

July 4th Events Benefit Military Families

The week of July 4th, 2014 at Quail Creek once again benefited our Green Valley MOAA's Military Assistance "Food for Families" charity. This charity donates nonperishable food items and Commissary Gift cards to the Tucson National Guard for distribution to the needy families of the local Guard and service members.

On June 30th "The Women of Quail Creek" (TWOQC) held their annual summer luncheon, this year it was a Luau. Peggy McGee, President of TWOQC (and Green Valley MOAA Chapter member) asked her members to bring nonperishable items or monetary donations to the luncheon to be donated to the GV MOAA Charity. This is the 6th year in a row that the TWOQC has supported this "Food for Families" initiative. The Women of Quail Creek collected and donated \$90 and 28lbs of food items and 6,198 dollars in discount coupons. (See photo, Lori Whitman, Margaret Morris, Peggy McGee and Laura Colbert donating items for Military Families).

The Quail Creek Lady Putter's held a 50/50 raffle putting contest on July 4th which included the Lady Putter's and their guests. They had a total of 82 participants all dressed in their Red White and Blue for the 4th of July. There was a mystery hole winner who split the 50/50 proceeds with our MOAA Charity. Diane "Dee" Waggoner, President of the Lady Putter's presented Lt. Col John McGee, President of the Green Valley MOAA Chapter, the proceeds of the raffle (\$41.00) for their Military Assistance "Food for Families" Charity. (See photo, Dee Waggoner presenting 50/50 Proceeds to MOAA President John McGee).

Lt Col John McGee and Maj Steven Abel set up a Food Drive donation collection station for the residents of Quail Creek in the QC Madera Clubhouse from July 4th until July 6th. The residents of Quail Creek donated a total of \$205 to help purchase Commissary Food Cards and 190lbs of food items.

The nearly 200lbs of food items and \$500 worth of Commissary Gift cards along with the 6,198 dollars of coupons were delivered to Mrs. Barb Gavre, Tucson Airman and Family Readiness Director, Tucson ANG Chaplain/Cpt Nathan Mestler and Airman 1st Class Amber Tellez on July 10, 2014. Chaplain Mestler thanked us for the donations and appreciated the fact that our donations were kept local to help these military families (See photo, L to R Chaplain Mestler, Barb Gavre and A1C Tellez)

Our Green Valley MOAA Military Assistance program not only donates food and financial support to the needy families of the Tucson National guard but the charity has grown and expanded. Thanks to the continuous and generous support of the residents and committees of QC and our chapter members the Charity is also able to support a number of other programs that assist local deserving military families, homeless veterans, baby shower and occasionally help the wounded warriors. Without this continued and generous support we could not continue to support all of these deserving military families.

Steven Abel, GV MOAA BOD



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