



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

THE VETERANS GUEST HOUSE CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY

On December 14, 1994 the "Spouse House" opened with the vision and passion of a handful of wonderful men and women. Over the last 20 years that vision has been kept alive and is thriving. Nothing has been static. Changes are natural. In addition to the name, the largest change came in 2004 when the original 1300 square foot 1930s brick house was replaced with a 4700 square foot, 12 bed, modern home. Then in 2012 an additional building was opened bringing the total number of beds available to 17. Today we are exploring the possibility of a further expansion. No matter what the changes were or are, the original vision and passion continues. It is because of those dedicated individuals and those that came after them that nearly 50,000 guest nights of lodging have been provided to veterans and their families when they received medical treatment in the Reno/Sparks area. Our Veterans and their families have not been forgotten at 880 Locust Street. Thanks to the founders and to the many who have contributed over the years, the Veterans Guest House continues to Salute and Support our Veterans on Veterans Day 2014!

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ALL OF YOU
FOR SUPPORTING US FOR 20 YEARS!**

One of Original Founders Passes

On October 25, 2014, The Veterans Guest House lost another of the original founders of the Veterans Guest House. Charles "Chuck" Fulkerson, Retired U.S. Army Colonel, passed unexpectedly. Chuck was not only a great supporter of the Guest House but of Veterans in all aspects of their life. Chuck was a Ranger, served two terms in Vietnam, served as the Nevada Office of Veterans Services executive and advocated for veterans health care needs. Chuck was recognized by the University of Nevada as a Distinguished Nevadan and was installed in the UNR ROTC Hall of Fame. Chuck's smile and enthusiasm will be missed.



It's Important to Remember..

At this and every Anniversary it is important to acknowledge some the original individuals for their courage and action in the early years of the Guest House. Here is a list of some of those individuals: Richard "Dick" Rhyno, Chuck Fulkerson, Thomas Purkey, Minor Kelso, Robert Crowell, Esq., Wally Willson, Lois Crocker, David Parsons, Joseph Rooney, Charles Grundy, Jes Barbera, Don Anderson, Lew Carnahan, Ben Duncan, Jeani Hunt, Jim Martin, Manuel Muniz, Rick Sorenson, Ensio Tosolini, Joe Scamihorn, William Wood, Len Crocker, Kit McGrath, Richard Shuster, Elaine McNeill, Rand Tanner, Chester Henry, and Ted Buchwald. The Guest House is indebted to these individuals and many more for their hard work and support of the vision of supporting our veterans at the Guest House.

2014 has been very busy...



National Charity League is among the groups and individuals that bring dinners for the guests.

Sierra Nevada Chapter #2 Blue Star Mothers answered phone at our 11th Annual Radiothon on News Talk KOH Radio in March!



These wonderful women veterans and service members were the models in our 2nd Annual Fashion Show.



The Northern Nevada Veterans Coalition sponsored a Motorcycle Poker Run in June.



Reno Classic Chevy Car Club sponsored the 2nd Annual Summer Salute Car Show at Rancho San Rafael to benefit the Guest House! What a great day with over 500 cars participating.

For the 10th year the Guest House staffed drink booths at the Nugget Rib Cook Off over Labor Day weekend. Over 150 people volunteered for this event. Their wages and tips were donated to the Guest House.



More News

Matching Grant

This year we have received an \$8,000 matching grant from Community Foundation of Western Nevada. The goal is that we will find new donors to match that grant. If you know someone that needs to support the VGH, let them know that every dollar that they give will be matched. That's a great investment.



Who do we serve?

Regardless of the medical facility being used we serve the following:

1. Outpatient veterans that must travel to Reno for their medical care. It can be one night to cover an appointment or 8 weeks of radiation and chemotherapy
2. The family of a hospitalized veteran
3. The veteran if their immediate family member is receiving medical care.

All guests must be able to care for themselves or have a caregiver with them.

Guests are asked to donate \$25/night but no one is turned away for an inability to do so.



Veterans Day

- 0900 Orange Balloon Release in honor of those affected by Agent Orange
- 1111 City of Reno Veterans Day Parade
- 1200 VGH Open House BBQ, Cake
- 1200 Immunization

SALUTE & SUPPORT OUR VETERANS

Veterans Guest House

\$10,000 RAFFLE

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

\$100 Raffle Tickets Only 500 will be sold!

Tickets may be purchased at:



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



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



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Rounds Bakery
294 E. Moana Lane #10, Reno
775-329-0800



Seven Troughs Distilling Co.
1155 Watson Way Suite 5,
Sparks
775-219-9403

Winning tickets will be drawn Saturday, December 13, 2014

(need not be present to win)

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Adopt-A-Day

at the

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 = \$

(# of days)

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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

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Upcoming Events ...

11/11/14

Tip A Vet at Men Welding Fire and Famous Daves, 11am-9pm

11/11/14

Veterans Day Celebration at Guest House (see article)

0900-0945

Agent Orange Ceremony-release of Orange Balloon to recognize those in our lives that have been affected by Agent Orange

1111-1300

City of Reno Veterans Day Parade

1200-1500

Open House at Veterans Guest House, including a BBQ and an Immuization Clinic

12/13/14

Army vs. Navy Game Party at VGH. Winning raffle tickets drawn

12/25/14

Merry Christmas

1/1/15

Happy New Year

We are excited about our new website. Hope you enjoy it as well.

www.veteransguesthouse.org for more information

"Like" us on Facebook and stay up with ongoing happenings!

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. **We are in five areas, Nevada, California, Utah and Idaho. 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, canned soups and snacks. We love gift cards too! We recommend you contact 775-324-6958, before shopping.

Your Help Requested!

In an effort to reduce printing/ mailing costs, we are developing 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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