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## From the Desk of The Commander

By: John M. Burden

Greetings Fellow DAV Comrades,

First and foremost, I send thanks and gratitude to all my fellow DAV and Auxiliary members for their outpouring of assistance and support, to myself and my family, surrounding the sudden loss of my wife, Patricia, who was also serving as the Senior Vice Commander of the DAV State Auxiliary. Thanks to those who assisted my family during the church service and special thanks to Auxiliary Unit 20 and Unit 24 for hosting our reception at Chapter 20 in Glendale. Your thoughtful and flawless actions eliminated much anxiety for my family and will be long remembered.

We continue to forge ahead in refining programs and service to our needy veterans across the State. Sr Vice Commander Hohman, in his capacity as Service Commissioner, has formulated a State-wide review of our Transportation System. All assets, requirements and capabilities are being reviewed and modified to better service patient needs. We have ordered 5 new vehicles this year and project ordering 6 additional vehicles next year. A rolling replacement matrix has been developed to ensure we have reliable vehicles on the road.

We continue to refine our services to needy veterans who may be less fortunate than ourselves.

More

*Changes  
In Department  
Officers  
Congratulations  
Jim Ellis  
Our New  
Department  
Inspector*

## IN THIS ISSUE

*UP TO DATE  
INFORMATION ON THE  
DEPARTMENT  
CONVENTION*

In launching our DAV Department of Arizona Newsletter, we had hoped this avenue would strengthen our lines of communication up, down and laterally. Unfortunately, it appears we have not attained that objective. As I attend Chapter Meetings and ask folks for feedback, I hear the newsletter has never been mentioned by Chapter Commanders or Executive Board members. The Newsletter is easily accessed at [www.azdav.com](http://www.azdav.com) We will continue to produce this electronic product on a quarterly basis. In addition to articles by our Line Officers we will always have room for input from any of the Chapters. This venue is a great way to advertise Chapter activities and events. There will be attachments and links to other web sites as we continue to expand the information we provide to our members.

Personnel changes continue. I have appointed Jim Ellis from Chapter 8 as our State Inspector (approved by SEC vote).

Ritual teams have been reactivated in the Northern and Southern District. “There is no needier veteran than one who should be laid to rest properly”. Eric Jackson / Chapter 26, [520-586-8575](tel:520-586-8575), has been appointed Ritual Team Commander for the Southern District. Interested people in the South please contact Eric for more info. Glenn Coopey / Chapter 16, [480-332-5760](tel:480-332-5760), has been appointed as Ritual Team Commander for the Northern District. Interested people in the North please contact Glenn for more info. The two Ritual Team Commanders are busy recruiting members and conducting inventories of equipment.

Looking toward the future, the following actions have been initiated. A new committee has been appointed to envision where you want the organization to be and who do you desire to be leading it in three to five years. Committee name: “Strike Force” (formerly “Strategic Planning Committee”); members: Kevin Karvinen, Chap 4, James Ellis, Chap 8, Kevin Dumas, Chap 18, Amtheyst Baker, Unit 18, Kevin Cooper, Chap 20. Feel free to submit ideas to any of these members.

A State Legislative Liaison team has been appointed to keep us abreast of updates affecting veterans at the State Capital. Members are Mike Crowe, Chap 8 and Tim Kendrick, Chap 24. Mike and Tim will be in the gallery to observe who supports or opposes bills affecting veterans. They will report results through this newsletter.

We have been a little slow putting the “Strike Force” and the State Legislative team into action. I accept full responsibility for this delay and will correct this issue very soon.

I am seeking someone willing to discuss the position of “Director of Communications” for Public Information. This would involve interface with local media outlets and community leaders. If you may have an interest in this area contact me for further discussion.

We will continue to emphasize the important function our Service Officers perform, increased interaction with our Auxiliary Units and sound fiduciary responsibility. I look forward to serving you as we move our organization into the future.

“Nobody can do everything, but, everybody can do something”.

*John M Burden*



## SOLORIDER 34

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*magine, a Sunday afternoon, nice spring breeze,  
relaxing game of Golf on the lush Green landscape, riding around in  
your own Solorider 34 Golf Cart.*

*Golf Clubs secure on the front of the cart and a seat that swivels and tilts  
to allow you easy access to the Green and back into the cart.*

*This cart can be yours. Visit your local Arizona DAV Chapter for tickets  
to win this beauty.*

*The drawing will be held at our DAV State of AZ Convention on June 8th  
at our Annual Banquet.*

*You do not need to be present to win.*



*Ron Cox*

# **ADJUTANT**

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of another Fiscal Year.

As you know our Department Convention this year will be held at the Sheraton Tucson Hotel from June 6th through the 9th.

This is the time when we want to thank our Outstanding Volunteers for the work that they do everyday to help Veterans with claims, support Chapter Fundraising, and participate in events that reach out to the Disabled Veterans in the Community. If you have an outstanding volunteer in your chapter please nominate them for an award. Nominations are due into Department by April 1st. The Committee will meet to review these nominations on April 10th, so please submit your nominations ASAP.

I cannot stress the importance of recording your volunteer hours on LVAP forms and submitting them to department each month. These hours are recorded at National and give recognition to the amount of hard work that is being done in Arizona. So please report those hours. The LVAP Form is available on our website at [azdav.com](http://azdav.com/forms-for-download.html) here <http://azdav.com/forms-for-download.html>

If you would like to run for a Department Officer Position please submit a letter of intent to Department by the middle of May so that we can be sure the Nomination Committee receives your letter. Also you will need to contact each chapter and do a little bit of politicking.

***See you all at Convention.***

***Glenn Hohman***  
***Sr. Vice Commander***



It is spring, and with spring comes baseball, some great college basketball, and some spring cleaning. It also means a couple things for the DAV. Not only did we just finish a 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual DAV National “Forward March” Campaign (<https://www.dav.org/forwardmarch>), but April brings Volunteer Appreciation Month.

As an organization, we are extremely lucky to have volunteers that contribute so much to assistance our fellow Veterans. With hundreds of volunteers contributing for the DAV here in Arizona alone, I want to personally thank each of you for the level of dedication and support you bring to your volunteer positions. As officers and members of great Chapter teams, please make sure you thank and congratulate your volunteers during this special month.

Another thing that happens in the spring for the DAV is we look for officers to fill our Chapter and state positions. The need to coordinate efforts, be fiduciaries for our Chapters and help propel the Chapters forward on their day to day missions is a critical and crucial part of our success each year. However, in order to find these special volunteers, we need to help explain what these positions are and what is expected of each of them. The best way to do this is through the documents that comprise each position. Your Chapter bylaws and a booklet from National should explain most, if not all the duties and expectations. Here is a link to the Chapter Officer Guide: (<https://www.dav.org/wp-content/uploads/ChapterOfficerGuide.pdf>).

As each of you work to complete your individual and corporate goals for you and your Chapters, I want to once again thank you for your much appreciated contributions. I look forward to seeing you in June at our convention in Tucson. I have learned a great deal about our Department and each of our Chapters this year, and hope to put that knowledge to good use as I announce my candidacy for my current position of Department Senior Vice Commander for the 2018-2019 year. We have an incredible team I’m honored to be part of.



*Kevin Cooper*  
*Jr. Vice Commander*

Wow, as we start the spring of 2018, a lot have been going on. Membership is going well, and just a reminder on the membership program that we are working on is if the part time member owes over \$100.00 and the chapters pays \$20.00 then the department will pay \$20.00, provided the member pay the rest. This is a benefit to the chapter and Department at the end of the year. Keep in mind that the paperwork for membership needs to go thru the department, not on line.

Just as a reminder the Convention this Year will be held at the Sheraton Tucson

Follow this link for more information and Hotel reservations <http://azdav.com/dav-department-convention.html>.

Hotel Reservations MUST be made by April 25<sup>th</sup>. If you have a problem making a reservation please contact Mary at the department.

Ad's for the Convention Book must be submitted by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Internal Pages are 200.00 / Cover pages are 250.00.

Banquet tickets and early registration are due April 15<sup>th</sup>. Take advantage of the \$10.00 Discount and register early. Banquet tickets this year are \$45.00 and Registration is \$25.00. If you wait to register your total for Banquet and registration is \$70.00. Register early and pay \$60.00.

No Banquet tickets will be sold at convention. If you choose to pay for your banquet tickets at Convention you must let me know by April 15 how many tickets you want and your choice of entrée.

Award nominations are due into Department on April 1<sup>st</sup>. This is necessary to give the committee time to review the nominations and order the awards in time for convention

I want to thank everyone for their support in allowing me the honor of serving as the Jr. Vice Commander. I will be running for this position again and I hope for your continued support.

# *Awards for Our Deserving Volunteers*



*Award Nominations  
Are Due Into Dept.  
April 1st*



*Good Luck to  
All  
Nominees*



*Paul Soderquist  
Chaplain*



I feel some rising discord in society today. I feel it when I watch the news. And I hear it sometimes when I engage in conversations with those who share differing political viewpoints.

In our Pledge of Allegiance, we have the timeless wisdom found in the words, "... one nation under God, indivisible ..." I love those words. One Nation Under God Indivisible.

Have you ever noticed there is no comma after "one nation"? It simply reads "one nation under God, indivisible."

You probably already know the pledge didn't originally include the words "under God." Those two words were added by Congress in 1954 under the urging of our 34th President, Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Back in my home town in Iowa, the Dinner Date bunch gathers every weekday. As they gather before the meal, they stand and recite the pledge. And they take great care to say the words "one nation under God" without pause.

My hope is that all Americans, all Arizonans, and all veterans can take greater care to live out the words of the Pledge: "... one nation under God, indivisible." We are not many nations, but one. And we claim and assert to be indivisible. Even though we all come from various places. We have a variety of religious creeds, and skin colors, and stations in life. Together, we work to become indivisible. We may hold viewpoints which differ from our neighbor. We may disagree on important matters. But we should be able to check our emotions and motives, and maintain a baseline of dignity and respect for one another even during disagreement.

It takes intention to live out these words of the pledge. It takes determination. It takes faith. Faith in God, by whatever name or creed God may be known. We are all, every one of us, Americans, sharing the rich resources of our land and people. By our individual actions, beliefs, and voices, together we can become, more and more, "one nation under God, indivisible."

Shirley Kosisky has fallen again and is in Rehab/Assisted Living please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.



*Commemorating the  
50th Anniversary  
of the Vietnam War*

*Today March 29th at Wesley Bolin Plaza in Phoenix*

Today marks the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. Attending the Ceremony at Wesley Bolin Plaza in Phoenix was Jr. Vice Commander, Kevin Cooper representing DAV Department of Arizona. Commander Burden is out of town.

Also in attendance was Cindy Hutto from Chapter 22 and she was kind enough to share the following pictures from the event.



*To All Vietnam Veterans  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE***



*CELEBRATING*  
*100 YEARS*  
*ON MARCH 31ST*  
*AL RADLINSKI*  
*CHAPTER 24*



**FULFILLING OUR PROMISES**  
TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED

***ALL VETERANS DESERVE BEING LAID TO REST WITH RESPECT  
AND  
THE HONOR THEY DESERVE***



***VOLUNTEER AND BECOME A MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT RITUAL TEAM***

DAV DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA is revitalizing the Ritual Team. We want to have one stationed in the North and one in the South. All uniforms and equipment will be supplied by Department.

***Please contact Department at 602-678-0333  
if you would like to be part of this noble tradition***

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

# Department has a limited quantity of these items available for Sale



**Convention Pins** from the 2017 Department Convention

\$3.00 Ea

Sold as Each or in Pkg of 50



**Red Friday Shirts**

Available in Medium, Lg, XL, 1X, 2X, 3X



**Hats** from the

2017 Department Convention

\$10.00 Ea.

Sold as Each or in case of 24



**Pens** with the lighted tips used at Convention

\$3.00 Ea.





## *Our Legal Clinic Update*

By: John Tokarz

Again, this year we have conducted several Legal Clinics throughout the State.

Glendale, Chapter 20; VAMC in Phoenix; and Lake Havasu

### ***UPCOMING SCHEDULE***

***May 5th at the Mesa Community College***

***June there will be a Clinic at the VAMC in Tucson***

***August 17th in Sierra Vista***

We are always looking for volunteers to help run the events and spread the word about the clinics.

The Legal Clinic has resources to help veterans through referrals in all areas of the state, not just where the legal clinics are scheduled.

***Call 480-363-6880 any time for Legal Help***

# THANK YOU

## SDB Construction

For the last 10 Years SDB Construction has been sponsoring Golf Tournaments for the benefit of DAV Department of Arizona.

On Nov 10, 2017 They held this event at the Arizona Grand Resort. They raised over \$33,000 for the benefit of our Disabled Veterans. The funds raised this year will go to the purchase of 5 new vans for the VA Hospitals in Arizona.

Thank You Dominic, and Angie and everyone at SDB and DAV who Participated in making this such a success.





For Department Calendars and Chapter Meeting Schedules

Hold the CTRL Key and Click on the link Below

<http://azdav.com/department-newsletter.html>

The calendars at the bottom of this newsletter are accurate  
to the time of publication.

However, the Digital copies available by following the link  
above will give you updated information

Check Back Often for Updates



# April 2018

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

1 Easter	2 Award Nominations Due	3	4	5 Commander Meeting at Dep	6	7
8	9	10 Award and By-Laws Meeting	11	12	13	14
15	16 Last Day for Early Conv Reg	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Finance Meeting	26 Last Day to Book Rooms	27	28
29	30					

## Monthly Meeting Schedule

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# May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Ad's Due for Book	2	3	4	5 Legal Clinic/Mesa
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31		

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# JUNE 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 CONVEN- TION	7 JOINT SES- SION	8 BANQUET	9 LAST DAYZ
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

*Welcome to the 96th Annual DAV Department of AZ Convention*

*See next Page for the Convention Agenda*

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# DAV 96th Dept. Convention

Hospitality Room is the Presidential Suite

DAV Storeroom is The Mesa Room

Room Assignments may Change and will be announced at convention

<u>6/6/2018</u> <u>Wednesday</u>		
12:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Registration	Outside Catalina Ballroom
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm	Pre-Sec Meeting	Pima
2:00 pm to 2:30 pm	Constitution and By-Laws Meeting	↓
2:30 pm to 3:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Nomination Committee	
<u>6/7/2018</u> <u>Thursday</u>		
8:00 am to 3:00 pm	Registration	Outside Catalina Ballroom
9:00 am to 12:00 pm	Joint Opening Session	Catalina Ballroom
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	PDC & Adjutants Luncheon	Fire and Ice
12:30 pm to 12:45 pm	Credentials Meeting	Sage Boardroom
1:00 pm to 3:00pm	Afternoon Business Session	Catalina Ballroom
3:15 pm to 4:45 pm	Inspector, Adjutant, Treasurer, NSO Seminar	Canyon Room
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Memorial Service	Catalina Ballroom
<u>6/8/2018</u> <u>Friday</u>		
8:00 am to 3:00 pm	Registration	Outside Catalina Ballroom
8:00 am to 8:30 am	Credentials Meeting	Sage Ballroom
9:00 am to 12:00 pm	Morning Business Session	Catalina Ballroom
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	Forget Me Not Lunch	Sabino Ballroom
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm	Afternoon Business Session	Catalina Ballroom
After Business Session	Northern District Meeting	Pima A
After Business Session	Southern District Meeting	Pima B
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm	Nominations Committee	Sage Boardroom
6:00 pm to 10:00 pm	Banquet (Food Service to start at 6:00)Cash Bar Open at 5:30 Outside the Ballroom	Catalina Ballroom
<u>6/9/2018</u> <u>Saturday</u>		
8:00 am to 8:30 am	Credentials Meeting	Sage Boardroom
8:00 am to 9:45 am	Registration	Outside the Catalina Ballroom
9:00 am to 10:00 am	Business Session (Election)	Catalina Ballroom
10:00 am to 11:00 am	Joint Installation of Officers	Catalina Ballroom
11:20 am to 12:00 pm	Post Sec Meeting	Catalina Ballroom



*From Our Chapters*

If you would like to be included in our  
CHAPTER / UNIT NEWS SECTION

Of our Newsletter, please send articles, pictures, etc. to Department by  
March 1, 2018

We have a space ready for All of Our Chapters and Units to Participate.

*Don't keep all of your good ideas to yourselves.*

***BE PROUD SAY IT LOUD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!***

*Commander Chapter 8 / Carey Slade  
Out and About the Community*



Here is the photo of our 100 yr old woman Army veteran Helen Loague' who according to her she was just a pencil pusher; and when I asked her what was her secret to living a long life, she said " I drink a beer a day" as she raised her glass of beer for a toast. It was my honor and pleasure to meet Helen and present her with a Certificate of Appreciation from DAV Dept of Arizona for her service on the day of her ***100th birthday March 15, 2018.***

April 28th  
SAT



East Valley Chapter 8  
Presents

2pm - 6pm

# SPRING FLING II

Featuring



Bernie Lezotte



Walt Richardson



Mary Hoffman



Jim Pipkin

@

MC:  
Stella Lora

Raffle Prizes



No Cover Charge at Door

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Everyone is welcome, under 21 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at all times, and they may remain on the premises until 8pm.

At 8pm 21+ ONLY!

Horse Shoe  
Corn Hole  
Ping Pong  
Tournaments

Tournaments Registration 2pm - 2:30pm

Tournaments Registration Fee \$5.00

Tournaments start @ 3pm

**Sponsors:**



4810 E. McKellips Rd.  
Mesa AZ  
(480) 474-4477



The Denney Agency  
(480) 699-6830



1829 E. Main St. Mesa, AZ 85203  
(480) 844-0489

Live Music 8pm-12am with



Audio Freaks

This is a Fundraiser, all proceeds donated to benefit DAV East Valley Chapter 8 to help Veterans in the East Valley  
<http://azdav08.org> - <http://themonasterybar.com> - <http://waltrichardson.com> - <http://maryhoffman.net>  
<http://www.bernielezotte.com> - <https://airplaydirect.com/jimpipkin>

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Commanders Corner



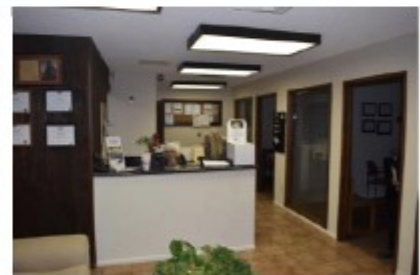
2017 was another productive year for the Chapter. Our Mission to provide employment, housing, emergency assistance, and outreach to the VA Medical Center continues to expand. We are particularly proud of the new chapter offices that will allow us to better serve veterans in Yavapai County. As always I implore chapter members to attend monthly meetings and participate in chapter activities.



## Chapter 16 New Office and Resource Center Now Open



*Caption Here*



Please attend our Grand Opening and ribbon cutting ceremonies for the new Chapter office and Resource Center to be held on Thursday March 22, 2018 from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. The new Center greatly improves parking, handicap access, and number of available Service Officers to assist veterans and their families.

## Contact Us

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Prescott, Arizona 86305

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davchapter16.org

Office Hours

9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Monday through Friday



### Treasurer's Report

The Chapter financial picture allows the Chapter to continue providing a variety of services to veterans and their families in our community. These services include but are not limited to:

- Outreach recreational activities and community outings for residents at the Prescott VA Community Living Center.
- The Chapter's thrift store continues to thrive and has provided full time, part time, seasonal, or temporary employment to over 54 veterans during the calendar year 2017.
- The Chapter owns and operates 3 facilities that provide housing for 12 veterans in the community that were previously homeless or facing homelessness.
- The Chapter continues to raise and donate funds to organizations that support veterans and their families.
- The Chapter continues to support and fund mentoring services for the newly formed Veterans Court in Yavapai County.
- The Chapter's thrift store continues to provide clothing, school supplies, or needed household items to homeless children in the Prescott School District, participants in the Prescott Area Shelter Services, or any homeless person in need.
- Recently the Chapter has initiated a pilot program to fund alternative therapies for Veterans suffering from PTSD, MST, or TBI



DAV Chapter 16 Thrift Store  
 745 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Prescott, AZ. 86301  
 Hours:  
 Monday-Saturday  
 9:00 AM-5:00PM  
 928-445-4525



928-445-4525

730 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Prescott, AZ 86301-2008

*The DAV "Thrift Store Needs your help to support veteran programs at the Prescott VAMC and to veterans throughout Yavapai County*

**WE NEED DONATIONS LIKE**

Clothing/footwear

Hardware

Electronics

Cars/trucks/trailer/RV's

Books

Furniture

Pottery/Dinnerware

Watches/clocks/Jewelry

We will clean out storage units

Estate Sales

**WE RECYCLE**

*Unusable clothes, linens, shoes, cell phones, books, scrap metal*

*If in Doubt Just Call*

928-445-4525

**ALL DONATIONS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED AND ARE  
 FEDERAL TAX DEDUCTIONS AND 100% OF THE  
 PROCEEDS GO TO HELP LOCAL VETERANS WITH  
 EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, OR OTHER EMERGENCY  
 NEEDS**

**STOE HOURS**

**MONDAY – SATURDAY 9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM**

**WE DO LOCAL PICK UPS TUESDAY – SATURDAY**

## Service Officer Information



### Susan Allee Chapter Adjutant

The Chapter is excited to announce that it now has six certified Service Officers to assist veterans and their families with understanding and processing VA disability or death benefits claims.

Service Officers are now available at the following locations:

- Chapter 16 Resource Center @  
726 W. Gurley  
Monday-Friday 0900 to 1500
- Prescott VA Building 13  
Monday-Thuirsdays 0900 to 1300
- DAV Thrift Store  
745 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Monday-Friday By Appointment
- Need us to come to you JUST CALL  
928-756-2780 and we will set up an  
appointment.

Please Attend our upcoming Chapter meetings . The March, April, and May meetings are of extra importance as nominations and election of Chapter Officers are the main agenda.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Monthly Chapter Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month @ 6:30 PM
- What to attend an Executive Board Meeting?

Board Meetings are held at 1100 the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held at 726 W. Gurley

### Southwest Checker Cab "Cruise in" Car Show

*Show Date & Location: April 14, 2018, from 9:00 AM to 2:00PM, downtown on Cortez St., Prescott, AZ*

There will be raffles, 50/50 drawings, and lots of prizes, gift certificates, tools, awards, and event Tee Shirts available for sale. There will also be historical memorabilia on display.

"Kaela's Car", the restoration of a checker cab, previously owned by a fellow Veteran who has passed, for his daughter, Kaela, also a Military Veteran. Awards will be determined by popular vote. All proceeds to benefit local veterans and Chapter 16 outreach programs.

- Funds not needed to produce this event will go directly to Chapter 16 outreach programs.
- Funds are needed for permit fees, street closure costs, advertising, raffle prizes, insurance fees & more.
- Please donate today to help us raise money for our local Veterans.

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### Cruise in for the Vets Car Show, Yavapai College:

*Show Date & Location: Yavapai College Car Show, Saturday, April 21, 2018, all day.*

*We will need Volunteers to collect donations. Please call the DAV Resource Center, let Linda or Sue know you're interested in volunteering.*

\* The sixth annual Cruise-in for the Veterans will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 29, at Yavapai College, 1100 E. Sheldon St., Prescott.

## Chapter 36 takes to the desert.

Early in March, 20 Veterans went to a secluded 80 acre ranch that belongs to Juan Cordva. Chapter 36 bought 10 pounds of Carnie Asada, ½ chicken and ½ beef. Juan not only owns the ranch but is also a cook for hire! His place is like stepping back in time. Juan himself is an old cowboy tough as rawhide. We had a wonderful time checking out his cattle, horses, donkeys, chickens and dogs. Not to mention anything else crawling around. It was a great layout which he uses for entertaining large groups that want to get away from it all.

Everyone had lots of fun trying to outdo each other with their stories, catching up on what has been going on in others lives and coming up with ideas on how we can do something a little better. In between eating chips, dip and salsa for the first couple of hours, some of the Vets would take walks in the desert and marvel at how quite it was.

At that point Juan began to cook and the smell of Carnie Asada cooking in the desert air is almost more than most can bear! But if you think the smell is good you ought to have heard the silence when it was served along with some fresh cooked beans and tortillas warmed over the fire to perfect brown.

When it was time to say our goodbyes, all agreed that it had been a day for all to remember! Way to short, but a grand time! We were revived once again, and ready to start “fulfilling our promises to the

Men and Women  
who served!”