



# 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

## A MESSAGE FROM GUEST HOUSE BOARD PRESIDENT...

2010 was an amazing year for the Veterans Guest House. Most importantly we continued to serve veterans and their families who are receiving medical treatment in the Reno/Sparks area. As veterans and their families age and new veterans return home from active duty we are seeing the demand for our services to continue to increase. We are fortunate that our current house is able to accommodate so many guests, but even with 12 beds, we find ourselves relying heavily on our hotel partners, the Sands Regency and the Gold Dust West, in order to provide a room to our guests.

On behalf of the Board and Staff of the Veterans Guest House, we want to thank everyone who donated to the Guest House, enabling us to continue to serve our veterans and their families.

None of this would be possible without the hard work and dedication of our Board. I am so proud to serve as Board President and our Board members make my work easy. I would like to take the opportunity to welcome our new Board member who have made the commitment to serve on the Veterans Guest House Board. Our newest Board members are Michael Blakely, Sarah Poehland, Erich Schmitt and Terry Tholl. Each new Board member brings a unique perspective to our organization and a passion for the House. They join Paul C. Deyhle, Robert Larson, Richard Shuster and Corry Starr. It is an honor to serve with these individuals as we continue to achieve our goals.

Our new Board members joined us just in time for our 8th Annual Radiothon on Saturday, March 5th held at the Atlantis Casino Resort Spa. We are so fortunate to have the support of the Atlantis and KOH New Talk 780 who broadcasted live all day helping the Guest House earn nearly \$35,000 in donations. Our Radiothon is one of two large fundraisers that we do throughout the year in order to raise fund for our operating expenses, which are expected to be over \$300,000 in 2011. Since we do not receive any federal funding or assistance for our operating costs we rely on the generosity of our donors and the community at large. Thanks for helping make our Radiothon a success and we look forward to next year's event.

We are looking forward to 2011 and expanding the number of guests we serve and we will continue to update you on the new house and other activities at the Veterans Guest House. Again, none of this would be possible without the generous support from our community and donors like you. Thank you for supporting the Veterans Guest House.

*D. (Dan) Rodger Waters, Board President*



*Join us on Tuesday, April 5th at PJ & Company Restaurant & Saloon, 1590 So. Wells for dinner. 20% of your check will be donated to the VGH. See page 3 for all of the details.*

# Some of our Special Friends



Sparks Cub Scout Pack #14 collected a truck load of wish list items for the Guest House and delivered them early this year to ensure that our guests will have what they need. Items included food, laundry detergent, coffee and so much more!



Union Pacific Employees Club headquartered in Sparks provided items from the Wish List and a monetary donation. These employees have been supporting us for a number of years. The Union Pacific Foundation has also advised us of a \$5,000 grant award.



**Do you have a special occasion to celebrate and a baseball game would be the right venue? Or do you just want to watch a baseball game from behind home plate? Maybe you have clients or supporters that you want to provide with a special evening.**

**The Reno Aces** (Arizona Diamondbacks' Minor League Baseball Team) are back for their third season and you have a unique opportunity to use Luxury Box #7, located behind home plate. The luxury suite is a perfect way to entertain clients, reward employees, or enjoy a game with family and friends on a special occasion... and do it in style. You get 20 game tickets and a VIP parking pass. All conditions of the stadium must be met with regard to food and drink. Food is not included. Tickets are \$40 each. Please contact us at 775-324-6958 if you would like to schedule the use of this box. Dates are limited. This box is available thanks to the generosity of Steve and Linda Braun of the Windsor Inn, Sparks.

## More News



### Volunteers

More and more people want to help us by giving of their time. We appreciate all of those that have helped us during the year. There are those who help with bed making, laundry and other tasks such as cleaning cupboards that need to be done to keep the House in order. The over 200 volunteers that help us raise over \$10,000 by staffing the drink booths at Hot August Nights, the Rib Cook Off and the Air Races. The time given by these individuals is so very important to us. Thank You All!



### 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.



# Adopt-A-Day

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## 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 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ in honor/memory of \_\_\_\_\_ (# of days) Date: \_\_\_\_\_ in honor/memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
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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

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to Veterans Guest House, 880 Locust Street, Reno, NV 89502-0948**

**For more information call 775-324-6958 or visit [www.veteransguesthouse.org](http://www.veteransguesthouse.org).**

**Veterans Guest House, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, tax-exempt #94-3160109**

Bring this coupon with you and hand to your server in order for the VGH to receive the 20% donation from the proceeds of your order.

## PJ & Company Restaurant & Saloon

Proudly Supports

### The Veterans Guest House

Join us on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, 5pm-9pm

Enjoy an outstanding dinner and dessert and 20% of all proceeds raised during this time will be donated to the Veterans Guest House.

Be sure to tell your family and friends and post (and repost) on your Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, email and other social networking sites; the more people that **come with this coupon**, the more money the Veterans Guest House will make!

We hope to see you at PJ & Company, 1590 So. Wells, Avenue, Reno, NV 89502  
775-323-6266

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## VETERANS GUEST HOUSE

### 2010 OFFICERS:

**D. Rodger Waters**  
*President*

**Richard Shuster**  
*Vice President*

**Paul C. Deyhle**  
*Secretary*

**Corry Starr**  
*Treasurer*

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

**Michael Blakely**

**Paul C. Deyhle**

**Chuck Fulkerson\***

**Robert Larson**

**Sarah Poehland**

**Erich Schmitt**

**Richard Shuster**

**Terry Tholl**

**D Rodger Waters**

### DIRECTOR EMERITUS:

**Elaine McNeill\***

*\*Past President*

**COO:** Noreen E. Leary

**House Mgr.:** Kathi McGathey

**Resident Mgr.:** Eric Ruiz

## Upcoming Events ...

- 4/2/11 **Book Sale**, Leadership Reno Sparks Youth Leadership Group will hold a Book Sale at the Veterans Guest House from **9am to 1 pm**.
- 6/17/11 **Golf Tournament**, sponsored by Bickford Angier & Associates of Ameriprise Financial. **1:45pm shotgun start**. Great way to end the week and support the VGH. \$100/person, includes a BBQ dinner.
- 6/25/11 **Motorcycle Poker Run**, Veterans supporting Veterans is the theme of this Poker Run. Start at one of five (5) locations and visit up to eight (8) locations to pick up your poker hand. Don't have a motorcycle? No problem. Saddle up your vehicle and join the fun. Celebrate at Silverado Casino in Fernley that afternoon. \$20/rider + \$5/passenger.
- 8/5/11 **Military Appreciation Night at the Reno Aces**, the Veterans Guest House will have a number of different tickets available for your purchase. Stay tuned for more information.

See [www.veteransguesthouse.org](http://www.veteransguesthouse.org) for registration and more information.

## Ways you can help...

• 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**. The kinds of things "we need" are toilet paper, kleenex-square boxes, liquid washing detergent (HE), bleach, liquid fabric softener, coffee, breakfast goodies and snacks. We recommend you contact us (775-324-6958 or [info@veteransguesthouse.org](mailto:info@veteransguesthouse.org)) 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](mailto: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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