

# The Prescott Regulators Still Ride

*Re-Enactors Still Support the Community, Even in Tough Times*



The year 2020 started out like any other year for the Prescott Regulators & Their Shady Ladies: The Parada Del Sol parade in Scottsdale with three performances; The Bluegrass Festival on the Plaza, and three one-day shootouts during festivals. Then things started to change.

An award-winning group of Old West Re-enactors, The Prescott Regulators & Their Shady Ladies were established in 2004, and are best known for staging Prescott's annual "Shootout on Whiskey Row." But their role has transcended stereotype. The men, in their boots and 1880s hats, and the ladies in their historically accurate costuming and petticoats, have become goodwill ambassadors for a town with a Wild West pedigree. Visitors love the costuming, and the Regulators are constantly being asked to be included in their pictures – in a normal year.

But this was not a normal year. The pandemic cleared the Regulators' event calendar – their primary fundraising arm – and endangered a cause that they hold dear.

In 2016, The Regulators and the Yavapai College Foundation established the Veterans and Military Family Scholarship Fund, providing yearly scholarships toward the education of a

veteran or family member at YC. They are a very pro-military group because many of their members have either served, or had a family member serve, in some branch of the military. Their scholarship is unique because it includes veteran family members as well. They feel that the spouses and children of soldiers, who don't have a loved one around because they are off serving on a base somewhere, sacrifice too and deserve scholastic aid as well.

But in 2020, with a drastically abbreviated schedule, the Regulators had every excuse to suspend their scholarship fund raising efforts. Instead, they raised money wherever they could. They collected donations at the shootouts where they performed, raffled off period guns that were either purchased or donated, and sold off inventories of Regulator T-shirts. They performed volunteer work, then accepted donations from the beneficiaries, and put that towards the scholarship, too. At their monthly meetings they held drawings for items donated by members to help.

Bottom line: in a year when just making contact with people was a challenge, the Prescott Regulators & Their Shady Ladies raised enough money to fund their scholarship. This month, Regulator President Monty Packard, along with the rest of the board members, will present the Yavapai College Foundation with a \$3,000 check for a third consecutive year.

Members are pleased but not surprised that they could pull it off.