



Office of the Mayor  
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## ***Mayor Jerry P. Weiers Hosts “Big Dog Run III” Motorcycle Rally Ride Benefits GCC Veteran Scholarships***

*Glendale, AZ, (March 20, 2018)* – Glendale Mayor Jerry P. Weiers will soon lead a group of hundreds of motorcycle enthusiasts on the Mayor’s Big Dog Run on Saturday, April 7, 2018. Held in partnership with the Glendale Chamber of Commerce Military & Veterans Affairs Committee, the event provides veteran scholarships through the Veteran Services Center at Glendale Community College.

The unique ride begins at American Furniture Warehouse, 5801 N 99<sup>th</sup> Ave., with registration opening at 7:00 a.m. and “kickstands up” at 8:00 a.m. From there, the riders will ride inside University of Phoenix Stadium, down the centerline of a runway at Luke Air Force Base and finish with a lap around the track at ISM Raceway (formerly PIR.) In addition to experiencing the ride, participants will receive an official challenge coin and be served breakfast by Heroes Pub & Grub.

“I’m really excited about this ride because there’s no other motorcycle ride like this in the Valley with an opportunity to ride through these amazing venues,” said Glendale Mayor Jerry P. Weiers. “This year we will also have a great time riding through many West Valley cities while helping our local veterans further their education.”

The cost of the ride is \$60 per person, and participants can pre-register at [www.MayorsBigDogRun.com](http://www.MayorsBigDogRun.com), or pay cash the day of the event.

Each paying participant also receives entry to the high-speed action of INDYCAR at ISM Raceway for the Desert Diamond West Valley Phoenix Grand Prix, Verizon IndyCar Series Race under the lights April 7. The ticket also includes access to ISM Raceway’s celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mario Andretti’s final career win, which took place at the track in 1993. To commemorate this special landmark, the INDYCAR Class of 1993, featuring other popular INDYCAR Drivers including Arie Luyendyk and Lyn St. James, among others, will provide special Q+A’s and autograph opportunities throughout the day. Plus, riders will also receive access to the Phoenix Copper Cup, USAC Silver Crown Champ Car Series race prior to the Desert Diamond West Valley Phoenix Grand Prix and the USAC .25 Midget Races on the DC Solar Power Pavilion.

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A similar ride was held in 2014 and attracted more than 300 motorcycle riders, and the 2016 ride had almost 500. The event is a “poker-style” run (not escorted), and a suggested route will be provided upon registration with planned staging points for riders. Helmets are required for any motorcyclist joining the ride through Luke AFB, and no firearms are permitted on Luke AFB. The ride is open to the public and all participants must be age 18 or older.

The Military & Veterans Affairs Committee of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce provides recognition and assistance to our local military community, which is comprised of active duty personnel, reserve personnel, veterans and their respective spouses and families; helps members of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce conduct more business with Luke Air Force Base; and encourages businesses to hire veterans.

Supporters and sponsors of the event include: Glendale Chamber of Commerce: Military & Veterans Affairs Committee, Luke Air Force Base 56<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, University of Phoenix Stadium, ISM Raceway, American Furniture Warehouse, Cyclerides.com, Heroes Pub & Grub, First Community Mortgage and Glendale Community College Veterans Service Center and Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office.

Cities involved include Glendale, Peoria, El Mirage, Litchfield Park, Goodyear, Tolleson and Avondale.

For additional information and to pre-register: [www.MayorsBigDogRun.com](http://www.MayorsBigDogRun.com)

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