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On September 29, 2016, Veterans Guest House will host a Champagne Luncheon and Fashion Show at the Peppermill Resort and Casino in the Capri Ballroom.

For more information regarding the "Boots Meet Fashion" event visit: www.VeteransGuestHouse.org

To purchase tickets: <http://bit.ly/2axkdGQ>

VETERANS GUEST HOUSE
Champagne Luncheon & Fashion Show
Thursday, September 29, 2016
 Peppermill Resort Spa Casino ~ Capri Ballroom

Doors Open: 11:00 a.m. ★ Lunch and Fashion Show: 12:00 pm -1:30 pm
 \$50 per person until Sept. 23rd ★ \$65 after Sept. 23rd
 \$650 table of 10 until Sept. 23rd ★ \$800 after Sept. 23rd
 Emerald Sponsor - \$2,500 includes front-row priority seating (limited number available)

 Sponsored by the Nevada Department of Veteran Services

Featuring women who have served or are currently serving our country.
 Join the Veterans Guest House for a champagne luncheon and fashion show hosted by Monica Jaye from News Talk 780 KOH Radio and Sarah Johns from KOLO TV News Channel 8 and KOLO Cares. The show will feature the latest in women's fashion. Our local military women will bring the runway to life!

Raffle ~ Fashion Vendors ~ and lots of FUN
Don't miss out - space is limited!

To purchase tickets, or for information on sponsorships, visit www.veteransguesthouse.org or call Linda at 775-324-6958 ext. 11

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Veterans Community



Best In The West Rib-Cook Off! Wednesday, August 31st thru Monday, September 5th.

The Veterans Guest House needs volunteers to help at the Best In the West Rib Cook-off at the Nugget. The Veterans Guest House will be staffing three drink booths. Gather your friends, family and co-workers to help staff a booth, or sign yourself up and make new friends. You will be pouring beer, wine, margaritas and serving bottled soda products and water. It is easy, very busy, and a ton of fun, and for such a GREAT cause! If you or some friends can help out, please contact Kathi at 775-324-6958 x10,

**Volunteers make the world a better place and our house a "Home Away From Home".
CONTACT US TODAY and find out how you can be part of this fun event! 775-324-6958**



Reno VA Director wants to serve more female veterans

Women who have served in the U.S. military have not always identified themselves as veterans and history plays a large role in that.

"You have women out there who may have served as many as 20 years and say 'No, I'm not a veteran,'" explains Charley Smith, a retired United States Army Lieutenant Colonel. It wasn't until 1943, that members of the Women's Army Corps were given full military status.

"They get out of the military and our society says it's a male based organization and so they don't really feel that their service counted," says Shelia Jackson, Director of the Reno Regional VA Office. As a result, there are thousands of women who have earned VA medical benefits, but have never used them. "Female veterans need to know that they actually have a women's veterans clinic at every VA hospital," says Jackson.

Smith uses the Reno VA services and hopes other female veterans will look into their options. "Some of the best doctors, some of the best services I've ever received. I have never had a situation where I couldn't get an appointment in a timely manner," says Smith.

Smith says in Nevada there are an estimated 21,000 female veterans, but only about 2,500 have been identified. According to Lance Bailey, the Veterans Service Officer Liaison, the Reno VA currently serves 32,224 patients and only 1,932 are women. "I would encourage every woman who ever wore a uniform, no matter what uniform it was, no matter what service that they served in, we're looking for you, we want you to come forward," says Smith. "You earned it. It's not a gift, it's a right. It's something that you are entitled to," Jackson explains about VA benefits for women.

Though, in recent years, the VA has gained negative media attention over a backlog of claims across the country, Jackson says the Reno VA has the resources to take on more female patients. "If you come into your VA right now, you will receive the care that you so gratefully deserve," says Jackson.

To learn more about the benefits you qualify for visit <http://www.benefits.va.gov/benefits/>.

Full story: <http://mynews4.com/news/local/reno-va-director-wants-to-serve-more-female-veterans>

Women Veterans News

Women veterans take key roles at the political party conventions.

Women veterans have become a key talking point at both political conventions this month, but community leaders say that attention alone won't be enough to address the challenges facing their population. Full story:

<http://www.militarytimes.com/story/military/election/2016/07/27/conventions-women-veterans-key-roles/87610328/>

The Air Force's First Female Amputee Pilot Flies Again.

Captain Christy Wise's return makes her the sixth amputee and the first female above-the-knee amputee to fly. Fifteen months after a paddleboard accident left her an amputee, Air Force Captain Christy Wise is retaking her place in the skies. Though her journey back to the cockpit of an HC-130J Combat King II was filled with bumps and hurdles, the pilot's return this week makes her the sixth amputee and the first female above-the-knee amputee to fly. Full story:

http://taskandpurpose.com/air-forces-first-female-amputee-pilot-flies/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=tp-today

Navy chief becomes first woman to earn silver submarine pin.

For the first time, a woman has earned the silver dolphin pin that distinguishes a fully trained submariner. Chief Culinary Specialist Dominique Saavedra's personal achievement made history as she became the first woman to don the enlisted submarine qualification insignia during a Tuesday ceremony at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Washington state. Saavedra, who is getting ready to deploy with the crew of the guided-missile submarine Michigan, embarking on the deployed guided-missile sub Ohio to get signed off.

"I couldn't be more proud to wear the 'dolphins,'" Saavedra said in a Navy release. "To have earned the respect of my fellow submariners is more rewarding than expected. I am honored to serve as a qualified member in such a prestigious community." Full story:

<http://www.navytimes.com/story/military/2016/08/03/navy-chief-becomes-first-woman-earn-silver-submarine-pin/88030104/>

Focusing on women Veterans at VFW National Convention.

During the 117th VFW National Convention, a panel discussion on VA health care and benefits for women Veterans followed by a panel discussion with members of the VFW Women's Advisory Team.

Full story: <http://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/29401/focusing-on-women-veterans-at-vfw-national-convention/>

Army accepts first women to attend school to become Green Berets.

Two female Army officers will make history when they report to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, in their first step toward earning the Special Forces tab and becoming Green Berets. Full story:

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2016/jul/22/army-accepts-first-two-female-officers-to-attend-s/>

The Marine Corps is set to rename 19 of its job titles.

The Marine Corps will make the changes in to support a directive by Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus to make occupational specialties more gender neutral after once-closed combat jobs were opened to women at the start of the year. The list of jobs removes the word "man" from 15 of the titles and replaces it with Marine. In other changes, "antitank missileman" has been renamed "antitank gunner," and "field artillery operations man" is now "field artillery operations chief." The other three title changes pertain to positions associated with reconnaissance Marine (formerly reconnaissance man) occupational specialties. Full story: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/ct-marines-job-listings-20160628-story.html>

Women's Health Support Groups



Women's Health Center
VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System



Women's Health Center
Room 3A333
VA Medical Center
6900 N. Pecos Rd.
North Las Vegas 89086

Women's Depression Group

Call (702)791-9000 ext. 14771

Let's Have Fun (Recreation)

Learn to have fun again

Call (702) 791-9000 x 19176

Anger Management Group

Call (702) 791-9000 ext. 19176

Wednesday 10:00am-11:30am

Drop-in/Support Group

Tuesday 9-10:30am

Assertiveness Training

Call (702) 791-9000 x 19176



"Serving Nevada's Heroes"

Career Corner



Las Vegas: Employers, Resources, Veterans & Spouses

Friday, September 16, 2016 at 10 AM – 1 PM

Semi-Annual Veteran Career Fair now at the College of Southern Nevada CSN Charleston Campus, D Building Lobby, 6375 W. Charleston Ave.

For more information please visit www.veteranready.com



Las Vegas Career Fair

Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Texas Station Casino, 2101 Texas Star Ln., N. Las Vegas, NV 89130

Meet with hiring managers from some of the best companies in Las Vegas.

For more information and to register, visit www.choicecareerfares.com



Pilot Job Fair

The Tuscany Suites and Casino

September 23, 2016

Registration: 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM and Job Fair: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Register at <http://www.aerocrewsolutions.com/las-vegas/>



Coast-to-Coast Career Fair Job Fair

September 26, 2016

The Orleans Hotel & Casino

4500 W Tropicana Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89103

Multiple employers will be at the Coast-to-Coast Career Fair Job Fair and are looking to fill hundreds of local positions immediately! Company recruiters meet with attending job seekers on a one-on-one basis which increases your chances of being selected.

Register at: <http://bit.ly/2aUUaMn>



Laborer's Training School

We are accepting applications for our Construction Craft Laborer Apprenticeship Program. The Apprenticeship Program is a two year program located in Reno, NV.

To apply: <https://cb.com/2amsnBW>

CareerBuilder currently has over 600 jobs located in the Reno and Carson area alone. Jobs ranging from Accounting to Yard Supervisor.

Take a moment to visit the CareerBuilder site, and find your next career opportunity:

<http://www.careerbuilder.com/>

MILITARY JOB FAIR

LAS VEGAS, NV

**Pre-Register Now at
CivilianJobs.com**

Where:

Cannery Casino & Hotel

2121 East Craig Road
North Las Vegas, NV 89030

When:

Thursday, September 29, 2016

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**We Welcome Active
Duty Military,
Spouses, Retirees,
Veterans, Civilians
and Reservists**

National & Regional Opportunities:

- Administrative
- Aviation
- Customer Service
- Law Enforcement
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- Maintenance
- Management
- Medical
- Driving
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- Sales
- *Plus Much More!*



Need More Information? Visit CivilianJobs.com or Call (757) 965-5808



“Serving Nevada’s Heroes”



Thanks to our veterans and active military personnel, we're free to give the dream of homeownership. Humbly, we deliver through our Home Is Possible For Heroes program. This hero-worthy program gives veterans and military personnel more buying power and even more opportunities to experience the joys of homeownership—for less. Check out the program benefits and requirements.

Key Benefits:

- Below-market fixed interest rate 30-year loan
- Reduces monthly mortgage payment
- No first-time homebuyer requirement
- Can be combined with the Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) with program fees waived
- Statewide program
- Program Requirements:
- Qualifying income must be below \$95,500
- Home price below \$400,000
- Government insured loans only (no conventional loans)
- Minimum credit score of 640
- Homebuyer must live in home as primary residence
- Homebuyer education course required
- Must meet standard underwriting requirements
- One-time fee of \$675

For additional details:

<http://www.homeispossiblenv.org/program/home-possible-heroes>

How it works:

<http://www.homeispossiblenv.org/blog/play-play-homebuying-process>



Educational Resources for Veterans

University of Nevada at Las Vegas (UNLV) is the largest university in Nevada, while University of Nevada at Reno is the oldest university in Nevada. Both universities have Veteran services departments and women veteran advisors.

Whether you want to run with the Rebels or join the Wolf Pack, both of these universities are committed to Veterans.



The Veteran Services Office is your liaison to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs for veteran and veteran related education benefits. Here are just some of the services we provide:

- Weekly email listserv reminders.
 - Preventative at-risk eligibility notifications.
 - Benefit advising and tips to maximize their potential.
 - Enrollment certification submissions to the VA Education Benefits Office.
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- Collaborative programming opportunities for academic, personal and professional development.
 - Scholarships for Veterans
 - Campus Resources
 - Vet Center program that provides a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services to combat Veterans and their families.
 - Center for Women Veterans monitors and coordinates VA's administration of health care and benefits services, and programs for women.

For more information: <http://www.unr.edu/veteran/links-and-resources>
veteranservices@unr.edu



UNLV REBELS

The Rebel Veteran Focus program highlights and honors the exemplary service of UNLV veterans whose contributions have had a positive impact — on campus, in their college, in their community or in assisting their fellow veterans. The Rebel Veteran Focus program would like to honor you for your service and highlight our veteran's contributions that positively impact the lives of those they serve, and contribute to the overall advocacy effort for all UNLV veterans.

- Veteran Career Fairs
- Student Veteran Organization
- Information about Veterans' healthcare, education, and other benefits
- Vocational testing, career, academic, and readjustment counseling services
- Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) counseling and referral services

The Yellow Ribbon program is a federal program that provides matching funds up to \$100,000 per year, with 100 percent of all proceeds going to our UNLV student veterans. It is designed to assist our returning veterans with a financial grant to pay expenses not covered by the GI Bill..

For more information: <https://www.unlv.edu/veterans/programs-initiatives>
svo.unlv@gmail.com



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HONORING WOMEN VETERANS

At the Nevada Department of Veterans Services, we're committed to delivering quality services to all Nevada veterans, and these pages will educate you – a woman veteran who proudly defended our freedom – about benefits and resources.

Women have served the cause of freedom in every war and every generation since the Revolution. Those we honor number some 1.8 million, including nearly 24,000 women veterans currently residing in Nevada. Today, more than 25 percent of our military strength worldwide is women, and women serve in almost every capacity in the armed forces, including in combat zones on land, at sea and in the skies. More than 177,000 women from across the country have served as fighter pilots, medics, military police and in other roles since the start of the Global War on Terror.

It's all too common for women veterans to pack away their uniforms and memories upon return to civilian life, never to discuss their experiences again. Many women who honorably served don't even realize they're veterans – or realize their eligibility for benefits. Through these pages, we acknowledge your service and offer several resources to help you understand your status and what it means. By working together, we will achieve success in establishing a network to further communication and women veterans outreach.



VISION

Nevadans across the state understand and celebrate the legacy of America's servicewomen and **all** Nevada women veterans understand and have access to benefits to which they are eligible.

MISSION

To provide women veteran benefit and activity information; resolve women veteran problems or refer veterans to NDVS service officers and other beneficial service providers for assistance; and to develop programs and activities that ensure Nevada women veterans understand, and are able to obtain, any aid or benefit to which they may be eligible.

Connect with Nevada Department Veterans Services:



Necole Stevens-Brown,
Women Veterans
Program Coordinator
Southern Nevada
Healthcare System
VA Medical Center
6900 N Pecos Rd. 1C237
North Las Vegas, NV 89086
702.791.9000 ext 15518

Nevada Department of
Veterans Services
1(866) 630-VETS
1(866) 630-8387

Department of
Veterans Affairs
1(800) 827-1000

VA Suicide
Prevention Hotline
1(800) 273-TALK
1(800) 273-8255

Visit www.Veterans.NV.gov
for information :

- Nevada State Veterans Home
- Southern and Northern Nevada Veteran Memorial Cemeteries
- Veterans Rural Outreach "ROVER" Calendar



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Nominate a Woman Veteran for Veteran of the Month

To read the Veteran of the Month Guidelines
and access submission forms please go to:

<http://www.veterans.nv.gov/page/veteran-of-the-month-program>

To submit articles and pictures for publication in the
Women Veterans Informer please email the Women Veterans Coordinator at:

StevensN@veterans.nv.gov

Stay Connected!



Website: <http://www.veterans.nv.gov/>



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NevadaWomenVeterans>



Twitter: https://twitter.com/NDVS_WVC



Google+: <http://tinyurl.com/NDVSpage>



Email: stevensn@veterans.nv.gov

Wreaths Across America

Their mission is to, Remember, Honor, and Teach. WAA coordinates wreath laying ceremonies in Northern and Southern Nevada. They also organize of events including international veteran's tributes and ceremonies.

The program is dependent on the generosity and donations made by individual wreaths sponsors, corporate and volunteer donors.

To Donate or to Learn More visit:
<http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>

Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery
14 Veterans Way
Fernley, NV 89408

Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery
1900 Buchanan Boulevard
Boulder City, NV 89005

