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### community impact

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# 100+ Women

## WHO CARE SUPPORTS VETERANS

In 2018, there were over 18.2 million United States veterans. More than half a million men and women who have served and sacrificed for our country live in Arizona. That's about 1 in 10 adults.

In August, members of 100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun learned of an organization that serves local veterans. The Arizona Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America (AZPVA) champions and honors U.S. veterans. This nonprofit takes action to improve the lives of U.S. military veterans who have experienced spinal cord injury or spinal cord disease/dysfunction and disability.

The AZPVA does this through advocacy for proper health care, improving public accessibility, communication, education, and the promotion of activities and sports. They want to ensure each veteran receives the full benefits earned through service to our nation.



A critical service they provide is a medical supply loan closet. The closet is one of the largest in the state. It provides durable medical equipment, such as wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, canes, toilet risers, tub transfer bench, commodes and more.

After serving veterans, the closet provides equipment to the community, free of charge. Individuals who cannot afford it, or their insurance does not cover the cost of the equipment, are encouraged to reach out to AZPVA. The loan closet address is 5015 North Seventh Ave. in Phoenix.

The AZPVA closet also accepts medical equipment that is new or gently used. Equipment must be in good working condition. AZPVA may make an exception to these guidelines if the equipment is in high demand, of high value, or unusual to access.

Members of the Ahwatukee group of 100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun donated \$10,400 to AZPVA. These funds will help maintain and repair the equipment in the loan closet. Dawn Quinn, donation and outreach coordinator of AZPVA, expressed her gratitude, "We are so excited to receive the donations from 100+ Women Who Care and cannot wait to continue our work assisting veterans and other members of the disabled community."

To learn more about AZPVA and their veterans' services, visit [www.AZpva.org](http://www.AZpva.org). 100+ Women Who Care Valley of the Sun meets quarterly and welcomes guests who have a heart for giving. Register for their November 5 giving circle in Ahwatukee or learn more at [www.100wwcValleyOfTheSun.org](http://www.100wwcValleyOfTheSun.org).

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