

Off-road group honors 'silver' members



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From left, local Havasu 4 Wheelers 'Silver Ones' members: 81-year-old Early West, 80-year-old Andy Lucas, 87-year-old BJ Buckhout and club president Jim Bowen.

West is a U.S. Army Korean War combat veteran who started at McCulloch Corp in 1955 and tested boat engines on Lake Havasu in 1964. In 1971, he moved to Lake Havasu City where he lived until his retirement in 1995. Lucas retired in Havasu after working 30 years as a physician in Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. Buckhout is a retired U.S. Air Force Colonel and fighter pilot who served in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. The three were awarded the club-unique status during a recent ceremonial club breakfast. "This is a new award for our club," said club president Jim Bowen in a prepared statement. "We decided their continuing club participation was significant and definitely worthy of recognition. These guys are a true inspiration, not only to me but to the rest of the club. They continue to run the trails, explore desert back roads, and lead others on runs."