

# NAVAHCS INAUGURAL SUICIDE Prevention Poker Run



September 3rd, 2022  
08:00 – 13:00



- *S-SIGNS*
- *A-ASK*
- *V-VALIDATE*
- *E-ENCOURAGE*

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928-445-4860 EXT 2713



- ❑ **Kick off at Espire Sports**
  - Opening Remarks by City of Prescott Mayor and Mr. Sample NAVAHCS MCD
  - Native American Blessing by Manuel Lucero
  - National Anthem – NAVAHCS own Anna Nava
  - Training on “S” in VA S.A.V.E. by Peer Support Specialist JennyLee Challis
  - Safety Remarks and Kick Stands Up
  - At each stop, participants drew one poker card
- ❑ **First Stop American Legion Post #25, Cottonwood, AZ**
  - Training on “A” in VA S.A.V.E. by Christopher Liberatore-Lopez, LCSW
- ❑ **Second Stop American Legion Post #93, Camp Verde, AZ**
  - Training on “V” in VA S.A.V.E. by Lisa Lahaie, LCSW
- ❑ **Third Stop VFW Post #10227, Prescott Valley, AZ**
  - Training on “E” in in VA S.A.V.E. by Karen White, LMSW
- ❑ **Last stop American Legion Post #6**
  - Participants given a Ride Pin and a T-Shirt
  - Surveys distributed/collected
  - Prizes for High and Low poker hand given









# Event Organizers and Results

❑ “Borrowed” idea from New Mexico VAMC

❑ **Organized by NAVAHCS Suicide Prevention Team:**

- Lisa Lahaie, LCSW (former SPC)
- Karen White, LMSW, SP Case Manager
- JennyLee Challis, SP Peer Support Specialist
- Christopher Liberatore-Lopez, LCSW, Access Teams Mgr
- Additional support from:
  - Tim Howe, CDCE (formerly Voluntary Services) Staff Chief
  - Kirk Wright, media/photographer
  - Mary Dillinger, Public Affairs Officer
  - PTSD Clinical Team, - Jennifer Sigler, Ph.D., psychologist and Stephen Fought, Peer Support Specialist
  - M2VA Case Manager Bobby Fields, LMSW
  - Amanda Pierce, PSA Mental Health Clinic
  - Nancy DeVine, LCSW, Local Recovery Coordinator

❑ **61 participants began the ride**

- 18 identified as Veterans
- 15 identified as non-Veterans
- 10 did not identify as either Veteran or non-Veteran
- 18 participants did not return a score card

❑ **Survey Results:**

- 100% of participants said they would participate in a similar event next year
- 71% of participants said they learned “a great deal, while the remainder said they learned “some” about helping Veterans in crisis
- 92% of participants said they “really enjoyed” the ride route and the planned stops, the remainder said the ride route and planned stops “could use some improvement”

Video overview of the event is available on the NAVAHCS Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/VAPrescott> or YouTube <https://youtu.be/y7cePkfdzv4>



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