



Help Restore the
World War I Monument
at the
Mohave County Courthouse
Kingman, Arizona

1928 (Monument with Machine Gun)

In May, 1928, the citizens of Mohave County dedicated a monument to recognize the sacrifices made by military service members and to honor the memory of those who participated in the “War to end all wars”. Over the years, the monument and courthouse were a source of great pride in the community and a focus point of historic downtown Kingman. The monument was designed by E. M. Viquesney and is made of pressed copper.

The monument includes a full-sized figure of a US Army doughboy holding a 1903 Springfield rifle in one hand and a grenade in the other and a figure of a Navy sailor. Originally, between the two figures was a Colt Model 1895/1914 machine gun, nicknamed the “Potato Digger”.

Sometime in the late 1990's, the monument was vandalized and the machine gun was stolen. Also, over the years alkali and silica deposits have gathered on the lower portions of the monument from over-spray from landscape sprinklers.

An effort is underway to restore the monument to its original condition by replacing the machine gun with an exact replica made of bronze/copper. Also additional lighting, enhanced landscaping and installation of surveillance equipment is proposed to restore the monument to its original historic condition and preserve the dignity it deserves.

A wide scale fund raising effort is underway to encourage many community members, organizations and businesses throughout Mohave County and the State of Arizona to be a part of this project.

This effort is approved by the Mohave County Board of Supervisors and is being lead by a group of Marine Corps Veterans operating as an IRS 501 (c) 3 Non Profit, known as the **Arizona Military Order of Devil Dogs Charities** affiliated with the Marine Corps League.

To contribute to this effort, please send your tax deductible donation to:

Az MODD Charities
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Colt, Model 1895/1914, “Potato Digger”



2019 (Monument without Machine Gun)

ARIZONA MILITARY ORDER OF DEVIL DOG CHARITIES

Az MODD Charities was formed and exists solely to support projects to benefit veterans and their families throughout Arizona.

Az MODD Charities is managed by seven directors who are members of the Marine Corps League. All involvement is on a voluntary basis and no salaries, expenses or administrative fees are paid from the funds of the corporation. All funds raised are used directly and exclusively on projects.

Az MODD Charities is an IRS Exempt Not for Profit, 501 (c)3 entity with an EIN of 80-0467112. Az MODD Charities is in good standing with the IRS and the Arizona Corporation Commission.

Funds for previous and current projects have been raised, dollar-by-dollar through efforts throughout the State of Arizona including yard sales, raffles, silent auctions, donations from individuals, businesses and organizations, social media solicitations, grants from the Arizona Department of Veterans Services and gifts in kind.

Recently Completed Projects:



Veterans Sports Courts, VA Medical Center, Prescott

This \$250,000 facility provides lighted wheelchair basketball, tennis, racquetball, volleyball, badminton shuffle board and other game facilities for rehabilitating Veterans. Includes restrooms, storage office and equipment.

Also included is a full-sized bronze sculpture; “Heroic Challenges” that demonstrates that through athletics and positive competition, self respect and confidence can be restored and enhanced.



Fisher House, Va Hospital, Tucson

Az MODD Charities raised and donated \$42,500 towards the construction of this \$6.0 million, 14,000SF facility that provides temporary lodging at no costs for families of Veterans who are receiving specialized treatment at the medical facility



Rehab Treadmills, Va Hospital, Phoenix

Az MODD Charities raised funds, procured and donated three LifeFitness state-of-the-art premium cardio treadmill machines with touch screen controls to provide internet, TV and interactive courses to keep rehabilitating Veterans entertained and engaged while exercising. The three treadmills totalled \$20,400 in costs.

