

## February 2017 Veteran of the Month John Heintzelman

(Carson City, NV) – Highly decorated U.S. Army veteran John Heintzelman and the Nevada Veterans Foundation received honor and recognition for their work and commitment helping fellow veterans, military members and the community.

U.S. Army veteran, John Heintzelman was named "Veteran of the Month" in a ceremony in Las Vegas on February 15, 2017. Heintzelman served 22 years in the U.S. Army. During his the course of his service he received several honors, distinctions and decorations including; Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Combat Infantry Badge and a Master Parachutist Badge.

While Heintzelman is retired from the military he continues to serve his community. He is known for his work in helping more than 480 homeless veterans and their families obtain housing through his work with U.S. Vets. He has volunteered at numerous events to raise support and awareness for veterans with PTSD and TBI. He has volunteered at two U.S. Vets veteran stand downs. Heintzelman has also worked on fundraisers for Toys for Tots as well as assembled packages for the homeless during Christmas and the winter months.

Additionally, the Nevada Veterans Foundation was named "Veteran Supporter of the Month." The Foundation was created in 2011 to spearhead the Capitol Campaign to fund the construction of the Las Vegas Fisher House. The Fisher House provides a comfortable place where military and veterans' families can stay at no cost while a loved one is receiving medical treatment. The campaign was remarkably successful reaching the goal of \$3-million in just 15 months. The Foundation continues to raise funds in support of the ongoing operation of the Las Vegas Fisher House. It is also an active supporter of the Las Vegas Justice Court's Veterans Treatment Court as well as the Nevada State Veterans Home.

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.