

NEWSLETTER



Our Vision... to provide U.S. military service Veterans and their families with caring support during times of medical need.

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VETERANS GUEST HOUSE

Remembering Our Veterans!

Memorial Day is the day our country has set aside to honor the men and women who gave their lives in the service of our country. Most of us will be enjoying a three day weekend with BBQs and family fun. But it is important that we not forget. In 2000, Congress designated a National Moment of Remembrance to help with that. It asks that at 3 p.m. local time, all Americans "voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence." Whether you attend a local ceremony or not, see you at 3!

A Message From Our Chief Operating Officer...

2008 was certainly a busy year and 2009 is proving to be more of the same. The Guest House hosted 3,600 guest nights which is an 80% annual occupancy and unfortunately even turned away individuals when the House was full. This year we have been able to rectify that issue. When there is no room here, we are able to turn to the Gold Dust West Hotel Casino, the Windsor Inn in Sparks and the Sands Hotel Casino. To date these facilities have provided over 150 nights of lodging at no cost to our veterans and families. The management and owners of these facilities are truly wonderful corporate and community citizens.

Our fundraising efforts kicked off with our 2009 Radiothon on March 7th. We owe a debt of gratitude to KKOH Talk Radio for all that they do for us, especially on that day. Suspending their regular programming and having their radio personalities and technical staff available for the entire day is outstanding. The Atlantis Casino is a sponsor of that day as well and we could not produce the event without their facility and generosity. The support received from all of our donors was outstanding particularly in view of the current economic conditions. Though the results were less than prior year, the number of individuals supporting us what exceptional. The economy is testing all of us and we appreciate all that you have done to support the Veterans Guest House and hope we can count on that support as the year goes by. Just like everyone else we are trying to find ways to do things differently and with less expense. We are being tested to find new ways to raise funds.

The most important information that I can share with you is that our veterans and their families are being taken care of. Whether it is someone traveling in from a distance for an appointment, family members supporting a loved one in the hospital, a veteran undergoing radiation treatments or someone with back to back appointments, they have a clean, safe and supportive environment in which to rest their weary heads. That is what the Veterans Guest House is all about and I can report that the veterans and families are in good hands thanks to all of you.

With warmest regards, Noreen E. Leary, Chief Operating Officer



2009 Radiothon



Ross Mitchell, Monica Jaye, John Sanchez and Bill Manders were some of the radio personalities at Radiothon. Many thanks to the Atlantis, the Vietnam Veterans and the Military Vehicles Groups for their help as well!

America West's "Do Crew" and the UNR ROTC Cadets answered phones and did an AWESOME job.



Spring Cleaning Help!



Reno High School JROTC spent Saturday morning painting and cleaning up the outside of the House.

Members of the Excel Christian School SWAT Team spent a good part of a day vacuuming, moving furniture, planting flowers and other spring cleaning chores. SWAT stands for Servant Warriors Around Town!



More News



880 Club.

Thanks to our wonderful donors, the outstanding principal on the mortgage is now less than \$140,000. This is quite an accomplishment since we started at \$725,000 just four years ago. Special thanks to the Mathewson Trusts and to the EWB Fund at the Community Foundation of Western Nevada. The 880 Club plaque is hanging proudly in the front entry. If you would like to become a member, a donation of \$880 or more can be sent and designation to the mortgage principal.



FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

- Q1. May I make a pledge that I pay off over time?
A1. Of course you may. A number of donors send monthly gifts. In many cases those donations are automatically sent from their bank.
- Q2. How do I go about naming the Veterans Guest House as the recipient of a memorial?
A2. The Veterans Guest House should be specified in the obituary as the requested beneficiary of the memorials. The address and phone number should also be included. We will advise the family of the donations.
- Q3. How can I include the Veterans Guest House in my estate planning?
A3. If you are interested in doing this, please contact us and we will work with you.

Join the Veterans Guest House for "Military Appreciation Night "
at the Reno Aces Baseball Game
Friday, June 12th

Buy your tickets from the Veterans Guest House and a
portion of the ticket price will be donated to the Guest House.

Call 324-6958, M-F 8:30-5:00 to place credit card order
 or Mail check with payment and the number of tickets wanted to VGH by **June 8th.**



Tickets available:
 General Admission \$7.00
 (Berm and Standing Rail)
 Outfield Reserved: \$12.00
 (outfield area just past 1st & 3rd bases)

For more information on the seating go to www.renoaces.com
 Tickets in will-call the night of the game.

Just In! Watch the Game from a Private Box
Waddell & Reed Financial Advisors has provided 16 tickets in their
Private Box on the 1st base line at the Stadium for Military Apprecia-
tion Night on June 12th. These tickets can be purchased for \$50 each
and those funds will be donated to the Veterans Guest House! Call or
mail your check by June 8th.



Adopt-A-Day

at the

VETERANS GUEST HOUSE

Help us provide a

"Home Away From Home"

for Veterans and their loved ones during times of medical need.

A \$100 donation will help offset the operating costs of the Veterans Guest House and help us serve veterans and their families. Guests are asked to make a donation to the house during their stay but will never be turned away if a donation is beyond their means. You can Adopt-A-Day in your name or in honor or in memory of someone special to you. What a wonderful way to say thank you to those who have protected our freedom.

 Yes, I want to Adopt **day(s) for \$100/day = \$**

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(Use Reverse for additional days.)

Name: Phone: Email:
(Print Please)

Mailing Address: City: State: Zip:

Method of payment: Check Cash or Credit Card () Discover/NOVUS () Master Card () Visa () American Express

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Upcoming Events...

· **Motorcycle Riders can ride in the 5th Annual "This Many Never Happen Again" Poker Run on Saturday, June 13th.** \$20 entry fee, \$30 for rider and passenger. Start in Reno, Carson City, Fernley or Fallon and end in Fernley at the Silverado Casino. For more information go to our webpage or call Ted Denning at 775-677-7186.

· **Volunteers will be needed during Hot August Nights and the Rib Cook Off.** John Ascuaga's Nugget is hiring the Veterans Guest House to staff drink booths at both of these events this year. If you are interested in working a 4 hour shift, let us know. You must be 21 years of age. The dates for Hot August Nights will be August 1-8 and the Rib Cook Off will be September 2-7. Email info@veteransguesthouse.org and you will be sent specific information when we have it. The volunteer's wages and tips are donated to the House.

Ways you can help...

· **Scolari's** is revamping their Friendship Program and has suspended it until the fall period. Stay tuned as to how you can help under the new program.

· Many federal employees contribute to the Guest House through the **Combined Federal Campaign**. If you are able to contribute through the CFC look for the Veterans Guest House on the list. **Our CFC number is 64606.**

· **Wish List Items.** Just like your house there are certain things that are used all of the time at the Guest House. The kinds of things "we need" are toilet paper, kleenex-square boxes, liquid washing detergent (HE), bleach, liquid fabric softener, breakfast goodies and snacks. We recommend you contact us (775-324-6958 or info@veteransguesthouse.org) for our current needs before you go shopping.

Your Help Requested!

In an effort to reduce printing/ mailing costs, we hope to develop an E-newsletter this year. The information will be the same as what you see here. If you would like to receive our newsletter via e-mail, please send your full name and e-mail address to info@veteransguesthouse.org or call (775) 324-6958. All information will be kept private and only for use by the Veterans Guest House. Information from our donors is always kept confidential and is never shared.

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