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THE MONUMENT

Official Newsletter of the Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery Foundation at Marana

First Half 2024 In Review

As we move further into 2024, we wish to update our members and donors. This year has begun with a flurry of activity and shows no signs of slowing down. Our fundraising endeavors have exceeded last year's achievements benefiting the cemetery. Here are the recent acquisitions to support the cemetery and honor the Veterans laid to rest within its gates:

- John Deere 560 Gator
- Force Plate Compactor
- Windows for the Internment Shelter
- A New PA System

Though these items may not hold significance for those unfamiliar with groundskeeping, they are crucial for the interment team, enhancing their efficiency and overall operations. Additional ground cover rock will be acquired soon to maintain the cemetery's aesthetic appeal and other planned projects. Despite these improvements, the cemetery still has numerous funding needs. We encourage you to consider supporting this noble cause. Explore donation opportunities on our website at Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery Foundation (avmc-foundation.org).



What are we about?

Our Mission

To raise funds to sustain and beautify the Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery at Marana as a final resting place for qualified veterans and qualified dependents.



About the Cemetery

The Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery at Marana is located on 32 acres of high desert landscaped property. Phase one of the cemetery includes 1802 burial plots and provisions for cremains in either 1920 columbarium niches or 1938 burial plots. Five phases are currently planned. The next phase has begun and will be completed in February and will add an additional 2400 columbarium niches to the cemetery bringing us to a total of 4320.

Golf Fundraiser 2024

Once again our golf tournament was a great success!

Judging by the conversations we had with the golfers it was a fun day filled with games and many opportunities to raise funds. At final count the tournament raised over \$19,000.00 between golfers, auctions and of course corporate sponsorship.

We would like to thank our Sponsors, your support has helped the Foundation hold a great community event and support the goals of the Cemetery Foundation, we couldn't have done it without you. The Kai Corporation, CTI Inc., MHIRJ, Ironwood Dermatology, Granite Construction, Bert Gustafson, Kenwood Inc., and Chevron for their donations at the corporate level, as well as our Tee Box Sponsors.

A special thank you to the dedicated members of our foundation for which this couldn't happen. We thank you for your time and dedication to the mission



Honoring Those Who Have Honored Us

Memorial Day 2024

Missing In America Project



Over 200 individuals gathered at the Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Marana, Arizona, to honor and pay tribute to those who have served in the military. Each grave was adorned with an American flag in honor of the veterans, gently swaying in the morning breeze and sunlight.

Thomas Shambo, a Veteran and Chairman Emeritus of the Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery- Marana Foundation, addressed the importance of remembering our Veterans.

Dr./Rev. Jeffery Crandall, a combat Veteran from the Marana Veterans Club and Arizona Veterans Memorial Foundation, led the invocation and benediction. University of Arizona student Preston Hatch delivered a powerful a cappella rendition of the National Anthem. Davis Monthan Air Force Base presented the colors and Michael Kiefer performed Taps with remarkable precision and dedication, enhancing the solemnity of the ceremony.

The entire event was conducted with deep reverence, gratitude, and respect, focusing on honoring the memory of those who have served and passed on. Their sacrifice will always be remembered.

What is MIAP?

The purpose of the MIA Project is to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed cremated remains of American veterans through the joint efforts of private, state and federal organizations. To provide honor and respect to those who have served this country by securing a final resting place for these forgotten heroes.

The Missing in America Veterans Recovery Program (MIAP) (EIN: 20-8408832) is a Federal recognized Non-Profit Veterans Organization for the identification, location, verification, and movement of Veterans and their Dependents.

Our Next Scheduled Interment is October 5th 2024 at 1000 to learn more about this amazing project please reach out to www.miap.us



“Strengthened by their courage, heartened by their valor and borne by their memory, Let us continue to stand for the ideals for which they lived and died”

How can you help support our mission

The Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery Foundation Inc. at Marana is committed to the continued enhancement and beautification inside the Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Marana grounds. The foundation depends solely on contributions from the generosity of community, civic organizations, businesses, corporations, grants and caring individuals.

Donated funds contribute to capital improvements, landscaping and other operating expensed. The AVMC Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable organization registered with the IRS.

Formal receipts provided.

To donate please visit our website
www.AVMC-Foundation.org/donate

Help Wanted

The Foundation is looking for a few good Men and Women to serve on our committees to ensure we finish off 2024 with the same momentum we have seen so far, and to catapult us into 2025 in a stronger position. Like all organizations we need leadership in many areas to guide us through. Please take a look at the available committees and see where your passions lay.

- Membership Committee
- Projects Committee
- Marketing Committee
- Events Committee

Please reach out to David, or Ken for more information.

Our 2024 Board of Directors



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