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Letter of Reference: Mr. Jack Dean

For the past five years the employees of the Phoenix VA Health Care System have had the great honor and privilege to work with “Camelback” Jack Dean, who has provided an incredible service for veterans in Arizona in a vast array of different aspects. His dedication and professionalism could not be more appreciated from our VA and Veterans Service Organizations.

His work with the Phoenix VA Veterans Day Parade also must be dually noted, as without his efforts, several dimensions of the parade would not have been possible. His constant mentions and reminders of the Phoenix VA Veterans Day Parade on his daily radio show helped contribute to creating one of the largest attended Veterans Day Parades in the nation, with an estimated 200,000 or more spectators. Mr. Dean also served as the primary parade announcer on a 2.5-mile parade route. His efforts in this degree were beyond what could have been asked, keeping the crowds enthralled by the incredible show parading before them.

His radio show on Veterans Day, live from the Carl T. Hayden VA Medical Center, brought about people of all walks of life and of all ages to pay their respect to America’s servicemen and women. From a veteran’s biker group, to active servicemen to a Congressman and more, Mr. Dean put together a program that affected so many. Few have the graciousness or the true gifted ability to be able to provide such charity to Americans as he has, and did that Veterans Day.

It’s not everyday that one has the opportunity to work with someone who is not only so professional but such an incredible pleasure to work with. His kindness and generosity have affected the lives of countless numbers of veterans everywhere and will not be forgotten by those at the Phoenix VA Health Care System and numerous others all around the greater Phoenix area.

I can only hope to be able to work once again with Mr. Dean, as it was an absolute pleasure and sheer honor to work with him in the times we did.

Should you have any further questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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