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Nevada Department of Veterans Services receives grant to support Adaptive Sports Programs for disabled veterans and military members

(Reno & Las Vegas, NV) – The U.S Department of Veterans Affairs approved a \$46,000 federal grant request made by the Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS). The funding will support Adaptive Sports Programs at Sky Tavern in Reno and the Cities of Reno and Las Vegas. These community-based programs provide therapeutic recreational services allowing disabled individuals to stay active and involved in their communities. The funding will provide adaptive sports opportunities for disabled veterans and disabled members of the Armed Services.

The federal grant will be divided as follows; Sky Tavern will receive \$25,000, the City of Reno will receive \$16,000, while the City of Las Vegas will be awarded approximately \$3,000 with the remainder going toward administration costs.

Sky Tavern is a non-profit ski academy. Its purpose is to provide year round recreational activities to residents of the Truckee Meadows. Through this federal funding, 50 disabled veterans and members of the Armed Services will participate in a four-day Winter Camp Program, at no cost to the participants. The activities will include adaptive alpine skiing and snowboarding as well as timed, NASTAR competitive-type racing. The program provides disabled participants with all the equipment needed for snow-sports as well as skiing or snowboarding. It pays all program fees and supports a special van for transportation to and from Sky Tavern.

The City of Reno's Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department will use its funding to host a minimum of 30 disabled veterans and injured service members for a multi-day, Military Sports Camp at no cost to participants. It will feature adaptive and Paralympics Sports featuring a wide variety of activities to accommodate all skill levels from beginner to competitor. The funding will pay for transportation, lodging, adaptive equipment and individualized instruction.

The City of Las Vegas Adaptive Recreation Department will provide approximately 230 disabled veterans and injured military members with the following activities at no charge; Fishing Program, Fishing clinics, Adaptive Swim Program, and the Aquatic Therapy Program. The funding will pay for fishing licenses, baits, poles, private swim instruction, private therapy instruction as well as Adaptive Membership Passes to three recreational centers and two municipal pools for six months.

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To learn more about Sky Tavern and its programs: <http://skytavern.org/Sky-Tavern-eMail-List.html>

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About us: NDVS is a state agency with the mission of connecting Nevada's veterans, their spouses, and families to benefits, resources and programs earned through military service in the United States Armed Forces. NDVS is responsible for the administration of two State Veterans Memorial Cemeteries; one Boulder City, the other in Fernley. The agency also operates a Nevada State Veterans Home in Boulder City and is currently overseeing the construction of a new State Veterans Home in Sparks. NDVS administration and staff are dedicated in their commitment to serving "Nevada's Heroes."

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