

# Restaurant celebrates 30 years by donating to Veterans Guest House

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**RENO, Nev. (KOLO)** - If you've lived in Reno for any amount of time, chances are you've been to PJ's. And chances are just as good it was not your last visit.



"We have, at least that I count, six families that are in their fourth generation. Four generation families that I have seen. The kids when they were young, we were all young then. But they've had a kid and the kids had a kid. It's pretty amazing. We are really part of the community," says Steve Erickson, PJ's owner.

Erickson started the **business** 30 years ago, and says while he wanted to be successful, it was probably measured in terms of receipts.

Three decades later, while the bottom line is always important, he says being part of the community has been an added and satisfying byproduct. He often gives gift certificates for fundraisers. His favorite charity is the Veterans Guest House, where vets and their families can stay free of charge while the veteran is undergoing treatment.

"Great cause, you know. People were sleeping in their cars around the VA because they didn't have anywhere to go and they didn't have the money to get a room, or whatever, and they saw the need and they created that," says Erickson.

Monday, March 20, 2017 is a chance to do even more. Erickson will donate 30% of gross sales to the Veterans Guest House.

This isn't the first time he's done this; he did it on the 25th anniversary with great success.

“The first thing I think about, isn't it great there's a small business that's been around for 30 years that provides great food and great service. The second thing I think about, they've really been good to us,” says Noreen Leary with the guest house.

If the fundraiser is as successful as they anticipate, expect Saturday or Sunday morning crowds on Monday, all day.

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