



[www.nvmilitarysupport.org](http://www.nvmilitarysupport.org)

NEVADA MILITARY SUPPORT ALLIANCE

# NMSA Newsletter

59 Damonte Ranch Pkwy, Ste B, Box 354, Reno, NV 89521

## Marine Sgt Frank R Zaehringer III



Marine Sgt Frank R. Zaehringer III, 23, of Reno, NV, died October 11, 2010 while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. His death was the result of an improvised explosive device. Zaehringer was a rifleman assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force based at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He leaves his parents, Sharon and Frank Zaehringer Jr, his sister, Nicole Scott, and wife, Cassie.

Sgt. Zaehringer grew up in Reno. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 2005, two years after graduating from Wooster High School. He deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from September 2008 to April 2009. Most recently, he deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom July 2010, and had already signed up for an additional tour.

Sgt. Zaehringer's awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

### Inside this issue:

Fallen Nevada Soldier Biography	1
Message from the President	2
A Review of 2010	3
Mustang 22	5
Colonel Jerry Bussell Potential New Board Members	6
Gen Doug Brown Biography First Annual Recognition Gala Info	8
Upcoming Events	9

### Board of Directors:

- *Perry M. Di Loreto*— President and Chairman
- *Maj Gen (ret) Ronald J. Bath*— Vice Chairman/Treasurer
- *Michelle M. Erlach*— Vice President/Director
- *Gen (ret) John and Kathy Abizaid*— Co-Directors
- *Joseph W. Brown*— Director
- *Pat Lundvall*— Director
- *Kirk V. Clausen*— Director
- *Estela Le Vario Gutierrez*— Director
- *Bruce A. Rodela*— Director
- *Maj Gen (ret) Giles E. Vanderhoof*— Director
- *Alex C. Woodley*— Director

# NMSA Newsletter

## Message from the President

Dear fellow board members, advisory board members and supporters of the Nevada Military Support Alliance. We have had a very busy year and accomplished a great deal, but it is just the beginning. 2010 was a year of transition for our organization and we spent much of our time focusing on new projects and getting ourselves organized to meet the requirements of the future. As you all know, we received our 501-C-3 status and took steps to complete the merger of the Nevada Patriot Fund and the NMSA. The Nevada Patriot Fund no longer exists. At the same time, we were working on military support issues with the Nevada National Guard as the troops were deploying to the AOR (area of responsibility), attending the funerals in honor of more of the State's fallen heroes, and responding to day-to-day requests for other specific types of individual support.

In late spring we were asked to help support the Reno-Tahoe Open when they designated us as one of their primary charitable causes. We learned a lot, and got a lot of good public relations out of our concerted efforts. I anticipate that the relationship will continue again in 2011. The RTO effort consumed a significant amount of time and energy that took us well into the end of the summer. We all owe a big thanks to board members, GEN John Abizaid who took time out of his busy schedule to be the key note speaker at the Montreux Member Appreciation Dinner, and Michelle Erlach for the unlimited effort she put forward on the Patriot's Luncheon and the RTO Women's Luncheon. The many hours they devoted to both efforts made our contribution to the RTO the true success it was.

While I think we can all look back on 2010 with a great deal of pride and satisfaction, it is time to set our sights on taking the NMSA to the next level of performance in 2011. With that in mind, I am asking each one of you to dig deep into your time resources and idea banks, for both new ideas and a commitment of your time to help advance the mission of the NMSA. The focus of our attention, the Nevada soldiers, sailors, marines and airman and their families deserve nothing less.

In the next few weeks you will see several new board members join us who are prepared to continue the tradition already started. I am very pleased and excited about Scott Bensing, Caleb Cage, Dick Gammick and Phil Randazzo having been nominated to our Board of Directors. Their names will be voted on between now and our Annual Board of Directors Meeting on March 3rd where we will announce the results. I would also like to thank Michelle Erlach, and Bruce Rodella for their efforts and willingness to now continue their hard work and contribution as part of the advisory board.

Finally---mark your calendars for the evening of May 7<sup>th</sup>. That will be our first annual gala recognition dinner which will be held at the Silver Legacy in Reno. We will be honoring many of the Service members who have, or are still serving this Nation. We will also be recognizing some distinguished business people who have contributed so much to our success as an organization and to the well being of those in harm's way. I am pleased to report that GEN Bryan "Doug" Brown, the former Commander of United States Special Operations Command will be our guest speaker. You will see his bio on page 8 of this newsletter. He will give the audience a candid analysis and discussion of what is being done in the world of Special Operations, and a history of how this marvelous group of warriors has evolved for the Nation. I would like every one of you to make sure that every friend, neighbor, acquaintance or work associate knows about this dinner and plans on attending. I am counting on our board of directors and advisory board to fill the room to overflow capacity. No organization could be more fortunate than to have contacts with the likes of GEN Brown, GEN Abizaid and so many other high ranking members of our military Services. I consider it a true treasure of the NMSA.

This past year's growth and progression of the NMSA has been a fulfilling and rewarding experience for me. None of this would have taken place without the tremendous effort and dedication put forth by so many of you but especially my dear friend and our Vice Chairman, Ron Bath. His devotion and commitment to the NMSA is exemplary.

In closing, I would like to thank each and every one of our Board Members along with our Advisory Board Members for sharing their time and efforts in pursuit of our shared passion of supporting the men and women of the United States Military.

May God bless and protect those who protect and defend our way of life!

Perry Di Loreto  
President

# NMSA Newsletter

## 2010 in Review

The Nevada Military Support Alliance would like to wish all our loyal supporters a very happy 2011! We cannot thank you enough for your interest in the organization and your continuous generosity. It is because of you that the NMSA has been able to accomplish so much in 2010. It has been a truly successful year! We would like to take a moment and recap some of the accomplishments from 2010.

### Merger with Nevada Patriots Fund

Early in 2010, the Nevada Military Support Alliance joined forces with The Nevada Patriot's Fund, an organization that had contributed over \$500,000 in financial assistance to the families of 52 patriots from the time of its creation in 2003. Recognizing the overlap in the missions of the two organizations, we realized a merger would allow us to provide a more comprehensive level of assistance to Nevada's military members and their families. Since the merger we have been able to consolidate assets and focus our energy and attention.

### Noodle This!

On April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 NMSA was the beneficiary of the fundraiser Noodle This! At the event, organized by the Reno-Tahoe Open, local VIP waiters and waitresses competed for tips that would be donated to NMSA. The event raised \$28,000.

### Sponsorships for Military Ball

In May 2010 the NMSA was able to donate \$3000 in order to sponsor a number of junior enlisted soldiers and airman to attend the Nevada Military Ball. We were happy to provide them the opportunity to enjoy a well deserved evening of leisure. The board is working directly with Brig. Gen. Bill Burks, TAG/NV to give sponsorships in 2011 as well. The date for the ball is still to be determined.

### Reno-Tahoe Open

The Nevada Military Support Alliance was chosen as the beneficiary of the Reno-Tahoe open in 2010. This gave the NMSA the opportunity to thank our active and retired military members, as well as raise public awareness in our community about the organization. All active duty, current

Guard and Reserve members, and veterans were allowed free access to the tournament. The Patriot's Outpost hospitality tent, sponsored by IGT, provided a place for military members to relax, enjoy refreshments, and watch the tournament from a prime location on the course.

The NMSA's involvement in the Reno-Tahoe Open gave us the opportunity to plan and orchestrate many events during the tournament. The following list highlights those events that helped raise NMSA awareness and helped the organization further its cause:

### **Montreux Member Appreciation Dinner**

As a beneficiary of the RTO, the Nevada Military Support Alliance, along with the Reno-Tahoe Open and Montreux Golf and Country Club hosted an appreciation dinner for the Montreux members. Montreux is a private club whose members generously allowed the use of their facilities for the tournament. This was our way of thanking the members. The NMSA arranged for GEN (ret) John Abizaïd to speak at the dinner. Each guest at the dinner was presented with a challenge coin that was specially designed for the occasion by the NMSA Executive Committee.

### **The Patriots' Luncheon**

During the tournament the NMSA hosted the Patriots' Luncheon in honor of military members and local businesses who support the military. The organization was able to procure Col (ret) Mark Tillman, former pilot and Commander of Air Force One during the Bush Admin and September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks, as key note speaker for the luncheon. He spoke about flying the president into Bagdad in 2003 as a surprise for Thanksgiving day. And about Air Force One during September 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **RTO Women's Luncheon**

Lt Col Julie Hudson spoke on behalf of The Nevada Military Support Alliance at the Reno-Tahoe Open Women's Day Luncheon. Among many other accomplishments, Lt Col Hudson was the first female combat mission-ready A-10 fighter pilot in the Air National Guard. The NMSA was proud to have her represent the organization. *Thank you to Michelle Erlach for the long hours of work and focus in making both the Patriots Luncheon and the RTO Women's Luncheon a huge success.*

### **Military Displays, Presentations, and Ceremonies at the RTO**

Through the hard work and generous efforts of so many of our supporters, the NMSA was able to create military awareness during the tournament, in the form of static displays, presentations, and a beautiful closing ceremony. There were multiple aircraft flybys such as the C-30 and L-29/39, multiple military vehicle displays, Army and Air National Guard recruiting tents and children's activities.



Col (ret) Mark Tillman, former commander of Air Force One, speaks at Patriot's Luncheon.

# NMSA Newsletter

## Scolari's and Model Dairy Support NMSA

In June of 2010, with the help of friend and advisory board member joey scolari, and in celebration of National Dairy Month, Northern Nevada based Scolari's and Model Dairy teamed up to support the NMSA. The NMSA logo, our mission and website were printed on the Model Dairy milk carton. Five cents of every purchase of any Model Dairy product from Scolari's between June 13 and July 18, 2010, was donated to the NMSA. Thanks to the generosity of Scolari's and Model Dairy, NMSA raised \$7900 through this program.



## Hug High Drill Team Support

In 2010, the Hug High School JROTC Drill Team was honored with an invitation to participate in a national drill competition. The competition took place in Anaheim, Ca. When the NMSA became aware that the Hug High Drill Team did not have funding to attend the competition, we chose to get involved. We were pleased to sponsor the team's travel expenses to the competition, as well as a day at Disneyland. To show their appreciation, the Hug High School JROTC Drill Team invited members of the NMSA Board of Directors to attend their Battalion Inspection. Perry Di Loreto and Ron Bath were honored to be in attendance.

## Reed High School Supports NMSA

As part of the Civics and Government class at Reed High School, students participate in the planning and organization of fundraising events throughout the

year. The funds are donated to community organizations and local non-profits chosen by the students. This year, Reed High School chose to donate \$800 to the Nevada Military Support Alliance. The NMSA is very grateful for this donation and thrilled to have the students' interest in our organization. In order to show gratitude, Perry Di Loreto and Ron Bath visited Reed High School and spoke to the Civics and Government class, as well as presented each student with an NMSA button.

## Soldiers and Families First

This year, the NMSA was contacted by Soldiers and Families First, a 501 c3 non-profit charitable organization based in Las Vegas. The organization was trying to help a young female soldier who had just returned home from deployment to find out she had breast cancer. Soldiers and Families First requested the help of the NMSA by filing a formal request for support. After an in-depth review of the young woman's case, the NMSA was able to provide her with the support she needed in order to obtain personal and medical benefits. The NMSA is now in the process of building a relationship with Soldiers and Families first in order for the two organizations to work more closely in the future.

## Attaining 501c3 Status in 2010

The Nevada Military Support Alliance is now a 501c3, tax exempt, non-profit organization. We would like to thank our attorney, Gus Rossi Esq., for all his hard work. He completed a thorough filing and our exemption status was achieved in less than 30 days. Once the 501c3 approval was obtained legal council took steps to wind up the merger with Nevada Patriots Fund and assets were accordingly transferred

## Reno Community Foundation Relationship

The NMSA is pleased to announce our newly established relationship with the Community Foundation of Western Nevada. The Community Foundation is a tax exempt public charity created by and for Nevadans. They act as a philanthropic advising service for local non-profit agencies in Reno, Sparks, Carson City, Gardnerville and Minden as well as rural communities in Northern Nevada and the Eastern Sierra. The foundation charges the NMSA a pass-through investment fee as well as an administration fee; the administration fee is 1.5% of invested assets. For this fee, the foundation deposits and holds any donations made to NMSA. They notify us when a donation has been made, for how much, and who the donation was made by. Then the foundation promptly sends acknowledgements to our donors. The advisors at the community foundation help us to achieve our philanthropic goals. They have simplified our administrative process. The NMSA is very pleased about our new relationship with the Community Foundation, as it has offered us a simple and dependable way to manage the NMSA trust.

## A Special Thank You

The NMSA would like to thank Susan Fisher for all the hard work and time she set forth to make so many of the NMSA's affairs successful this year. She was instrumental in the Military efforts at the Reno Tahoe Open. Susan was also incredibly helpful with the NMSA's involvement in the Mustang 22 Memorial. Thank you, Susan!

We would also like to thank Jim Wallis an architect with BJB Engineering for donating his time to design the Mustang 22 Memorial. Also, thank you to Great Basis Concrete and Norm Dianda for donating materials and manpower to the cause. The Memorial turned out spectacular, as did the dedication service that honored the five men whose lives were lost in the Mustang 22 crash.

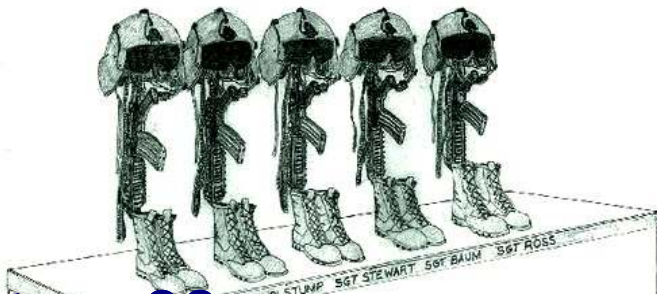
(see page 5 for more on Mustang 22)

# NMSA Newsletter

## Tribute to Mustang 22

Many times have I left the borders of my own land. I am here with good men whom I trust and trust me. We set aside our lives for the benefit of others, with belief in the democracy that has made our nation great. We go to give these people the same freedoms we enjoy without question. I hope I am able to keep my resolve and to keep focus on what is important and what is right. Everyday I am reminded of those who have ridden here with me but will not make the trip home.

Lost we forget - De Oppresso Liber



## Mustang 22

September 25, 2005

To date, Nevada has lost 54 honorable men who died while serving our country in the global war on terrorism. You can view a complete list of Nevada's fallen soldiers on the NMSA website, at <http://www.nvmilitarysupport.org/heroes.html>.



On September 25, 2010 the Nevada Army National Guard dedicated a memorial monument to five fallen soldiers at its Army Aviation Support Facility in Reno. The dedication ceremony took place on the five-year anniversary of when Mustang 22, the CH-47 Chinook helicopter, was shot down by Taliban insurgents who fired a rocket-propelled grenade.

Members of the Nevada Military Support Alliance were proud to attend the ceremony among hundreds of other patrons who came out to honor the five fallen soldiers- Pilot-in-Command CW3 Chief John Flynn, Pilot WO1 Adrian

Stump, Flight Engineer SSG Patrick Stewart, Flight Engineer SSG Tane Baum and Door Gunner SGT Kenneth Ross.

The memorial contains several symbolic touches that pay homage to the Mustang 22 crew. The outer ring measures about 60 feet, the same diameter as the rotor of a Chinook helicopter. The inner wall has a diameter of 22 feet to honor the crew's call sign. Symbolic clock hands also represent "0305 Zulu" or 3:05 a.m. in military time – which was when Mustang 22 was shot down.

The construction of the monument broke ground in July of 2010 and was spear-

headed by Chief Warrant Officer Sean Laycox. The construction was made possible by the generosity of many. Soldiers and civilian workers volunteered their time, construction firms donated labor and cement, and residents throughout northern Nevada donated funds. Nevada Military Support Alliance donated funds to support the construction of the monument and insure a beautiful dedication ceremony for the crew of Mustang 22.



# NMSA Newsletter

## Colonel Jerry Bussell



As many may already know, the Nevada Military Support Alliance lost one of its founding members- a loyal supporter, and former chairman, Colonel Jerry Bussell (Retired) on October 18, 2010. Col. Bussell, along with Perry Di Loreto and Joe Brown, established the Nevada Pa-

triot Fund in 2003 as a response to the United States' engagement in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Over the years, Col. Bussell's involvement with the Nevada Patriot Fund (now the Nevada Military Support Alliance) has been hugely pivotal in the success of the organization. We are feeling a tremendous loss due to his death. The impact of this great man's life goes far beyond his work with the NMSA. Col. Jerry Bussell was a man of many honorable accomplishments.

Colonel Bussell was buried at Arlington National Cemetery, located in Arlington, Virginia, on January 31, 2011; at 11:00 a.m. EST. Jerry was buried with full military honors which include: Band, Body Bearers (6), Bugler, Caisson, Caparison Horse, Escort and Firing Party. Army Chaplain Regino "Gino" Hernandez con-

ducted the services. A "Once an Eagle Ceremony" was conducted by the U.S. Army Ranger Association. Further information about the cemetery and its ceremony can be found at [www.arlingtoncemetery.org](http://www.arlingtoncemetery.org).

The NMSA would like to extend a personal thank you to everyone who contributed to the Nevada Military Support Alliance in Colonel Jerry Bussell's honor. We have received an outpouring of donations in his name. The support is truly appreciated.

"Arlington National Cemetery is a shrine to valor and sacrifice, to service and fidelity. Those interred there tell a story not just of the Republic in war and in peace, but also of transcendental ideal, conceived in liberty and re-consecrated in every new grave dug, every benediction murmured, every commitment into the hallowed ground. In this city of the dead, it is an ideal that lives on." - Rick Atkinson

## Potential New Board Members

As mentioned in the President's Letter, NMSA will be electing several new board members. We would like to introduce those candidates that have been nominated to the governing board.

### J. Scott Bensing

J. Scott Bensing is President of SB Strategic Consulting, Inc., headquartered in Reno, Nevada, with offices in Las Vegas and Washington DC. SB Strategic Consulting serves a number of national and western clients who require high level legislative and regulatory assistance from Capitol Hill and federal agencies.

Scott is a former Executive Director of the National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC) and U. S. Senate leadership staff member. Bensing was named one of the most powerful congressional staff members in Washington DC in *Roll Call* magazine's

annual Fabulous Fifty staff edition in 2007 and again in 2008. Prior to his leading the NRSC, Scott served in senior staff positions in both the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate, including service as the first Chief of Staff to Senator John Ensign, R-NV.

Scott first appeared on Capitol Hill as a naval officer working for the Secretary of the Navy as a congressional liaison officer. Prior to SECNAV, he served at sea as an Engineering Officer and Combat Information Systems Officer on the USS David R. Ray (DD-971), a Spruance-class De-

stroyer during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm in the first Persian Gulf War, and was selected to serve as aide to Rear Admiral Donald Dyer, Commander of the NATO Standing Naval Force Atlantic.

Scott holds a B.S. degree in Political Science from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, and a Masters degree in Public Administration from The American University in Washington DC.

Scott lives in Reno, NV, with his wife and four children.

# NMSA Newsletter

## Caleb S. Cage

Caleb S. Cage was born and raised in Reno, Nevada. He attended the United States Military Academy, at West Point, where he studied American History, with an emphasis on the Early American Republic.

Upon graduation at West Point in 2002 Caleb was commissioned as a Field Artillery officer and was assigned to the 1st Infantry Division in Bamberg, Germany for a three year tour. During this period, Caleb served as a company executive offi-

cer and later as a motorized rifle platoon leader in the city of Baqubah, Iraq.

Caleb wrote about his experiences in Baquba with co-author Gregory Tomlin in *The Gods of Diyala: Transfer of Command in Iraq*. The book was published by Texas A&M University press in the fall of 2008.

Less than a year after returning to Germany, Caleb received orders to return to Iraq for a second yearlong deployment

to Baghdad, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom IV as an Information Operations Action Officer for Multinational Corps-Iraq.

Caleb previously worked as a Senior Policy Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor of Nevada and is now the Executive Director of the Nevada Office of Veterans Services.

## Richard A. Gammick

After being hired by Mills Lane serving 10 years as a Deputy District Attorney and Chief Deputy District Attorney, Richard A. "Dick" Gammick was elected the Washoe County District Attorney in 1994, taking office January, 1995. Dick has been re-elected in 1998, 2002, 2006, and 2010.

Dick was a Reno Police Officer, a Major in the United States Army, with a combat tour in Vietnam, and Nevada Army National Guard, and a legal advisor for the Reno Police Department as a Deputy Reno City Attorney.

Dick has a B.S. from UNR in Account-

ing and a law degree from McGeorge School of Law. A Nevada Native from Elko, he married his wife Norma, from Texas, in 1968 while serving on active duty in the U.S. Army as an Aviator. Dick and Norma raised a son and daughter, and have two grandchildren.

## Phillip Randazzo

Phillip Randazzo is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Nevada Benefits Corporation, one of Nevada's leading brokerages of individual and group medical and life insurance.

Phil started his insurance career in 1991 as an agent for Northwestern Mutual Life noted by Forbes Magazine as one of North America's most admired insurance companies. During his tenure at Northwestern Mutual Life, Phil submerged himself in research of the health insurance industry, health plans and alternative insurance markets. In 1995 Phil established Nevada Benefits Corporation, a company which services its clientele 7 days a week from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. This exceptional customer service has helped to grow Nevada Benefits Corporation to the multifaceted agency that it is today servicing thousands of satisfied clients through referrals and recommendations.

In addition to Nevada Benefits Corporation, Phil started Capital MD as a result of his client's need for assistance with medical billing. Capital MD is a unique medical billing service that pays doctors in full

every two weeks for their billed insurance. To date Capital MD has handled over 3.6 million claims.

Phil's greatest strengths are his creativity, drive, leadership and altruism. In March 2003 soon after the start of the War in Iraq, Phil was disheartened over the lack of support for America's service men and women. In response he created Nevada Benefits Foundation, a private self-funded foundation, with the website [defendingfreedom.org](http://defendingfreedom.org). Since its inception, Nevada Benefits Foundation has donated over 1.6 million dollars to the wounded soldiers and their families. This organization has also constructed a memorial located at Red Rock National Conservation Area honoring fallen soldiers from the State of Nevada. Phil recently became a member of the Nellis Support Team, an organization that protects the missions of the Nellis Airforce Base and the men and women that work there. Phil has appeared on Fox News and was recognized by both the United States Congress and Senate for his honorable work through Nevada Benefits

Foundation.

Phil was given the key to the City of Las Vegas in March of 2003 and is actively involved in the Las Vegas community serving on the Advisory Board for the YMCA of Southern Nevada.

**New members elected to the Board of Directors will be installed at the Annual Board of Directors Meeting on March 3rd.**

# NMSA Newsletter

## General Bryan Douglas "Doug" Brown



General Bryan Douglas "Doug" Brown, born October 20, 1948, is a former Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM). As USSOCOM's combatant commander, he was responsible for all unified special operations forces, both active duty and reserve.

Brown has a B.A. in history from Cameron University and a Master of Business Administration degree from Webster Univer-

sity.

He entered the Army in 1967 as a private in the infantry. Upon completion of Airborne School and the Special Forces Qualification Course, he served on a Special Forces "A Team" at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He later went on to earn his pilot's wings shortly after that.

His notable commands include 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, Joint Special Operations Command and U.S. Army Special Operations Command.

Gen. Bryan D. "Doug" Brown was the first member of the Aviation branch to attain the rank of four-star general.

As a general officer, he served as Assistant Division Commander (Maneuver), 1st Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Riley, Kansas. He also served as director of Plans, Policy and Strategic Assessments (J5/J7) at the U.S. Special Operations Command

MacDill AFB, Commanding General, Joint Special Operations Command and U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg and Deputy Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill AFB.

During a career that spanned four decades his combat tours include Vietnam, as well as Operation Urgent Fury (Grenada), Desert Shield/Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and many others.

His military education includes the Field Artillery Officer Advance Course, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the Army War College. General Brown is a graduate of the Harvard Executive Education Program's National and International Security Managers Course.

General Brown retired from active duty in September 2007.

## First Annual Recognition Gala

On the evening of May 7th we will be holding our first annual Recognition Gala at the Silver Legacy. Our hopes are for this event to become a high profile and significant event in the community. The evening will consist of a sit down dinner with entertainment. This year we are honored to have General Bryan "Doug" Brown, the former Commander of United States Special Operations Command as our guest speaker. Please see his biography above. Gen Brown will offer a candid and enthralling account of his experience in Special Operations. At the event the NMSA will be honoring many distinguished guests who have contributed so much to our success as an organization. We will also be honoring many deserving Service members who have, or are still serving our Nation.

The organization will be selling tickets to this event. We are relying on the support of our Board of Directors and Advisory Board to sell tickets and tables for the event. We may also include an auction at the event pending the attainment of auction items, including military memorabilia. If anyone has idea's for the event, auction items, or can help in any way please contact Alice Booth at [alicenmsa@gmail.com](mailto:alicenmsa@gmail.com). We would like to strongly encourage our Advisory Board members to get involved, as this is our only annual fundraising event. Any help would be truly appreciated.



## NEVADA MILITARY SUPPORT ALLIANCE

59 Damonte Ranch Pkwy  
Ste B, Box 354  
Reno, NV 89503

E-mail: [Info@nvmilitarysupport.com](mailto:Info@nvmilitarysupport.com)

The Mission of the Nevada Military Support Alliance is to organize and inspire broad community support to meet the needs of Nevada's Service Members and our Veterans, and the families of both, and to anticipate and provide solutions to potential problems

**We're on the web!**

[nvmilitarysupport.org](http://nvmilitarysupport.org)



The Nevada Military Support Alliance has a new Administrative Assistant, Alice Booth. If you have any updates, article topics, or comments please email Alice at [info@nvmilitarysupport.com](mailto:info@nvmilitarysupport.com)

## Upcoming Events

- **Homes for our Troops** - we will be involved with the building of a home in Wellington Nevada for a soldier who lost both legs in combat. Learn more about Homes for our Troops at [homesforourtroops.org](http://homesforourtroops.org).
- **Military Ball** - Support for Nevada Military Department upcoming Military Ball (spring 2011, date TBD)
- **Annual Board of Directors Meeting** - March 3rd– 6pm– Tamarack Junction– Installation of new board members will take place at this meeting.
- **Noodle This!**- March 16th– 5:30pm Networking/6:30pm Dinner– Eldorado Casino
- **First Annual Recognition Gala** - May 7th– Time TBA– Silver Legacy– Gen Doug Brown as speaker.
- **Reno Tahoe Open**– August 01– 07, 2011.