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3rd Annual El Mirage Salute to Veterans Event



[El Mirage, AZ October 24, 2018] – The City of El Mirage is honoring our Veterans and Active Duty Military with the 3rd Annual El Mirage Salute to Veterans event on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at Gateway Park, located at 10100 N. El Mirage Road. The main event hours are 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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On Saturday, November 3 the Salute to Veterans celebration opens with a 5K run, co-sponsored by the Northwest Valley Family YMCA and the City of El Mirage. Runners can participate for free by making an onsite donation to a Veteran charity. All runners age five and over will receive an official event t-shirt for free. Run registration is from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. with the run starting at 7:30 a.m. A pre-race warm up class will be hosted by the Northwest Valley YMCA at 6:30 a.m. at the starting area.

There will be a charity pancake breakfast immediately following the 5K run. Admission to the breakfast is free, but donations are requested.

At 5:00 p.m. the Salute to Veterans event kicks off and features a GIANT free kid's zone with a numerous attractions and rides, and crafts, free face painting, and much more. Other attractions include a display of authentic military vehicles by the Arizona Military Vehicle Collectors Club, and various military displays and games. A classic car show will also be held from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Veterans and active duty military can enter cars for \$5, open division cars are only \$10. Every registrant receives an official plaque. There will be two Best of Show cars selected in each category.

The El Mirage Community Market will also be open on site with over 40 vendors selling homemade crafts, toys, jewelry, and other items.

Live entertainment will feature the Mike James Comedy Show at 6:00 p.m. and the Classic Example Band headlining at 7:00 p.m. A beer garden with \$2 beers and \$3 Margaritas will be open from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. with a variety of food trucks serving various cuisine onsite. The festivities end at 9:00 p.m.

Admission and parking at the El Mirage Salute to Veterans event is free. Event hours are 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Special thanks to event sponsors Wal-mart, Northwest Valley YMCA, APS, Three Amigos Tequila, Crescent Crown Distributing, Parks and Sons, RV Sales and Consignment Specialists, Roberts Car Care, Arizona Commission on the Arts, Coco's Towing, and the Tohono O'odham Nation.

For further information, or to register for the 5K run or car show, contact Jeffrey Anderson, City of El Mirage Special Events Coordinator, at 623-876-2942, or at janderson@elmirageaz.gov.

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