

Item #6

September 20, 2007

201 N. Carson Street #2
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Re: Carson City Support Our Troops Day
May 17, 2008/Armed Forces Day

Dear

We are a group of Carson City women that wanted to do something to honor and support our troops, so we became a chapter of Operation First Response, a non-profit corporation in Virginia. Operation First Response is dedicated to supporting wounded troops and their families. We have just completed a project making a hundred tote bags. The tote bags were filled and given to the returning veterans at Walter Reed Army Hospital. The public response to this effort was so positive that we thought a city wide "Carson City Support Our Troops Day" would be a great idea. All the proceeds would go to Operation First Response to help the wounded, and their families. Our being the Nevada Chapter of Operation First Response, we would be assured that our Nevada families would also benefit.

This benefit would not support or oppose the war; it would be about our service men and woman. To date we have had over 27,500 of our troops physically wounded. Those are the physical wounds. We have been told there are as many mental wounds.

We feel our young patriots need to know that we appreciate their protecting our way of life here at home. Because Carson City is Nevada's capitol city, we are in hopes we can be a leader for all of our state, and yes even the entire country.

Following is a list of activities we would propose, and in some cases have groups willing to sponsor:

1. A pancake breakfast (in Mills Park)
2. A parade (Nevada Day Parade, President Reg Creasey and his group have agreed to do the parade arrangements and management. Mr. Creasey stated we should have 32 to 35 thousand people for the parade alone.).

3. The theme of the parade is "Honor Our Troops Day and Support the Wounded". After the parade, we will have bleachers set up for speeches at Mills Park. We will be inviting local, state and national politicians.
4. A military display of all the military branches (in Mills Park).
5. Drop barrels for donations around town.
6. A Carson City Club and Association fair (possibly in Fuji Park).
7. An Art/Craft and Vendor Fair (either in Mills Park or on Plaza Street), Sherril Steele-Carlin, the director for the Genoa Candy Dance, has agreed to help us with our fair.
8. A Dinner (and possibly a dance) at the Governors' Mansion
9. A classic car show in one of the shopping center parking lots.

We are going look into and will be asking others to:

1. The Churches in the area to do bake sales and white elephant sales.
2. One of the golf courses to put on a golf tournament.
3. The high school students to put on car washes and possibly a teens Fashion Show at the Community Center.
4. A possible motor cycle show at the Harley Davidson store.
5. Entertainment and a possible Parking Lot Dance at the old Wal-Mart.
6. A possible Telethon.
7. Fashion show and "High-Tea" at the Legislative Bldg.

We expect to have a great deal of TV and news coverage of the days events. Hopefully most of the cities population will show their support for our troops, we may not be "The Biggest Little City" (Reno), but we are the capital of Nevada. While talking with Carson Cities residents and local merchants, we have learned that nearly every person has someone in their family or knows someone that has either already served, or is serving in Iraq, etc.

What we would like from the Board of Supervisors is your input and comments first. We will also need your endorsement, and Carson Cities co-sponsorship of the day's events to truly say Carson City. We will do all the necessary planning and leg work, but would like a liaison with the city. We may need help with all the different departments, i.e. streets, police, health, etc. We are also desirous of a donation or grant as we will need seed money to get this event up and running....insurance costs, portable-potties for the parks, etc., etc.

We would be more than happy to meet with you to discuss our plans prior to introducing it to the full Board. We would like to bring this before the board as soon as possible as there are many plans to be made. If you have the time this week, could we meet with you to discuss this project? You can reach me at 884-2678 or 772-1177 (Cell).

Thank you for your time reviewing our plans, and we hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Carol Howell
Operation First Response

Faxed: September 28, 2007