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Veterans Guest House celebrates 15 years of helping vets and their families in Reno

The Veterans Guest House celebrates 15 years of serving veterans and their families this Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

Activities include the release of orange balloons, part of a national tribute to those affected by Agent Orange, participation in the Veterans Day parade and an open house.

At 10 a.m., participants all over the country will release orange balloons simultaneously to raise awareness of the devastating effects of Agent Orange exposure. The public is invited to meet on the lawn of the Veterans Guest House and release balloons, provided by VGH, in honor of their loved ones. Agent Orange is the term used to describe a powerful herbicide and defoliant used most recognizably during the Vietnam War.

At 11 a.m., the Veterans Guest House will participate in the annual Veterans Day parade. The parade will start at Mill and Virginia streets and travel north to Fifth and Virginia streets. Immediately following the parade, the public is invited to attend an open house, enjoy light refreshments and tour the Veterans Guest House at 880 Locust St. until 3 p.m.

For more information on any of the events mentioned, contact the Veterans Guest House at 324-6958 or go to www.veteransquesthouse.com.

The Veterans Guest House provides United States Military service veterans and their families temporary overnight accommodations when receiving treatment at a medical facility in the Reno/Sparks area. It also accommodates veterans traveling to Reno for outpatient medical care. The majority of guests receive treatment at the Veterans Administration Medical Center. The VAMC covers 100,000 square miles from Bishop to Auburn, Elko and Ely.
