Helping Vets.

*Our new officers are:*

**CO** – Michael “Drill” Phillips

**XO** – Shawn “Doc” Anderson

**Secretary** – Larry “Maverick” Kochevar

**Treasurer** – John “Snorkel” Galka

**SAA** – Richard “Ordie” Dudock

**PRO** – Kymber “Lady-Bug” Anderson

**Acting Quartermaster** –

Tim “Scroo-Loos” Valenzuela



## The Traveling Trophy

The trophy changed hands once so far in 2017 and is currently residing with CVMA 32-4 in Sierra Vista. The next 32-4 Chapter meeting is on 4 May 2017 at the VFW in Sierra Vista. Come out and grab it for your Chapter!!



<http://www.cvmaaz.org>

