

AZ STATE VETERANS HOME – PHOENIX

August 2023

Welcome Back Everyone,

As we begin this new year, I would like to thank our new President Rose Ficklin for allowing me the privilege to continue as Chair for the ASVH-PHX 2023/2024.

On June 28, 2023, we started the new year with an incredible outing; seven of our Resident Veterans who have been impacted by Agent Orange were invited to a special dinner held at the Texas Roadhouse in their honor, on Power & Ray in Gilbert, along with three of their caregivers. These amazing Veterans were treated like royalty by “Team Power.” It was a true honor to be able to help arrange this fabulous meal for them.

Being able to sit and share a meal with these men and women, listen to their stories, see the smiles and hear their laughter brought a great deal of joy to my heart. Seeing them tear up and light up when perfect strangers would come to say “Thank you for your service” and “Welcome Home” was truly heartwarming.

I have been notified that many of the restrictions previously in place because of covid have been lifted. Our Auxiliary Units are once again being asked to plan monthly or quarterly events, such as BINGO, Ice Cream Socials, Game Days and more for our Resident Veterans. Any Unit interested, please contact me as soon as possible so we can start visiting our Veterans again.

For those who would like to continue the monthly birthday cards, I will be sending them out via this newsletter and as soon as I have all the new officers contacts, I'll get them sent to your individual Units, Chaplains and/or Juniors as requested by each Unit.

August & September birthdays are listed below. Please mail them in one large envelope to the AZ State Veterans Home c/o Brittany Tashner, Rec Therapy Director at 4141 S. Herrera Way, Phoenix AZ 85012.

August:

4- Bruce B. 8-George B. 9-Charles W. 17- Bobby W. 20- Herbert C. 22- Rene L. 25- Lyle B.

September:

4- Fred V. 5- Robert H. 6- Anthony H. 7- Mike S. 9- Darrel H. 14- Mike M. 15- Robert N. 21- Guy C. 21-Shon T. 22- Ron M.

For all of you who do not already have my contact info, I can be reached by text or telephone at 480-226-3967 or email at Cat4Vets@gmail.com I look forward to hearing from you and working with you once again this year.

Until next time, keep being fabulous.

Cat Ludwick
Chair Arizona State Veterans Home Phoenix