



NEWSLETTER

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VETERANS GUEST HOUSE

THE VETERANS GUEST HOUSE WISHES YOU AND YOURS...

A Happy Holiday Season and a Wonderful New Year! May 2011 bring you prosperity but most of all may it bring you happiness and health!

The Veterans Guest House board of directors, staff and the veterans and family members that we serve have so much to be thankful for in 2010. As the song goes, it has been a "very good year." The \$725,000 mortgage with which the current House was built in 2004, was paid off. This was a fete of unbelievable proportion. Those who joined the 880 Club, those who donated to the mortgage reduction in all amounts and, in particular, the EWB Fund at the Community Foundation of Western Nevada and the Charles N. Mathewson Charitable Trusts are all owed a huge debt of gratitude.

During the Fall of 2010, the property immediately adjacent to 880 Locust Street, to the east, was purchased with the help of a HUD Community Block Grant provided to us by the City of Reno. The facility will be remodeled after the first of the year so that the needs of our veterans and families can continue to be met. During 2009 and continuing in 2010, the House experienced continued growth in numbers of guests. The annual occupancy is exceeding 90%. Thanks to the generosity of the Gold Dust West Casino and the Sands Regency Hotel Casino over 600 guests were housed rather than turned away on our busiest of nights. The new facility will allow us to house these guests nearer to the Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC). Our longer term plan for the new house is to tear it down and build a facility commensurate with our existing home. We expect that to happen in the next two to five years. The VAMC, from where most of our guests come, expects to double the number of outpatient visits over the next 8-10 years. The need for this unique "home away from home" will continue to grow as well. Stay tuned for more information on this addition.

None of the above great news or the day to day operations of the Veterans Guest House would be possible without the help that is received from all of our supporters. That help come in all sizes and all flavors. The green money is very nice, but the items from our wish list, the dinners provided to our guests and the time given by our volunteers are all wonderful actions that make the world of our veterans and their families so much easier.

Thank You!!!

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

Our 2010 Annual Campaign. "Salute and Support" was kicked off on September 11th, Patriot's Day and will come to a close on December 11th. Take a moment and acknowledge the freedoms that you have because of those individuals who have put themselves in harms way. Please consider making a donation in support of the Guest House.



2010 Helpers



Sparks Centennial Sunrise Rotary Club installed a wonderful Pergola and picnic table in memory of Judy Tanner, wife of VGH Past President Rand Tanner. Judy will always be remembered at the House for her support. AWESOME job Sparks Sunrise-the Guests love it!



Many thanks to the Reno Military Vehicle Preservation Group who are always there for the Veteran Guest House. You can see their vehicles at the Radiothon, in the Reno Veterans Day Parade, VGH Open House and other special events. Thank you all for your continued support.



Reno Sparks Chamber Youth Leadership Group provided dinner to Veterans Guest House guests and spent the evening visiting with our veterans and learning about their lives.

Reno High School JROTC Huskie Battalion has adopted the Guest House. This great group of youth spent an afternoon doing indoor and outdoor spring cleaning!



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.

\$10,000 Raffle

\$7,500 Grand Prize and Five \$500 Prizes

Salute and Support Our Veterans

Buy a \$100 Raffle Ticket

Only 500 Tickets will be sold!

All Proceeds go to the Veterans Guest House

**Winning Tickets will be drawn at the Army vs. Navy Game Party
Saturday, December 11th (See details below)**

(NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN)



Tickets can be purchased at

*The Flag Store, 155 Glendale Ave., 775-355-0506

*PJ&Co. Restaurant, 1590 South Wells Ave., 775-323-6366

*Digiprint, 4865 Longley Lane, Unit C, 775-786-4464

or Contact

*Veterans Guest House, 880 Locust Street,

775-324-6958, www.veteransguesthouse.org

COME PARTY WITH THE TROOPS!

111th Army vs Navy Football Game Party

When: December 11, 2010

Time: 11:00 am, Kick-off at 11:30 am

Where: Bugsy's at the Freight House District

(Reno Aces Ballpark)

Cost: \$25 for Lunch & Well-Drink

(Char Dogs, Niman Ranch Hamburgers,
Baked Beans, Kettle Chips, Caesar Salad
and Assorted Cookies)



RSVP: By December 9th by calling 775-324-6958

or email info@veteransguesthouse.org



**Winning Tickets for the \$10,000 Raffle
will be pulled at Halftime**





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Special Gift...

It is that time of year when gifts are given to all of the special people in our life Do you have that person on your list who is difficult to buy for? Consider adopting a day at the Veterans Guest House. For \$100 you (and other family or friends) can Adopt-A- Day in that special person's name. You select the date. A certificate will be provided for you to share with the individual. The certificate will also hang in the House on the special day. Adopt-A-Day by calling us at 775-324-6958 or go to our website donation form. (www.veteransguesthouse.org)

Upcoming Events ...

- 12/11/10** **Army vs Navy Game Party**, 11:30am kick-off, Buggy's at the FreightHouse District, \$25/person, RSVP by calling 775-324-6958.
- 03/05/11** **8th Annual Radiothon**, 10-4pm, Sponsors: KKOH 780 Talk Radio and Atlantis Casino
- June, 2011** **6th Annual TMNHA Motorcycle Poker Run**, stay tuned for more information on dates and locations.

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, breakfast goodies and snacks. We recommend you contact us (775-324-6958 or 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 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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