



Mesquite's Fourth Annual Veterans Party

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The sound of 50s rock 'n' roll hits will fill the Mesquite Recreation Center gym on Saturday, November 11, when the Fourth Annual Mesquite Veterans Party returns after a three-year break. The Veterans Party, a fundraiser to benefit the Mesquite Veterans Center, is presented by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Virgin Valley Chapter, and the Mesquite Poker Boys.

The Veterans Party, formerly the Veterans Hangar Dance held at the Mesquite Airport, will continue its tradition of honoring the veterans of the Virgin Valley with an entertainment-filled afternoon of live music and local performers. The theme of this year's event, "Soldiers and Bobby Soxers," is a tribute to our local veterans, and there will be a 1950s sock hop in the rec center gym.

The original Veterans Hangar Dance was the creation of the Party People, a group of friends who decided to host a special event to raise money for the Veterans Center. The Hangar Dance, held in 2017, 2018, and 2019, was very popular, drawing hundreds of people to

the Mesquite Airport. In 2020, with the onset of COVID, the Hangar Dance was temporarily discontinued.

It wasn't until February of this year when a member of the Virgin Valley DAR contacted Larry LeMieux from the Party People to resurrect the event that the Veterans Party was re-born with one change—the location. The Mesquite Airport was unavailable in November, so following a meeting with Nick Montoya, Director of Athletics and Leisure Services, approval was given to hold the event at the rec center. The theme of the event, "Soldiers and Bobby Soxers," came from the initial meeting when we noticed a vintage 1950s jukebox in the corner of Nick's office. A 1950s sock-hop, where attendees dance to rock 'n' roll music in the high school gym, was a natural fit.

Larry recruited members of his social club, the Mesquite Poker Boys, to help with the planning of the Veterans Party. The Virgin Valley DAR, together with the Mesquite Poker Boys and Veteran Center staff, has been meeting since March to put the pieces of the program together to

ensure that everyone who attends has a great time.

The Veterans Party promises to be a moving celebration with Mayor Al Litman and Veterans Center President Steve Reynolds giving the opening remarks. The Virgin Valley Honor Guard will present the nation's colors, and the Sun City Sounds choral group will sing a stirring medley of patriotic songs.

Entertainment includes live music by the Dry Heat Jazz Band, the Mesquite Cafe Blues Band, 50s hits played by DJ Troy Erickson, and a jazz dance performance by the Lifelong Dancers. The emcee for the event is local entertainer Jeff Hoyt.

The Mesquite Showgirls will run a raffle with some incredible prizes from local Mesquite businesses. A guest appearance by Elvis Impersonator PJ Anderson, a 1950s photo booth, and a contest for the best 50s costume round out the entertainment for the party.

Several of your favorite food trucks will be on hand including The Corndog

Company, Fired Up Pizza, Tacos and Salsa, and Fizz Bizz. For car lovers, 1950s vehicles will be on display, courtesy of the Over the Hill Gang Car Club of the Virgin Valley. We also have many vendors offering a wide range of products and services including one-of-a-kind, handcrafted items.

Our mission to raise money for the Mesquite Veterans Center will benefit the approximately 3,000 retired military veterans in our area. In addition to Mesquite, the center supports veterans from Moapa Valley to Beaver Dam and as far away as St. George. At the center, volunteers assist veterans in receiving military benefits through the VA and provide transportation for those needing medical services here or out of the area. It's also home to the Combat Veterans Discussion Group, which focuses on post-traumatic stress issues and is a place for veterans to gather, network, and spend time with each other.

The center serves as the parent organization and central location for the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 993, the VFW Post 7583, the American Legion Post 24, and the Virgin Valley Honor Guard. It also serves as the meeting place for local community groups. Fundraising events, such as the Veterans Party, are critical because the Veterans Center is funded solely by community donations.

The Veterans Party is a collaboration made possible by the city of Mesquite together with local businesses and members of our community who donate their time, resources, and talents to create a celebration of our local heroes. We hope you'll join us on Veterans Day to salute our veterans and raise money for a great cause. ^{5/}

Fifties attire is encouraged but not required. Only soft-soled shoes are permitted for admission. The program starts at 2:00pm and ends at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$8 for adults, and admission is free for kids, 12 and under. Avoid the line at the door—advance ticket sales are now available at the Mesquite Fine Arts Center. There will be cash sales only on the day of the event.




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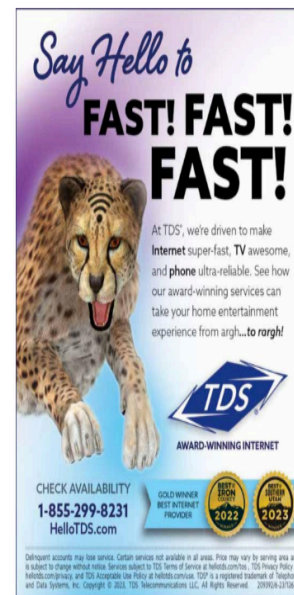
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