

[Article Search \(/search/node\)](/search/node)

[View More Photos \(http://westvalleyview.smugmug.com/\)](http://westvalleyview.smugmug.com/)

[Jobs at the View \(/content/jobs-view\)](/content/jobs-view)

[School Links \(/content/school-board-meetings-west-valley\)](/content/school-board-meetings-west-valley)

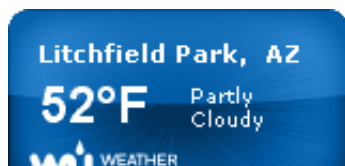
[About Us \(/content/your-community-newspaper\)](/content/your-community-newspaper)

[Start/Stop/Missed \(/content/delivery-startstop\)](/content/delivery-startstop)

[Helpful Links \(/content/helpful-links\)](/content/helpful-links)

[Dining \(/content/west-valley-restaurant-listing\)](/content/west-valley-restaurant-listing) [My Account \(/user\)](/user)

[Login \(/user/login\)](/user/login)



[HOME \(/\)](#)

[THIS ISSUE'S CLASSIFIEDS \(/ARTICLES/2014/11/25/CLASSIFIEDS-DECEMBER-16-2014\)](/ARTICLES/2014/11/25/CLASSIFIEDS-DECEMBER-16-2014)

[EXTRAS \(HTTP://WWW.WESTVALLEYVIEW.COM\)](http://www.westvalleyview.com)

[NEWS \(/ARTICLES/NEWS\)](/ARTICLES/NEWS)

[EDITORIALS \(/ARTICLES/SPORTS-0\)](/ARTICLES/SPORTS-0)

[SPORTS \(/ARTICLES/SPORTS\)](/ARTICLES/SPORTS)

[9 DAYS CALENDAR \(/ARTICLES/2014/12/11/9-DAYS-CALENDAR-WEEK-DECEMBER-12-2014\)](/ARTICLES/2014/12/11/9-DAYS-CALENDAR-WEEK-DECEMBER-12-2014)

[Home \(/\)](#) > [News \(/articles/news\)](/articles/news) > W.V. Honors veterans >



<http://westvalleyview.com/simpleads/redirect/47696>

W.V. Honors veterans

Submitted by Charity Yodis on Fri, 11/07/2014 - 12:00am



CRAIG AMOS of Goodyear stands outside the Veterans Center at Estrella Mountain Community College Nov. 5. Amos works at the Veterans Center and is part of the school's Veterans Club. View photo by Charity Yodis

Local groups, college to host celebrations

Goodyear resident Craig Amos arrived at Navy boot camp Sept. 6, 2001, just days before the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001.

Because of	Avondale Veterans Day Celebration/ Estrella Mountain
the terrorist	Community College Veterans Fitness Fun Run
attacks, Amos'	TIME: 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 11.
boot camp was	LOCATION: Avondale Civic Center Amphitheater, 11465
cut short of its	W. Civic Center Drive, Avondale.
usual eight	COST: Fitness Fun Run preregistration cost is \$25 or \$35
weeks to four	on registration day. Picnic lunch is \$5, free for veterans and
weeks. By	their families with military identification.
December that	Veterans Day Celebration in Tolleson
year, he was	TIME: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 11.
already on the	LOCATION: Veterans Park, 8601 W. Van Buren St.,
Gulf working	Tolleson.
on the flight	COST: Free lunch and entertainment.
deck.	Veterans Day Celebration in Buckeye
	TIME: 9 a.m. Nov. 11.
	LOCATION: Benbow Veterans Memorial Park, 413 E.
	Monroe Ave., Buckeye. COST: Free.

His main jobs included helping injured pilots out of airplanes, putting out fires and repairing F-14 aircraft.

“One of the most rewarding things was being able to do something or learn something different every single day,” Amos said.

During his 12 years of service, he was a part of Operation Iraqi Freedom, was stationed in San Diego, Washington state, Japan and had six months of training with a number of different countries through a “world cruise,” he said.

Amos served as a recruiter in Houston and then in Arizona before he decided to go back to school to complete his higher education.

“You might as well live doing something you enjoy doing, and talking to people is something I enjoy doing,” he said about choosing psychology as his major.

Amos is currently taking classes at Glendale Community College, but is enrolled to take classes at Estrella Mountain Community College in Avondale in the spring. He also works as a student worker for EMCC’s

Veterans Center and is the Veterans Club student government representative.

This year, the Veterans Club is launching its first Veterans Fitness Fun Run to raise money for a new scholarship at the college, the Ernest A. Lara Veterans Scholarship fund.

Amos said the fitness event is a “good” way to build “camaraderie.”

“I think that’s probably the most exciting part, really, is that it’s not only are we getting an opportunity to build that camaraderie within our community from the veterans to civilian standpoint, it’s for a good cause,” he said.

The fun run will take place as part of the festivities at the annual Avondale Veterans Day Celebration. Registration will start at 7:30 a.m. and the race will start at 8:30 a.m. Nov. 11 at the Avondale Civic Center Amphitheater, 11465 W. Civic Center Drive.

Maryhelen Rosales, Air Force veteran, EMCC employee and Veterans Club adviser, said the fun run will be set up like a mini boot camp with exercise stations set up and a mock grenade throw at the end.

Preregistration cost for the run is \$25 and registration day cost is \$35. Those who wish to participate can register online at www.avondale.org/recreation (<http://www.avondale.org/recreation>).

Aside from the run, there will be a \$5 barbecue lunch, free for veterans and their families with military identification, and live music.

Tolleson and Buckeye also have celebrations planned to honor veterans.

Tolleson has lunch and entertainment from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 11 at its Veterans Park, 8601 W. Van Buren St., Tolleson.

Buckeye will have a ceremony at 9 a.m. Nov. 11 at Benbow Veterans Memorial Park, 413 W. Monroe Ave., Buckeye.

Some local businesses have special offers for veterans and a new American Legion Goodyear Post 143 will be handing out flags or pins and ‘thank you’ cards in front of Sam’s Club in Avondale.

Below is a list of celebrations in the area with times, addresses and additional information.