Veterans discuss upcoming events

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The latest meeting of Veterans Helping Veterans A Team was on Mar. 18 at the Fire Station on North Second. The focus of this meeting was the more immediate upcoming event requiring the attention of all area veterans.

The first one, of course is Memorial Day, which is celebrated twice in Gallup; once by the motorcycle riders with the Run For the Wall scheduled to arrive here on May 19, and then by the ceremonies, parade and speeches on May 30.

Run For the Wall is an annual event and Gallup has been a stopping place for the group (there are three) leaving California on May 18. The riders should be getting off Exit 16 around 3:30 pm and will roar through town to Red rock State Park where they will spend the night. A dinner will be provided by the City of Gallup from 5-6pm for all in attendance. The group will then congregate at the Red Rock 10 Theater at 8am on May 20 for their farewell exit

The local festivities on May 30 will feature an early ceremony at Hillcrest Cemetery, followed by a parade from there to the County Courthouse. Hershey Miyamura, Gallup's Medal of Honor recipient, will be the Grand Marshall of the parade and hopes to entice a group of Korean War Vets from Albuquerque to stand with him.

Initial plans for a Job Fair sponsored by Veterans Helping Veterans is also in the planning stages. More info in next issue on that event on June 15.

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