

2023 Howard Vander Clute Memorial Ride at Phoenix 124th National VFW Convention

Ride Details:

Cost: \$15 per rider (or cage) and \$10 per passenger. Each participant will receive the customary annual ride patch with bottom tab for this year's ride.

Benefits from the ride and onsite raffles will go to our Veterans and Military Support Programs and a 10% portion will go to fund local Phoenix Childhood Cancer Family Support and Music Therapy Programs in Phoenix with our great friends of the Lana Turner Foundation. We are helping an Arizona National Guard soldier and their family as they go on this hard journey. The checks you have raised throughout the year for VMS will only be used for VMS. There will be a liability release to sign the day of the ride.

About VFW Veterans and Military Support:

The donations for VMS are in a restricted fund so as not to allow anything else but the following expenditures. We use the funds generated to help fund our Unmet Needs Program which we have just eclipsed 12.85 million dollars in assistance to over 11,000 Veterans & their families. Our Help a Hero Scholarship is the largest student veteran scholarship in the world in which we have provided 2567 Scholarships for 11.55 million dollars. We have hosted and provided 227 Military Assistance grants for over \$282,000 impacting 113,770 service members and their families.

About Lana Turner Foundation: <https://lanaturnerfoundation.org>

The Lana Turner foundation uses the power of music, art and community to promote and benefit children's physical and mental wellbeing as we support families fighting children's cancer and work to find a cure.

The Foundation was created by Blackberry Smoke drummer Brit Turner and his family, who have supported the fight against Childhood Cancer for the last 10 years and have contributed over 1,000,000 to both research and families fighting pediatric cancer.

Brit, his family, and the Band have supported the fight against Childhood Cancer for several years because his daughter Lana was diagnosed at age 3 with stage IV neuroblastoma. Fortunately, she made a full recovery and is now a happy and thriving 16-year-old.

When:

The ride is scheduled on Saturday, July 22th starting at Maricopa Post #720 and ending at Sandy Coor Post #1433. We will have a ride to view local sites (Route will be published prior to date).

Registration is from 9-10 a.m., with the check presentation immediately following registration. Our VFW riders and anyone who just wants to join in the event will be able to enjoy a fun filled afternoon and evening at Post #1433 for a steak fry \$20 per plate & Live Music.

You'll also be able to enjoy a band called Sunset Red from 3pm to 7pm with Karaoke following at Post #1433 sponsored by Operation 22.

Key Addresses:

Starting Point: VFW Post # 720 Maricopa
4853 E. Thomas Road
Phoenix, AZ

End Point: VFW Post #1433 Sandy Coor
7618 N. 63rd Avenue
Glendale, Arizona