



# NMSA



## NEVADA MILITARY SUPPORT ALLIANCE



Dear NMSA Board Members, Advisory Board Members and Supporters,

2012 is quickly becoming the past with the year-end holidays fast approaching. For the Nevada Military Support Alliance, the spirit of the holidays has been upon us all year. Blessed with a year filled with overwhelming community support, the NMSA has been the beneficiary of some outstanding events such as the 2nd Annual NMSA Gala, the first ever Patriot Clay Shoot at Sage Hill Gun Club, the Reno-Tahoe Open Foundation Patriot Luncheon and the 2nd Annual NMSA Golf Classic.

The success of these fund-raising efforts have afforded the NMSA the opportunity to provide unsurpassed support to the Military of our great state. From assisting the Veterans Guest House with their expansion, to fully funding the construction of a specially adapted new home for Hawthorne's Hero Sgt. Timothy Hall, the NMSA is continuing to grow and carry out our mission.

Your enthusiasm, passion and support for our mission are the driving forces that keep our mission achievable.

Our Most Sincere Thanks,

Perry M. Di Loreto

President and Chairman of the Nevada Military Support Alliance Board of Directors



## RTO PATRIOT LUNCHEON

During the 2012 Reno-Tahoe Open, the Reno-Tahoe Open Foundation continued its efforts to salute the troops by creating a variety of special military-themed events to benefit the men and women in our armed forces. For the third year, the Nevada Military Support Alliance was the beneficiary of proceeds from the Patriots' Luncheon presented by the Grand Sierra Resort. Artist Phil Taylor presented a painted image of fallen hero Brian Bill NAVY SEAL Team 6 to his family as well as an extraordinary speech by Sgt. First Class Leroy Petry, a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient.





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## SGT. TIM HALL

Nearly a year ago the NMSA introduced to you Army soldier Sgt. Timothy Hall from Hawthorne, Nevada. While defending our country, he was critically injured during an indirect mortar attack at his Forward Operating Base in the Logar Province of Afghanistan. Timothy's passion for life kept him alive through numerous surgeries. Ultimately, the surgeries led to the amputation of both legs and his right hip. Since Tim was transported to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. in June 2010, he has endured more than 60 surgeries and has remained at the newly renamed Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland for continued treatment and physical therapy.



The completion of Tim's rehabilitation is drawing to a close and he will now be joining his family in Hawthorne. The Nevada Military Support Alliance has once again teamed up with Homes For Our Troops to provide him with a specially adapted home that will provide him with a safe environment that is based specifically around his adaptive needs. The Build Brigade was held on Friday, July 20, 2012.

This project totaling \$250,000 was fully funded by the Nevada Military Support Alliance. "Nevadans taking care of Nevadans" said NMSA President and Chairman, Perry M. Di Loreto.



Construction is moving along quickly. Volunteers gathered on September 22 to assist with landscaping, rolling sod, and planting trees, flowers and shrubs. Tim will be receiving the keys to his home at the Key Ceremony. For more information and to follow progress on Tim's home, visit the website for Homes For Our Troops at [www.homesforourtroops.org](http://www.homesforourtroops.org).





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## 2ND ANNUAL NMSA GALA



### May 19, 2012 - Armed Forces Day

*A day to pay tribute to the men and women who serve the United States Armed Forces.*

The Nevada Military Support Alliance did exactly that by hosting the 2nd Annual NMSA Gala at the Silver Legacy in Reno, Nevada. With a gathering in excess of 900, the NMSA took those in attendance on a journey never to be forgotten.

Seating began with the skirl of the bagpipes followed by the wailing of the guitar played by the famous Skunk Baxter, only to be succeeded by the lovely singers Four with God proudly echoing their rendition of the National Anthem. The room brilliantly decorated with 57 Gold Star flags, representing each Nevada Hero whose life was lost, draped from the ceiling and the American Flag that flew with dignity over the USS Missouri as the backdrop.

Recognition and appreciation was given to those special guests in attendance including Rodolfo P. Hernandez, Medal of Honor Recipient, Mr. Wally Gunderson, 2011 IHOP victim, Tracy Kelly, IHOP widow, and Jeremiah Mock, IHOP victim.



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## 2ND ANNUAL NMSA GALA CONTINUED...

The success of such an event has given the NMSA the opportunity to fully fund the construction of a specially adapted home for the second soldier from the State of Nevada. The NMSA proudly presented Kenneth Preston, President, Homes for Our Troops a check in the amount of \$250,000 to begin construction on Sgt. Timothy Hall's new home in Hawthorne, Nevada.

Further defining the pillars behind the NMSA, Marcus Luttrell, U.S. Navy Seal, author of "Lone Survivor" and "Service", captivated the audience with his recount of Operation Redwing's mission and how the guiding philosophy of the SEALs kept him alive. Hearing his words confirms the necessity of support for the U.S. Armed Forces service members and families by providing unique education, rehabilitation, recovery and wellness opportunities.



Marcus Luttrell, Retired U.S. Navy Seal.



Maj Gen (ret) Ronald J. Bath, Pat Lundvall, Retired Brig. Gen. Allison A. Hickey and Retired Col. Rob Hickey.



Travis Means, President of BANN; Teresa Di Loreto-Long, NMSA Executive Director; Kenneth Preston, President and Director of Homes For Our Troops; Dawn Teixeira, Executive Director of Homes For Our Troops; Tim Hall and Tammy Hammrey.



Rodolfo P. Hernandez "Rudy", Medal of Honor Recipient, and City of Reno Mayor Bob Cashell.



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## 2ND ANNUAL NMSA GOLF CLASSIC



The 2nd Annual NMSA Golf Classic Winners:  
Ken Mencunio, Ryan Mitchel, Vince Scott and Treavor Smith with a 55.

RGJ Media, publisher of Reno Gazette-Journal, was the presenting sponsor of the 2nd Annual Nevada Military Support Alliance Golf Tournament that was held Friday, August 10 at the Dayton Valley Golf Club. Despite the high temperatures, RGJ media and Dayton Valley Golf Course proudly hosted over 80 golfers to 18 holes and a fabulous BBQ dinner. A special thanks to John Maher of RGJ Media and the Duncan family of Dayton Valley Golf Club for their generous contributions that made the day a huge success.

We would also like to thank the many others who participated either by golfing, hole sponsorship or just being there for support. Our day would not have been complete without our military guests: Tim Hall of Hawthorne with his family and Dylan Gray.

## LOCAL BOOK BENEFITS THE NMSA

City of Reno Mayor Bob Cashell, with writer, Mike Sion, published "Call Me Mayor, or Anything You Like". The Cashell family hosted the release party June 7, 2012 at the BuBinga Lounge in the Eldorado Hotel Casino to family and friends. A portion of the proceeds benefited the NMSA.

## SAGE HILL GUN CLUB PATRIOT CLAYS

Darlene (Damonte) Vopat of Sage Hill Gun Club rallied shooters for the inaugural Patriot Clays held July 1, 2012. Shooters enjoyed 100 sporting clay targets, gift bags which included custom embroidered Patriot Clays hats and red, white and blue ammo. Following the shoot, supporters gathered for lunch and enjoyed the numerous raffle prizes and live auction.

Many thanks go out to Darlene (Damonte) Vopat, the Sage Hill Gun Club staff, volunteers and, of course, the multiple sponsors who made this event a huge success.





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## UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, MILITARY SCIENCE DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

In May 2012, the Nevada Military Support Alliance Outstanding Leadership Award was presented to 12 cadets from University of Nevada, Military Science Department. Established in memory of the late Jerry Bussell, Colonel, United States Army for his distinct service and devotion to the Nation and the State of Nevada. The NMSA has committed to awarding this scholarship in the amount of \$6,000 per year for four consecutive years. These well deserving individuals have shown outstanding leadership, potential as an officer, academic excellence and community support. It is an honor to congratulate the following recipients:

### University of Nevada, Reno

- Seniors: Cadet Amanda Willis, 485th MP Company NVARNG  
Cadet Christopher Wallace-Carrete
- Juniors: Cadet Jason Kilgore, 221st CAV Lima Troop NVARNG  
Cadet Jerel Abas
- Sophomores: Cadet Michael Cloyer, 221st CAV Lima Troop NVARNG  
Cadet Cameron Ripley

### University of Nevada, Las Vegas

- Cadet Justin Taylor, MSIV
- Cadet Emanuel Utan, MSIII
- Cadet Carissa Oculito, MSII
  
- Cadet Jimmy Benoit, MSIV
- Cadet April See, MSIII
- Cadet Adrian Fune, MSII

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### November 4, 2012

**Anything is Possible 5K Run**  
**University of Nevada, Reno**

*Portion of proceeds benefit NMSA.*  
[www.anythingispossible5k.com](http://www.anythingispossible5k.com)

### November 10, 2012

**The Michael Bolton Charities**  
**A Benefit Concert and Dinner**  
**Eldorado Hotel and Casino**

*Portion of proceeds benefit NMSA.*  
[www.michaelboltoncharities.com](http://www.michaelboltoncharities.com)

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