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Veterans Guest House Receives "Veteran Supporter of the Month" Award and Recognition

(Carson City, NV) – Governor Brian Sandoval and the Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) are pleased to announce Reno's Veterans Guest House is this month's "Veteran Supporter of the Month." The award and recognition were given to the non-profit at a ceremony at the Governor's mansion on April 18, 2017.

The Guest House is considered "Home Away from Home" for U.S. military veterans and their families. The only facility of its kind in the country provides temporary, overnight lodging for veterans and their family members while they are undergoing medical treatment in the Reno-Sparks area.

NDVS Director Kat Miller said, "The Veterans Guest House fulfills an important need in the military and veteran community." She added, "We are blessed to have this type of support and commitment in northern Nevada and our community."

"We know many of our guests would not receive the care they need, if it were not for the Guest House," explained Noreen Leary, Chief Executive Officer of the Veterans Guest House. "We are here to serve our veterans and give them a welcoming place to stay for as long as they need."

The Veterans Guest House was established in the early 1990's after some veterans noticed people sleeping in their cars in the VA' medical center parking lot. One woman was seen getting out of a car one cold morning and when asked, she informed these men that her husband was in ICU and she and her children had no means to sleep anywhere other than their car. The home was then established by founders who adopted the mantra, "Never again on our watch!"

Last year, the Veterans Guest House served close to 5,400 visitors. In the past 22 years, the Guest House provided more than 70,000 nights of lodging. The Guest House is supported completely through the generosity of the private sector and the community. All funds received stay locally and go directly to support the operations of the Guest House. The Veterans Guest House, Inc. is a Nevada Non-Profit 501(c)(3) and is not affiliated with the Veterans Hospital or the Veterans Administration.

The "**Veteran of the Month**" and "**Veteran Supporter of the Month**" awards are provided through the Nevada Department of Veterans Services. The awards are part of the Governor's commitment to make Nevada the "friendliest State in the nation" to its military community and veterans.

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