



Women Veterans Informer

VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System Celebrates Women Veterans



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On March 18, 2016, in honor of Women Veterans the VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System dedicated a Women Veterans Memorial Garden. Charley Smith, Lieutenant Colonel, ret. was the master of ceremonies, under her direction she introduced the Women Veterans Committee, and The Director of Nevada Department Veterans Services, Kat Miller, Colonel, ret., who spoke of the strength, pressure and difficulties it takes to be the first women to pioneer in a male dominated role, or to become the catalyst for change. She shared how life can appear differently to each person based on the individual's perspective. Some may see an event as a disaster or a blessing, negative or as positive, but whatever stance you take make sure you that you stick to your convictions and follow your moral compass.

At the unveiling, the donated parachute was lifted to introduce a large dog tag, with the words "Veteran's Women, 1775 – Future for all Branches," written on the front and "Honoring All Women Who Proudly Serve" was displayed on the back.

The VA also hosted a women veterans' forum to discuss the changes within the VA, and how they can better assist women veterans.



Women Veterans pose for a photo after the Women Veterans Dedication Ceremony (above, below, and to the right)



Dog Tag statue (front)



Tribal Blessing



Dog Tag statue (backside)





April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Join the VA in supporting Veteran's recovery from **Military Sexual Trauma**
Share this information with any friends, family members,
or those who work with Veterans.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) uses the term “military sexual trauma” or “MST” to refer to sexual assault or sexual harassment during military service and has services available to assist Veterans in their recovery from MST.

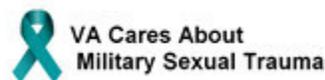
- Veterans can receive free treatment for mental and physical health conditions related to their experiences of MST at every VA medical facility. Veterans do not need to have documentation of their experiences and may be able to receive care even if they are not eligible for other VA services.
- Veterans can apply for disability compensation for any current difficulties that are related to their service, including difficulties related to MST.

While MST can be a very difficult experience, recovery is possible. At the VA, Veterans can receive free, confidential treatment for mental and physical health conditions related to MST. You may be able to receive this MST-related care even if you are not eligible for other VA services. To receive these services, you do not need a VA service-connected disability rating, to have reported the incident when it happened, or have other documentation that it occurred. Eligibility for MST-related treatment is entirely separate from the disability claims process.

VA has a range of services available to meet Veterans where they are at in their recovery. Every VA health care facility has providers knowledgeable about treatment for problems related to MST. Because MST is associated with a range of mental health problems, VA’s general services for posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression, anxiety, substance abuse, and others are important resources for MST survivors.

For help with health care and treatment related to MST, please contact your local VA medical center and ask to speak to the MST Coordinator.

- For help with disability compensation related to MST, please contact the MST Coordinator at your local Veterans Benefits Administration Regional Office.
- For details: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets/serviceconnected/MST.pdf>
- Veterans can also call VA’s general information hotline at 1-800-827-1000.





BREAK THE SILENCE

Veterans and supporters can receive free information and discover the variety of treatment options for mental and physical health conditions related to their experiences of Military Sexual Trauma/MST.

Veterans do not need to have documentation of their experience or receiving VA care.

April 22, 2016

VA Hospital Auditorium

6900 N Pecos Rd

North Las Vegas, NV 89086

10 a.m.



Women Veterans News

All-Female Nuclear Alert

The Air Force's nuclear missile alert force was operated entirely by women on March 22 in honor of Women's History Month. Missile crews at Air Force Global Strike Command's three missile bases consisted entirely of women, with all-female B-52 aircrews from Minot AFB, N.D., and Barksdale AFB, La., and all-female operators from Offutt AFB, Neb., on alert as well, the *Great Falls Tribune* reported. "I'm really excited," Malmstrom deputy crew commander 2nd Lt. Alexandra Rea told the *Tribune*. "It's awesome to think about how far we've come as an Air Force and a country." The crews at Malmstrom wore a special patch, with an image of Rosie the Riveter and the slogan, "We put the 'Miss' in 'Missileer'" to mark the occasion. "The fact that we can look across our pre-departure briefing room and see a woman sitting in every seat, for every combat crew going out on nuclear alert, is in itself significant, not because team Malmstrom is fielding an all-women alert force, but because we have enough women filling combat leadership roles to take alert for the entire wing," Col. Tom Wilcox, 341st Missile Wing commander, told the paper.



Female missileers participating in the all-female alert crews wore the patch above on March 22, 2016, in honor of Women's History Month. Air Force photo by Amn. Collin Schmidt.

House approves bill for burial of female WWII pilots at Arlington National Cemetery

By Jeremy Herb - 03/22/2016 05:07 PM EDT

The House today approved without dissent a bill that would allow female service pilots who served during World War II to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery. The House cleared the legislation pushed by Rep. Martha McSally on a 385-0 vote. The bill would change the Army's current regulations that exclude the 1,074 women who served as Women Airforce Service Pilots from being buried at Arlington.

"This went from us hearing about it in early January to getting it passed today," the Arizona Republican said after the vote. "Have you ever seen anything happen that fast around here?"

WASP pilots were granted veteran status in the 1970s, and in 2002 Arlington Cemetery agreed to provide them burial honors there. But the Army said last year the pilots were not in fact allowed burial rights at Arlington under the service's existing at the cemetery. McSally pressed acting Army Secretary Patrick Murphy on the issue at a hearing last week. And he said the Pentagon was unable to change the rules to allow the pilots burial rights at Arlington, but said Congress could resolve the issue and that he backed her bill.

The measure now heads to the Senate, where several senators have expressed a desire to allow the WASP pilots to be buried at Arlington.

Sparks, NV

Western Village
— Inn & Casino —

A PEPPERMILL RESORTS PROPERTY

H I R I N G E V E N T

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

JobConnect Sparks
2281 Pyramid Way
(Corner of York & Pyramid). Bus route 2.

NV0383203. Assistant Master Cook. \$12.50/hour + benefits. FT, 40 hours/weekly. Swing shift, days/schedule to be determined. 2 or more years' restaurant cooking experience required.

NV0384401. Engineer I/Maintenance. \$14/hour + benefits. FT, 40 hours/weekly. Night shift. At least one year of experience including basic plumbing, electrical and metal fabrication. NVDL required.

NV0386374. Revenue Auditor. \$10/hr. + benefits. NV gaming card or ability to obtain req'd. Acctg. or Bookkeeping exp. a plus.

NV0385360. Room Attendant. \$8.50/hr. + benefits. FT, 40 hours weekly, schedule/days to be determined.

***It is preferred that you are referred to the job listing by a JobConnect representative before this hiring event. However, walk-ins welcome. Please bring your resume if you have one.



Career Corner



MV TRANSPORTATION, INC.
Driver/Operator –NV0386275
\$10.00 per hour during training (4-5 weeks)
Post training \$11 per hour
Possess a valid Nevada C Driver's License.

Hiring Event

Friday, April 1st - 9:00am to 3:00pm
Reno JobConnect – 4001 S Virginia St. #H, Reno, NV 89502

&
Tuesday, April 5th - 9:00am to 3:00pm

Sparks JobConnect – 2281 Pyramid Way Sparks, NV 89431
Must be 21 years or older for insurance purposes, High School diploma or GED
Clean Driving Record, Employer conducts drug screen and background check.



Teleperformance

Financial Services Specialist –NV0384865
\$11 an hour with paid training

Hiring Event

Reno JobConnect – 4001 S Virginia St. #H, Reno, NV 89502

Wednesday, April 6th - 10:00am to 4:00pm

On-site interviews & on the spot offers of employment!
Please bring a current resume and 2 forms of Identification
One (1) year of sales experience required

Las Vegas SPRING JOB FEST

At the Gold Coast Hotel & Casino 4000 W. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas NV
Wednesday, April 6, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Connect with the following companies: LEXUS - UPS- ALLEGIANT AIR-
PAYCATION TRAVEL- CAESARS- PARIS-PLANET HOLLYWOOD- and more.



Veterans Job Fair

On April 7, 2016, Transition Careers will have a
Technical Hiring Event. Held in The Nellis Club,
5871 Fitzgerald Blvd., North Las Vegas, NV., at

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. JOB SEEKERS MUST HAVE A VALID MILITARY ID. For more information and
registration please visit www.TransitionCareers.com



Wyndham Garden Carson City Max Casino and Black Bear Diner

On Saturday, April 16, 2016 the Wyndham Garden Hotel, 900 S Carson St, Carson
City, NV 89701 will have a job fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This job fair will feature about 100 positions between the hotel, the casino and the
diner. Once hired, new employees will undergo a two-week training period.

Virtual Career Fair



April 20 @ 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Meet live with dozens of America's most veteran friendly employers. Chat live with
recruiters, view/apply for jobs, and connect with other veterans, military spouses in the
networking lounge. Be sure to login ahead of time to research the companies prior to
attending. Register at: <http://veteranrecruiting.com/careerfairs/virtual-career-fair-2/>

Veterans Job & Resource Fair

April 29, 2016 at 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
TMCC - V. James Eardley Student Center
7000 Dandini Blvd., Red Mountain Bldg. - Reno



The Wolf Pack Vets needs your support!



United Blood Services
Find the hero in you.

On April 7, 2015, The Wolf Pack Vets will host a Blood Drive. This blood drive is coming on the heels of an announcement that United Blood Services, and their parent organization, will have to supply blood to Puerto Rico for the foreseeable future. Puerto Rico has asked for help with their blood supply as they have suspended all donations from their local population due to the unknown impacts of the Zika virus on blood recipients.

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With the demand for blood at an all time high, we are asking you to give a blood donation on Thursday, April 7th. The blood drive will be located in the Knowledge Center Rotunda from 11:15am-5:15pm. UNR- Wolf Pack Vets Rotunda, 1664 N. Virginia St., Reno, NV 89557. In addition to knowing you helped save lives, all of our donors will be receive double points redeemable for movie tickets, gift cards, and more! Finally, the Wolf Pack Vets will be offering free BBQ to veterans, and reduced price BBQ for donors. So, grab a friend and come on down to eat some BBQ and help save lives. Use this link for information and to schedule your appointment: <http://bit.ly/1MHw4nM>

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.



**"Serving America's
Heroes"**

Connect with Nevada Department Veterans Services:



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VA Medical Center
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**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 concerning:

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



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

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

 Twitter: https://twitter.com/NDVS_WVC

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

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

 Instagram: [ndvs.wvc](https://www.instagram.com/ndvs.wvc)

 Pinterest: <https://www.pinterest.com/NVWVC/>

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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



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