

The Veterans Social Center

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Did You Know?

- 41 percent or about 1.7 million veterans have a mental illness
- The three most common mental health concerns for Veterans are Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Depression and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).
- Twenty-two (22) Veterans commit suicide every day.
- More than 20 % of veterans with PTSD also suffer from an addiction or dependence on drugs or alcohol.
- Less than 50 percent of returning veterans in need receive any mental health treatment.



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Our Commitment

To provide a safe welcoming and relaxed atmosphere and environment full of brotherhood, sisterhood and acceptance.

**HONORING
ALL WHO
SERVED**



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Mission

To be an advocate for Military Veterans from all Branches of Service. We will serve as a resource to help Veterans effectively deal with the complexities and challenges of civilian life. We will accomplish this by providing a place of respite, comradery, relaxation, and act as a referral source to resources and care that can aid in wellness and personal growth.



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Purpose

To serve the needs of the Military Veteran Community and be an advocate for ALL undervalued and underrepresented people.

The Veterans will have a safe place to go to simply relax, socialize with other Veterans and enjoy a stress-free atmosphere.

Offer the Veterans entertainment and recreational activities such as pool tables, video games stations, chess boards, movie screening opportunities and light snacks.

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Benefits and Focus

- Access to and all activities will be offered free of charge.
- There is no membership application required, fee or annual dues.
- Emphasis will be placed on encouraging Veterans from Wars, Conflicts and US Intervention including but not limited to the Gulf War, Desert Storm, Persian Gulf, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Afghanistan, Iraq, Yemen, Pakistan, Somalia, Libya.
- Encourage more female Veterans to come and use the facility.
- Provide information and referral to other agencies.

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How We Will Succeed

- **Establish a relationship with the W.G. Hefner VA Medical Center.**
- **Get buy-in from all local American Legions and VFW's.**
- **Build relationships with referral agencies such as Veterans Services at the West End Plaza.**
- **Remain abreast of trends, information and Veteran news.**



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What We Need?

- Approval and support from the County Commission.
- To move into an available space in the West End Plaza.
- The County Commission's continued support after approval.
- Demonstrate continued love, commitment and support for our Veterans by approving his initiative.



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The Layout

- **One pool table and one ping pong table**
- **Chess / Checker Boards**
- **Two video games stations (Xbox and PlayStation)**
- **Seating and social conversation area in the front**
- **TV viewing area in the rear**
- **Information brochure area in the rear**
- **Military item vendors in the rear (Booth rental)**
- **Storage area for dispensing free toiletries in the middle**
- **Free coffee and pastries**
- **Candy, soda and heavier microwaveable food items for sale**

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