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Veterans Guest House Reaches Historic Milestone

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The Veterans Guest House in Reno, reached a milestone this Memorial Day weekend. They've now provided more than 40,000 nights of lodging to veterans who are receiving medical care in northern Nevada.

Noreen Leary of the Guest House said more veterans are seeking lodging while they're getting treatment. "We keep getting more and more new people using the facility, as well as those who have come before. We're doing the right thing I think for our vets," she said.

The larger guest house facility had to close temporarily due to a plumbing problem in March.

Repairs are underway, but some veterans and family members had to sleep elsewhere. The Sands Regency Hotel Casino in downtown Reno, stepped up to offer rooms.

Sands General Manager Rob Medeiros was happy to help. "Veterans have done so much for our country, it's a great cause to get behind and the Sands likes to give back whenever we can," he said.

The Sands has provided more than 250 room nights for veterans since March. The casino usually provides about 400 overflow rooms a year to the guest house. The main guest facility is expected to re-open in about two weeks.

To learn more about the Veterans Guest House go to <http://www.veteransguesthouse.org/>

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