

VFW Riders of Arizona  
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Dear Friend,

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Riders (VFWR) is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping veterans and the communities that we live in. On Saturday September 19, 2009, the Sky Islands Chapter based out of Sierra Vista will be holding their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual POW/MIA Memorial Run.

Last year over 150 motorcyclists and friends participated in our event. This year we are advertising by newspaper, radio, internet and state-wide motorcycle publications and are estimating around 300 participants.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Arizona House at the VFW National Home for Children and to the Carillon Project for the Southern Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars established the National Home in 1925 to care for the children and families of our nation's veterans, and is located on 629 acres in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. The mission of the VFW National Home for Children is to provide children, youth and families of members of the VFW and Ladies Auxiliary and of members of the active duty military opportunities for growth and development in a nurturing community, and by so doing serves as a living memorial to all veterans.

The Carillon is an approximately thirty-foot, 3-bell tower structure operated by computer. This state-of-the-art system can automatically play up to nine musical selections in sequence – all at the touch of a button. Patriotic, religious, and military service songs can be played. Since the music can be preprogrammed, the service song of a veteran or music meaningful to a family can be requested and programmed to play. The Carillon will bear a plaque stating that the structure was erected by the Arizona Community to honor those who have served to protect our freedom.

We are looking for sponsors to help fund our event. For a minimum donation of \$100, we will place your business name or logo on our POW/MIA Memorial Run T-Shirt. In addition, you may display your business banner/logo as an official sponsor at VFW Post 9972 (located at 549 Veterans Way) during the event.

If you are interested in making donations, please mail them to the above address and make the check payable to the VFW Riders. If you would like to have your name/logo on the T-shirt, hang your banner, donate raffle items, or have a booth at the POW/MIA Memorial Run, please contact John MacDuffee at (520) 227-2834, or at [duffy03@cox.net](mailto:duffy03@cox.net). Thank you for your time and consideration in sponsoring this worthwhile event and supporting our community.

Sincerely,

John MacDuffee  
Vice President  
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