

On the floor 'for three or four days'

The young soldier was standing at the back of the ticket line at McCarran International Airport. He had on his travel uniform. He was carrying his duffel bag. Those things can get heavy.

"Everyone was just ignoring him, and the line was so long," recalls Sandy Lashua, who works the lost-and-found window at the airport. "The line to the ticket counter that day must have been 45 minutes long. So I stood up and started clapping."

She apologizes for getting a little choked up.

"They looked at me, wondering what I was clapping for, and then they turned around and they saw him. And then some other people to started to clap, and slowly they let him come down to the front of the line."

Some folks have strong feelings about the military. Sandy Lashua's dad served in World War II and the Korean War. "He passed away in 1991." Her husband did 30 years in the Marine Corps, retiring as the group sergeant major for the West Coast.

The problem with the kids in uniform gets worse during the heat of the summer and during the holidays, Sandy explains. Often flying standby, the servicemen arrive at McCarran and wait for their connections.

And wait.



Vin Suprynowicz
COMMENTARY

"Over the holiday season we had several of them who had to sleep in the airport. Some of them were here three or four days, just sleeping on the floor, just waiting. Sometimes they'll wait two or three days for someone to pick them up and take them to Barstow or Twentynine Palms. A lot of them ask for a USO and we don't just have one. Most larger airports have a USO club, already."

Sometimes an airport employee will go to Burger King or another of the concessionaires and ask if they can provide a meal, "which we're not supposed to do," Sandy explains. "Because we're county employees, we're not supposed to provide money or services to traveling passengers."

So Sandy has joined up with Chuck Lombardo, a retired Air Force senior master sergeant who also works at McCarran, to try to drum up some local support for a USO

club there.

Both stress they're doing this as private citizens, not as representatives of the airport, which has entered into negotiations with them, looking for some free space.

"It's pathetic," Chuck says. "We don't have chairs. They sit on the floor on their duffel bags. And our biggest problem isn't really Nellis, it's Twentynine Palms and Fort Irwin. On Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays there are no rooms downtown, and it's appalling. One night we were able to find some rooms, going for \$500, for \$2,000. It's kind of hard to believe we can't do anything. I'm talking to you from the waterfront on Catalina Island and we're only paying \$150 a night here."

A place to call home, to use a computer, to watch TV, "someplace for the kids to kick back, a nice private place where they can sit down in a chair and take a nap, kind of like what the airline VIP lounges offer, depending on the space, maybe a pool table," Chuck explains.

"The kids desire basically just a place to get off the floor and relax for four or five hours. I had a lady sailor come in there, she just wanted someplace where she could go with her kids. Usually there's free sandwiches, a little soda machine so they can get something to drink, admission is just by military ID card, military and retired military."

Doesn't sound like too much to ask.

"The USO is a private nonprofit organization. And before they will allow a franchise they want not only public support indicating that it's wanted and needed, they also need documentation that we do support the military," Chuck Lombardo explains. "They want reassurance from the airport and community that this thing will be maintained. ... In order to get the USO to even come out here, we've got to prove to their headquarters that the city of Las Vegas wants a USO."

Organizers aren't seeking any money yet. All they're asking for are letters of support, addressed to: USO Support Committee, P.O. Box 90238, Henderson, NV, 89009-0238.

"I know the airlines, when they have to cancel a flight, they can get reservations. I'm sure they're not paying \$300 a night," Chuck says. "That's something else that eventually I'd like to get set up, and I'd also like to have the Greyhound Bus make a stop there at the airport. They have a bus that goes to California at 1:45 in the morning."

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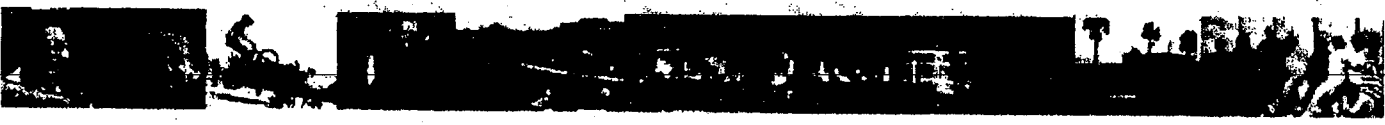
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County Commission Paves Way for USO at McCarran

Las Vegas, NV - McCarran International Airport could soon land a USO facility that would provide comfort, recreation and a morale boost to members of the military and their families.

On Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 9:15 a.m., the Clark County Commission will consider a proposal that authorizes the Aviation department to relocate a VIP lounge now used by America West and U.S. Airways to make way for the USO (United Service Organizations) facility.

Once given the go-ahead, the county would fund half of the \$1.5 million cost of the relocation and accept private donations to cover the remainder.

"Las Vegas is the world's hospitality Mecca," said Rory Reid, chairman of the County Commission and in whose district the airport is located. "Our city and the USO are a perfect fit. In times of war, it makes even more sense that we should put out the welcome mat for our service men and women and members of their families."

For the past year, U.S. Representative Shelley Berkley (D-NV) has worked with the county on this matter and expressed her enthusiasm. "What better way for Las Vegas to say thank you to our troops for their hard work and dedication than to welcome them to McCarran Airport with a comfortable new USO lounge where they can relax or share time with their friends and loved ones. Southern Nevada is a community known for its generosity, and I am so proud of the enormous outpouring of public support that has been shown for this new facility," said Berkley.

The proposed move of the airlines' VIP lounge from a non-secure area near the A and B gates to a secure area would make it more accessible to their customers once they have been processed through the checkpoint.

The county Aviation department offered to pay half of the cost of the relocation since the move would benefit both the airport and the airlines. But officials said that the move is not required as an operational need, which under the airlines' agreement would compel the department to provide all of the costs of such a move. The county would provide all design and construction services for the new airline VIP lounge. Airport officials were approached by USO advocates requesting a facility at McCarran. They indicated that they are able to raise up to \$750,000, which is needed to cover the private portion of the tab.

The USO, founded in 1941, has no facilities anywhere in Nevada but airports around the country do, including Los Angeles International Airport, O'Hare International Airport in Chicago and JFK in New York. The USO is a nonprofit, congressionally chartered, private organization that provides comfort, recreational services and a morale boost to service members and their families. The original intent of Congress is to represent the American people by extending a touch of home to the military, representatives said. The USO operates more than 120 centers around the world, with 73 located in the continental U.S. and 49 overseas. Service members and their families visit USO centers more than 5 million times each year.

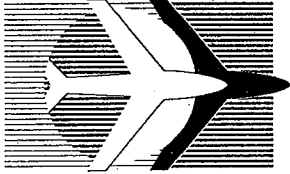
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RE: USO Lounge at McCarran International Airport

Dear Mr. Lombardo:

The Department of Aviation (DOA) has received your letter expressing interest in the USO Committee (USO) establishing an USO Lounge at McCarran International Airport. As noted during our meeting on August 11, 2005, it is our understanding that the USO would like to use the mezzanine area currently occupied by America West / US Airways (Airline) that is being used for their VIP lounge for a USO facility, should it come available in the future.

The DOA has made the offer to Airline of its willingness to pay fifty percent (50%) of the costs to relocate this facility to another location, post security, on the Airport, **in an amount not-to-exceed Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 (\$750,000.00) Dollars.** This offer is subject to final approval by the Board of County Commissioners. However, Airline will need to fund the remaining fifty percent (50%) to make this happen. As yet, Airline has not indicated that they would be able meet this obligation.

This letter shall serve the DOA's intent that, if Airline can fund their fifty percent (50%) portion of the relocation costs for the VIP Lounge, the DOA will fund the remaining fifty percent (50%) of such costs. All work will need to be done by Airline. Upon such relocation and vacation of the Mezzanine Level space, it is the intent of DOA to make this area available for the purpose of a USO Lounge for military personnel and for no other reason, at McCarran International Airport. DOA will require Airline to leave the improvements to the Airline VIP Lounge fully intact with all furnishings and appliances and communications, thereby making it a "turn key operation" for the USO.



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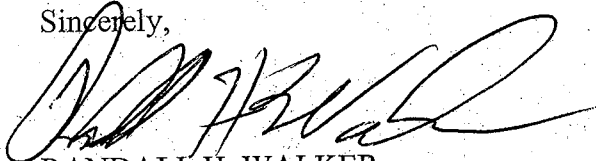
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Mr. Chuck Lombardo
USO COMMITTEE
October 25, 2005
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The parties hereby agree that this letter is intended to remain in place until such time as a more formalized agreement can be executed by both parties. **Both parties acknowledge and agree that the content of this Letter and/or any future agreement is subject to final approval by the Board of County Commissioners.**

A space is provided below for your acknowledgement and acceptance of the contents of this Letter of Agreement. Please have the appropriate corporate signature affixed and return one (1) original to our office. The second original is provided for your records.

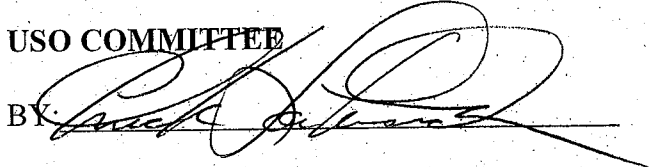
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McCarran plans USO facility

County may spend \$750,000 on relocation project

By J. CRAIG ANDERSON
Las Vegas Sun

Upscale passengers flying US Airways will have Clark County taxpayers and men and women in uniform to thank for a new VIP lounge at McCarran International Airport if the County Commission approves a proposed measure today.

County officials insist the real benefit of spending \$750,000 to move the lounge is that it would make room for a United Service Organizations facility where traveling soldiers and their families could rest.

To establish the USO area, the county's Aviation Department has proposed paying half the estimated \$1.5 million cost to move the US Airways Club — available only to fee-paying passengers — to an area beyond the airport security checkpoint.

The remaining cost would be covered by private donations collected by the USO, county Director of Aviation Randall Walker said.

The airline's existing VIP lounge, in a nonsecure area of Terminal 1, would be converted to a USO facility where troops on active duty and their families could relax, receive travel assistance and enjoy entertainment and refreshments.

"The reason we're doing this is obvious," said County Commission Chairman Rory Reid. "We have servicemen and women coming through

the airport, and they don't have any place to rest."

The plan also would benefit US Airways passengers, who pay an annual fee of \$260 to \$435 for access to the VIP lounge, because they would not have to pass through security after spending time there prior to flights.

The airline, which merged recently with America West Airlines, has three similar lounges at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, all of which are located in the secured gate areas.

US Airways spokeswoman Zoe Gynn stressed that McCarran officials proposed moving the VIP lounge, the only one of its kind at the airport.

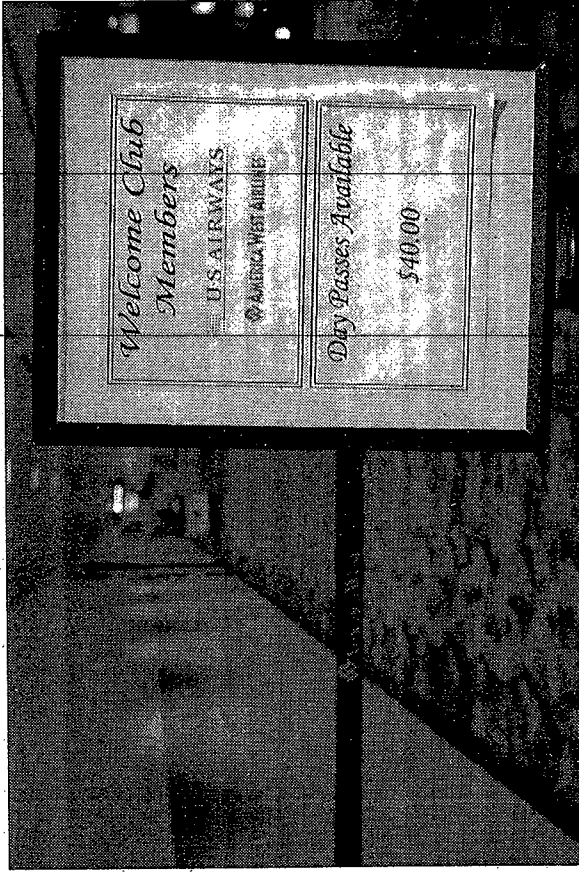
"If they're asking us to do it, it makes sense that they would help pay for it," she said.

Walker said airport officials suggested the relocation to America West a few years ago and offered to split the cost, but the airline did not want to pay half of the expense.

Currently, VIP lounge patrons who visit the facility must leave and re-enter the secured gate areas, creating extra foot traffic at the checkpoint during busy times, Walker said.

The USO recently approached airport officials and offered to pay the airline's costs in exchange for keeping all of the furniture and equipment located in the existing US Airways Club.

"They don't really see any expense at all" to convert the facility, Walker said.



The U.S. Airways lounge could be converted into a USO facility.

USO Inc., a nonprofit group that operates 124 military lounges worldwide, was created before World War II to provide comfort and entertainment to soldiers.

Donna St. John, the USO's vice president of communications, said the group has long discussed the possibility of opening a lounge in Las Vegas. She estimated that the lounge could open in 14 to 18 months.

In many cities, the host airport pays for the facility and the USO covers operational costs and staffing, St. John said.

American troops and their family members made more than 5 million visits to USO facilities in 2005, she said.

Reid said the cost to move the VIP lounge is miniscule compared with the more than \$2 billion being spent on other expansion projects at McCarran. He said building a more convenient US Airways Club also would be good for tourism.

"It also has the added benefit of serving the men and women in uniform," he said.

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Dear Mr. Powell,

I am writing to support the establishment of a USO lounge/facility to be located at McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas. You may be aware that our community has expressed strong interest in establishing a USO facility since late 2004. Local citizens have begun gathering support from community members, elected officials, business leaders and prominent figures in the entertainment industry. I support the efforts of these dedicated citizens to establish a USO lounge at McCarran.

I have witnessed our troops traveling through McCarran and been dismayed at the lack of facilities at McCarran for them and their families. No active member of the military should have to wait long hours in discomfort for connecting flights or to have to bid farewell to family members without the option of privacy that a USO lounge would afford them. With more than 48,000 military members traveling to, through or from McCarran annually, it is clear that southern Nevada is long overdue for a USO facility.

Southern Nevada citizens strongly support members of the armed services and would rally to support a USO facility at McCarran. Our community has stepped up many times in support of the troops serving across the globe. I have no doubt they would enthusiastically endorse the installation of such a facility here locally.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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July 13, 2005

USO Support Committee
P.O. Box 90238
Henderson, NV 89009-0238

Dear USO Support Committee:

It has recently come to my attention that the establishment of a USO facility at McCarran International Airport is being discussed. In order to better assist our military, I would like to offer my full support in securing such a facility.

As a veteran of both the Vietnam and Persian Gulf wars, I have personally experienced the excellent services that the USO offers to the U.S. military. It is my hope that the troops traveling through Las Vegas en route to their next base destinations will soon experience the same services.

It is my understanding from the USO Support Committee that both officials at McCarran International Airport, and the USO International, agree that a USO is needed in Las Vegas. As Nevada's largest airport and the nation's sixth busiest airport, a USO facility is needed to assist our returning troops and to welcome them home. In addition, the tremendous growth of the Las Vegas metropolitan region and the increasing number of flights that go through McCarran International Airport will ensure participation in an airport-based USO facility for years to come.

For everything that our military does for this country, a USO facility at McCarran International Airport is another way to show our appreciation and boost their morale. I strongly support establishing a USO facility at McCarran, and it is my hope that a facility for our troops can be established as soon as possible. Thank you for your consideration of this request and if there is anything further that I can do to encourage this effort, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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To the Nevada USO Support Committee:

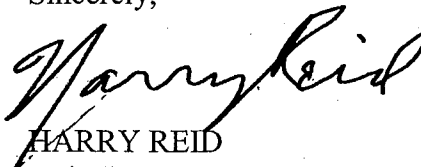
I am writing this letter to express my support for a USO Lounge at McCarran International Airport. McCarran is the sixth busiest airport in North America, handling over 41 million passengers annually. Many of these passengers are on active military duty, serving in the National Guard, Reservist, or the United States Armed Services.

With so many troops being deployed abroad protecting our freedom; we must address the needs and concerns that these brave men and women encounter whenever they are required to travel domestically. As a member of the United States Senate, it is my obligation and privilege to ensure that these courageous men and women have the resources and support that they need.

In addition to my appropriation efforts to ease the travel burden for our troops, I am also a supporter of local governments and organizations providing service to these brave men and women when they are faced with delays in their travel requirements.

Thank you for taking the lead in a collaborative effort to ensure that our troops are being well taken care of as they travel. I look forward to the positive impact this USO will bring to our airport and to our great city.

Sincerely,



HARRY REID
United States Senator

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The Honorable Edward A. Powell
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Dear Mr. Powell:

In the course of my travels through McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas, Nevada, I am heartened to see so many young men and women in uniform. These patriots are either returning from duty in Iraq and Afghanistan, enroute to their next duty station, or heading home to visit loved ones. With so many people in uniform, it was brought to my attention that there was no place designated for these brave men and women to await a connecting flight or military ground transportation.

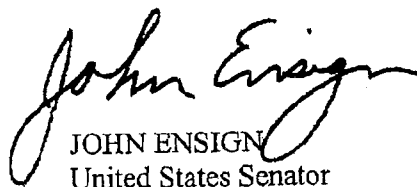
What is needed for these heroes is a United Services Organization (USO) lounge—a place where they can relax with their comrades, enjoy a soda and watch sports on television. The relaxed atmosphere could also be used to call their parents or spouses and update them on travel arrangements.

McCarran International Airport was recently rated the sixth busiest airport in North America with over 41 million passengers passing through it last year. Many of these passengers are those men and women currently serving in the military.

I urge you to give careful consideration to establishing a USO lounge at McCarran International Airport at the earliest possible date. I know it would be well received and much appreciated.

If I can assist in this endeavor in any way, please feel free to contact me. My point of contact for this matter is D'Arcy Grisier at (202) 224-6244.

Sincerely,


JOHN ENSIGN
United States Senator

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September 19, 2005

Jeff Hill
USO Support
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Dear Mr. Hill

Recently, several constituents have contacted my office inquiring about the possibility of opening a United Service Organization (USO) Airport Service Center, at McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas, Nevada.

As you may know, Nellis Air Force Base is located in Southern Nevada and is an integral part of the United States Air Force's Air Combat Command. Nellis houses the Air Warfare Center, the 57th Wing, the 99th Air Base Wing, the 53rd Wing, and the United States Air Force Demonstration Team the Thunderbirds. Nellis AFB is known as the home of the fighter pilot and a number of aircraft are based there including, the A-10, F-15C, F-15E, F16, RQ-1A Predator UAV, and HH-60 helicopters.

Nellis Air Force Base hosts several exercises a year, Operation Red, Green, and Blue flags. Operation Red Flag is a realistic combat-training exercise involving the armed forces of the United States and its allies. It provides realistic training and encompasses every aspect of air warfare. The base is also home to visiting aircraft from around the world and receives thousands of guests each year many of which travel through McCarran International Airport.

McCarran International Airport was ranked eleventh in the world with over 41 million passengers passing through the terminal in 2004. Thousands of these passengers are members of our Armed Forces and could benefit from a USO Service Center.

The USO acts as the bridge between the American people and the United States military in times of peace and war with the mission of providing morale, welfare and recreation-type services to the men and women of our Armed Forces.

In keeping with the mission of the USO and serving our military personnel I would like to offer my support for a USO Service Center at McCarran International Airport.

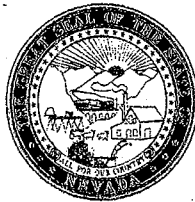
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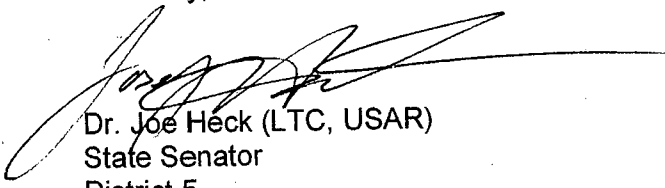
Dear Committee:

I am writing to offer my support, in whatever way possible, to assist you in your efforts to bring a USO to McCarran International Airport.

As a military reservist, I have had the opportunity to utilize this important resource on many occasions, albeit at airports other than McCarran. For many service members, the USO is an oasis in an unfamiliar place where comrades can relax amongst like-minded individuals. When I made Clark County my home in 1992, I wondered why the now fifth busiest airport in the country did not have a USO. At first I thought it was because most of McCarran's passenger traffic is tourism-based. Yet as I travel through the airport, I always see our country's servicemen and women, in uniform, sitting and waiting for their next "hop" or trying to catch some much-needed sleep atop their duffel bags. This is no way to show our support for the men and women who sacrifice so much to serve our country.

I commend you on your efforts in this most worthy cause and look forward to the day when the USO opens its doors at McCarran International Airport.

Sincerely,



Dr. Joe Heck (LTC, USAR)
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August 10, 2005

Mr. Jeff Hill
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Dear Mr. Hill,

I am pleased to write in support of establishing a USO lounge at McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas, Nevada. Many members of the U.S. Armed Forces are among the 41 million people passing through McCarran each year; they are veterans, reservists, and soldiers on active duty. If there is any way we can make their travel a little easier in these difficult times, we should do it. It is a small way we can show our gratitude for their great sacrifices. I urge you to open a USO lounge and I stand ready to help you in any way I can. Please call on me. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dina Titus".

Dina Titus
Nevada Senate Minority Leader



September 29, 2005

OFFICE
OF THE
MAYOR

USO Support Committee
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Dear USO Support Committee:

I have been advised that the establishment of a USO facility at McCarran International Airport is being pursued and that positive support by southern Nevada's elected officials can assist in bringing this meaningful project to fruition. As Mayor of the City of Las Vegas, I am proud to support a USO facility, as this is an important way that we can show our servicemen and women the respect that they have earned while traveling in and out of our great city.

The members of our active duty military, guard, reserve and veterans have served, and continue to serve, our country so faithfully. With so many of our military personnel flying standby, it is essential that we provide them with something as simple as a room with the basic necessities to help them unwind while waiting hours and, sometimes, days to simply make it home to their loved ones.

Again, I am very much in support of the establishment of a USO facility at McCarran International Airport.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Oscar B. Goodman".

Oscar B. Goodman
Mayor
City of Las Vegas

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CITY OF HENDERSON
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August 11, 2005

USO Support Committee
P.O. Box 90238
Henderson, NV 89009-0238

Dear USO Committee:

The men and women who serve our nation deserve our respect, gratitude and support. The service comes at great personal sacrifice and it is our obligation as a society to support them as they endeavor to protect our country and our way of life.

I know the sacrifices these men and women make for us and I see them often making their way through our airport as they travel to their various destinations in the course of their duties. I am dismayed at the lack of facilities provided to these good men and women and am in full support of the Chuck Lombardo and the USO Committee in their endeavors to establish a USO facility at McCarran International Airport.

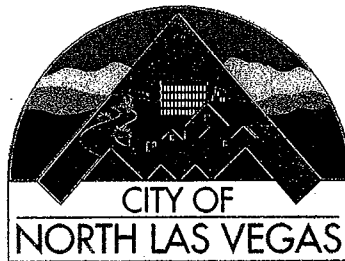
As the sixth busiest airport in North America in one of the fastest growing communities in the entire nation, McCarran International Airport is the perfect place for a USO Lounge. A USO Lounge would provide welcome refuge and privacy to these soldiers and their families as they make their way across our country in the course of their duties.

On behalf of my colleagues on the city council and the residents of the entire City of Henderson, we want to thank Chuck Lombardo and the USO Committee for all their efforts and express our continued support to them in bringing this much needed and long overdue facility to McCarran International Airport.

Sincerely,

James B. Gibson
Mayor

Michael L. Montandon
Mayor



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October 18, 2005

USO Support Committee
3765 E. Sunset Road, Suite B5
Las Vegas, NV 89120

Dear USO Support Committee:

I have been advised that the establishment of a USO Facility is being pursued and positive support by the area Mayors in Southern Nevada can assist in the fulfillment of that action.

In times of peace and war, the USO has consistently delivered its special brand of comfort, morale and recreational services to service members and their families. We would like to extend the USO benefits and services to Southern Nevada.

As Mayor of the City of North Las Vegas, we are proud to support a USO Facility at McCarran. Please count me in as a strong supporter of that action and contact me if I can be of assistance to make this fine project happen.

We salute our troops and your committee for this outstanding initiative.

Sincerely,

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Michael L. Montandon
Mayor

USO SUPPORT COMMITTEE
3765 E. Sunset Road, Suite B5
Las Vegas, NV 89120

Dear USO Support Committee,

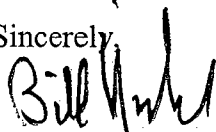
I have been advised that the establishment of a USO Facility is being pursued and positive support by the area Mayors of Southern Nevada can assist in fulfilling of that action.

I can remember when returned Vietnam Veterans were told not to wear their uniforms and to sneak through the airport upon their return from duty. This should never have happened.

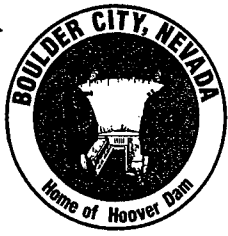
- As Mayor of Mesquite, our city and I are proud to support a USO Facility at McCarren. Please count the residents of Mesquite in as strong supporters of that action and call me if you need any assistance from the folks of Mesquite.

We salute our troops and your committee for this outstanding initiative.

Sincerely,



"Mayor Bill" Nicholas



City of Boulder City

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October 18, 2005

USO SUPPORT COMMITTEE

3765 E. Sunset Rd, Ste B5
Las Vegas, NV 89120

Dear USO Support Committee,

I have been advised that the establishment of a USO Facility is being pursued and that positive support by the area Mayors in Southern Nevada will assist in the fulfillment of that action.

As Chairman of the Civilian Military Council, I have witnessed many servicemen with no special place to relax. Our Armed Forces personnel deserve a special place.

As Mayor of Boulder City, my city and I are proud to support a USO Facility at the McCarran Airport. Please count me in as a strong supporter of that action and call me if you need any assistance from my office.

I salute our troops and your committee for this outstanding initiative.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Ferraro
Mayor

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June 29, 2005

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USO Committee
PO Box 90238
Henderson, NV 89009

RE: Sandy Lashua

Dear Sirs:

I have known Sandy Lashua for twenty years. I was previously Lt. Governor of Nevada and have been involved in many projects supporting our troops. I even have a stage at home with the initials USO which I have staged various fund raisers for many organizations and often have used a military theme. I was in A Company 82nd Aviation Battalion 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vietnam and had over 100 combat missions transporting patients to the 3rd Mash Hospital as a doctor. One of the benefits of being associated with a helicopter company is to fly around USO participants including Playmate of the Year, Bob Hope, and others and actually made all the arrangements for "parties on the beach" for our troops in Vietnam 40 years ago. I have been involved in military organizations as the Surgeon General to the United States in a service organization, The United States Service Command. I have also served, again, as a Surgeon General, in another organization to memorialize our war casualties and the United States Volunteers patterned after the original Teddy Roosevelt organization.

In addition to this, one year ago I thought that the Federal Government was too slow in honoring our World War II veterans, taking 60 years to build a World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. I started honoring them by building a wall to honor our casualties in Afghanistan and Iraq since the year 2000. I am enclosing a picture of the wall and our now 21 casualties from Nevada alone and approaching 2000 for the casualties in the Mid-East since the year 2000. I heartily endorse the USO project at the Las Vegas Airport which ranks 7th in the United States in business. This is especially true of destination flights. We need these services for our servicemen.

Nevada has the highest percentage of veterans in the United States partly because of the climate and the many people who have been stationed at Nellis Air Base and other stations in Nevada. We are even opening new air bases because of the Predator squadron being the squadron of the future named after General Creech. This was announced only last week. With out Nevada Test Site and many other areas that will be expanded and our huge facility at Nellis continued, there will be many military people here, both stationed and TDY. For this reason, I believe our entire community will support and have been interested in the military presence and wish to make services more available to the many travelers. I heartily endorse the USO concept and hope the committee will even call me in person if they wish any more confirmation that our entire community will be supportive. We have had events in Las Vegas such as the Air Show being planned in November which the Thunderbirds

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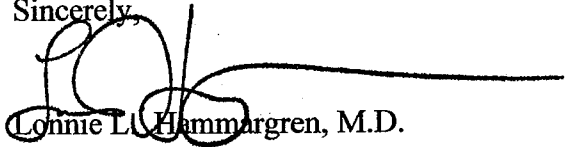
TO: USO Committee

Re: Sandy Lashua

do on their annual show. This draws hundreds of thousands of people. It is especially honoring the Vietnam veterans this year. We also have air shows which I have been honored to attend as Lt. Governor that featured 168 Generals from all of our friendly Air Forces in the whole world on the 50th Anniversary of the Air Force. Nevada is a military state and Las Vegas is a military oriented community.

Please contact me if you wish any further information.

Sincerely,

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Lonnie L. Hammargren, M.D.

cc: Sandy Lashua, 610 Coolidge Ave. Henderson, NV 89015

LLH/pgm

~~***signed but not edited***~~



RORY REID
Chairman

Board of County Commissioners

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May 6, 2005

Mr. Jeff Hill
USO Support
P.O. Box 90238
Henderson, NV 89009-0238

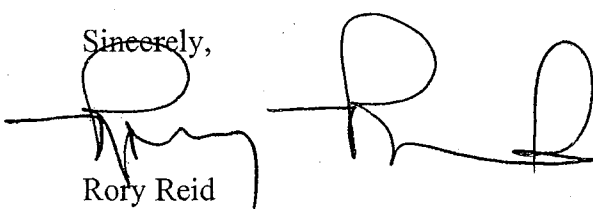
Dear Mr. Hill,

I am writing this letter to show my support for a USO Lounge at McCarran International Airport. It is important to support our armed forces at home and abroad. McCarran International Airport, being the sixth busiest airport in North America, handles over 41 million passengers annually. Many of these passengers are on active duty, serving in the National Guard, Reserves, or the U.S. Armed Services. Currently, if any of these military personnel have a layover or a problem with a flight they have nowhere to relax in a manner that I feel they deserve.

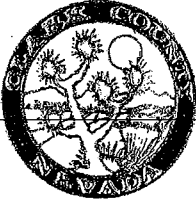
At this time in our history when we are so dependent on our armed forces to provide for the defense of our country at home and abroad, we could show our gratitude for their sacrifices and dedication by providing them the same level of comfort and service offered at many airports around the nation and the world.

Also I would like to commend Mr. Chuck Lombardo and his efforts to bring the USO to McCarran. I enthusiastically add my name in support of his efforts and look forward to working with both you and Mr. Lombardo to make the McCarran USO a reality.

Sincerely,


Rory Reid
Chairman

BRUCE L. WOODBURY
Commissioner



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December 27, 2005

Chuck Lombardo
SMSgt USAF Retired
P.O. Box 90238
Henderson, Nevada 89009-0238

Mr. Lombardo:

It was a pleasure to meet with you on December 8, 2005, and learn about your plans to establish a USO Lounge at McCarran International Airport.

As you know millions of people fly in and out of McCarran International Airport on a yearly basis. I feel the USO Lounge would not only make a positive impact on our community but also provide a necessary service to our military personnel and their families while in transit.

I support you and your efforts to bring the USO lounge to Clark County and wish you the best of luck in bringing to fruition this worthwhile project for the hard working individuals who serve and have served our country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "B. Woodbury".

BRUCE L. WOODBURY
Commission District A

LYNETTE BOGGS McDONALD
Commissioner



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December 1, 2005

USO Support Committee
PO Box 90238
Henderson, Nevada 89009-0238

Dear USO Support Committee,

I would like to offer my support for establishing a USO Airport Center at McCarran International Airport. With a USO Airport Center the citizens of Clark County would have the chance to assist countless members of America's traveling Armed Forces and their families, and also have the opportunity to express their appreciation to the sons and daughters who daily face harm and hardship so that we may live in peace.

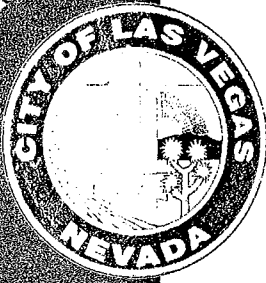
As I know first hand from growing up in a military family, the USO Airport Center will become a hospitality center, where on any given day there might be a member of any branch of the military heading out to a destination far from home in order to protect our freedom, a family welcoming home a loved one, or even a young recruit waiting to board a flight for his first duty station. Volunteers would be there to assist the military personnel and their families.

As the USO celebrates 64 years of service, the world is witnessing news making events at a record pace, events that are sure to influence the nature and mission of America's military. As the USO diversifies and changes over time, as it has for more than 60 years, it will continue to fulfill its mission to U.S. military personnel and their families "Until Every One Comes Home."

I look forward to the opening of a USO Airport Center and McCarran International Airport.

Sincerely,

Lynette Boggs McDonald
Clark County Commissioner—District F



City of Las Vegas

Lois Tarkanian
COUNCILWOMAN

June 13, 2005

Mr. Jeff Hill
USO Representative
USO Support
P. O. Box 90238
Henderson, NV 89009-0238

Dear Mr. Hill:

I have been contacted by Mr. Chuck Lombardo, SMSgt. USAF Retired, regarding his interest in creating a USO Lounge at McCarran International Airport. Certainly those in the military who pass through McCarran are entitled to assistance and comfort. A lounge that serves those needs sounds like a great idea.

McCarran International Airport, of course, is governed by the Clark County Board of Commissioners, and I therefore am unaware of what would be required to accomplish putting a lounge there. Personally, I am supportive of doing whatever we can to assist those men and women who have pledged to defend their country, but I do not know what role the City of Las Vegas might play.

I applaud Mr. Lombardo's goal and wish him the best of luck.

Sincerely,

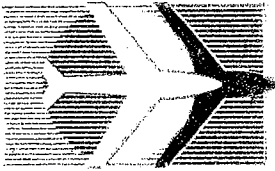
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Lois Tarkanian
Las Vegas City Councilwoman
Ward 1

LT/tj



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July 25, 2005

USO Support Committee
P.O. Box 90238
Henderson, NV 89009-0238

Re: USO Lounge at McCarran International Airport

Dear USO Committee:

I am writing this letter to express my support for a USO Lounge at McCarran International Airport. McCarran International Airport is the sixth busiest airport in North America, handling over 41 million passengers annually. Many of these passengers are on active military duty, serving in the National Guard, Reserves, or the United States Armed Services.

A USO Lounge is an oasis in an unfamiliar place where comrades can relax amongst like-minded individuals. At this time in history when we are so dependent on our armed forces to provide for the defense of our country at home and abroad, McCarran International Airport is proud to be able to show its gratitude for their sacrifices and dedication by providing these heroes with the same level of comfort and services they deserve.

I know one of the important issues is to identify appropriate space at the airport for a USO facility. I have had preliminary discussions with Chuck Lombardo on this issue. Although no space is currently available, we are working several options to free up appropriate space in the future.

As a global leader in airport management and providing excellence in customer service, I would be proud to support a USO Lounge at McCarran International Airport.

Sincerely,

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RANDALL H. WALKER
Director of Aviation

RHW:dlw



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Wayne Newton

August 23, 2005

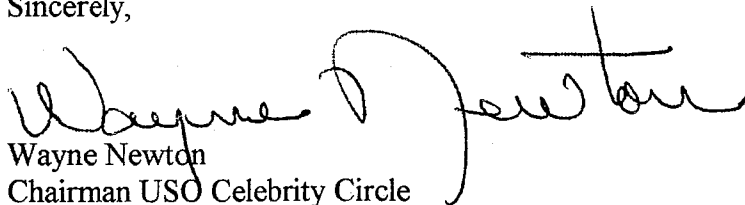
To Whom It May Concern:

I have been asked by the Las Vegas USO Advisory Committee to have the proposed USO Lounge at McCarran International Airport named the "Las Vegas Wayne Newton USO" and to participate in any way to make this happen. I am deeply moved by the idea of having this proposed USO named after me. I feel very honored as I accept this wonderful offer, knowing that this facility will be generously giving back something to our superb military people that will be traveling through our city. Las Vegas has always been known as a standout patriotic supporter of our armed forces and this USO facility will be another testament to our faith and trust and direct support for those young people that are out there defending our freedom and standing in harm's way for all of us here at home.

I have volunteered to do everything I can to help bring this USO center, that is so desperately needed, into fruition and I intend to do just that. I have assigned my staff members to answer every call for assistance and inform me when and where I can be used to assure that this becomes a top facility. Virtually hundreds of Las Vegans have volunteered their help and direct support in testimonial letters, and I can do no less. I intend to be at the Grand Opening, as soon as we get to that point, and I will participate in each of the milestone events in which I am needed, or I will have a member of my staff there, so that I will always be up to date on the progress of this meaningful venture.

Lastly, I continue to encourage our Advisory Committee to move carefully, but with all possible speed to bring this wonderful idea to fruition as soon as possible. I have had the honor of bringing a touch of home to our military in every conflict our military has been in since, and including, Vietnam. The USO centers at our countries airports and around the world means so much to our troops. I have personally witnessed our American heroes sleeping on the floor of airports with their duffle bags for a pillow. Giving them a nice, quiet place to sit and rest comfortably, enjoy a free soft drink and have a bite to eat, is the least we can do for the brave men and women that defend our freedom. I encourage everyone to help wherever they can and I promise to do likewise.

Sincerely,


Wayne Newton
Chairman USO Celebrity Circle

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May 19, 2005

Jeff Hill
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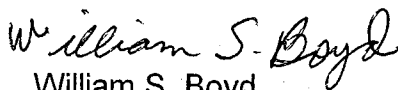
Dear Mr. Hill:

I am a veteran of the Korean War, and I am very interested in supporting our troops.

Las Vegas' McCarran International Airport had around 40 million passengers coming through the gates this past year, many of which, I am sure, were armed services members.

Therefore, I would strongly support a USO Lounge at McCarran Airport to benefit those members of the armed services visiting our great city.

Yours very truly,


William S. Boyd
Chairman of the Board
& Chief Executive Officer

WSB/ah



K T N V - T V
3355 S. Valley View Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89102

June 27, 2005

~~Katie Bencze~~
KTNV Channel 13 Action News
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USO Support Committee
P.O. Box 90238
Henderson, NV 89009

To Whom It May Concern:

KTNV-TV is proud to support Chuck Lombardo's efforts to bring the USO to Las Vegas, at McCarran Airport. We have previously reported on this subject and continue to believe that the USO would be a great addition to our community.

If you have any questions, you may contact me directly at 702-257-8444.
Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Katie Bencze".

Katie Bencze
Community Relations Director
KTNV - Channel 13 Action News



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May 20, 2005

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Mr. Hill
USO Support
P.O. Box 90238
Henderson, NV. 89009-0238

Mr. Hill,

We are writing to you in response to a request for a USO United Service Organization Lounge at the McCarran International Airport.

Our Nevada Gems\Women of the Sea Services meeting was held yesterday and the members were all in favor of establishing a USO lounge, here in the Las Vegas, Nevada community at the airport.

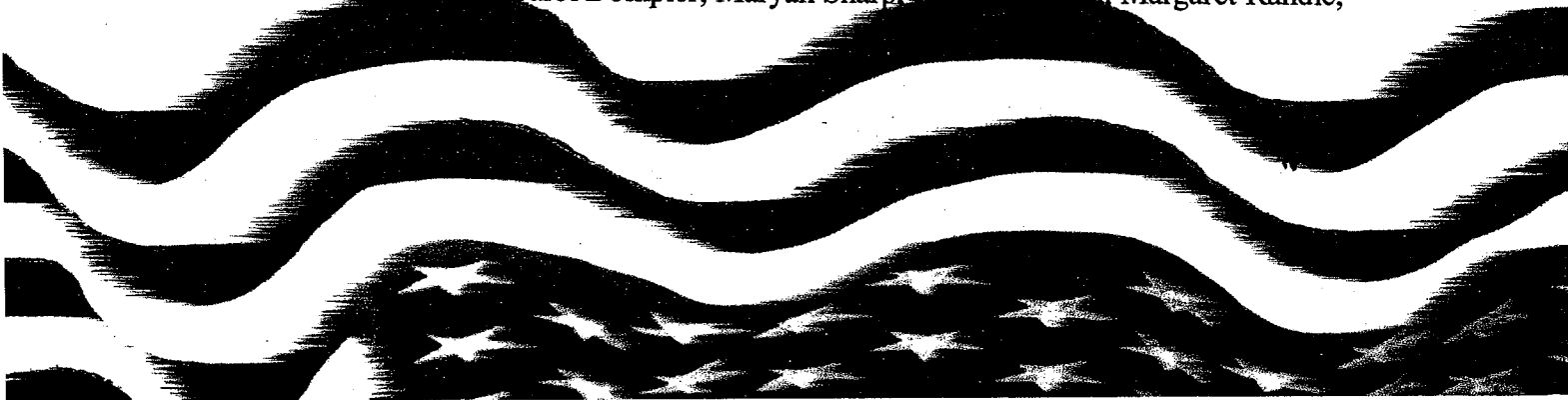
We all feel we should support all of our active duty troops, as well as our retired veterans.

If we can be of any assistance in any way please keep us informed and do try to succeed in getting this lounge.

Sincerely,

Sandi Niccum, USN
President, Nevada Gems/Women of the Seas Services

Our following members in support of this project are;
Verlee Anderson, Zina Barnum, Amy Bauer, Rita Brengel, Dorothy Call, P.J. Cantrell, Jeanette Cooksey, Billie D'Entremont, Pamela Doerr, Marjorie Bowman, Verona Ging, Evelyn Hallas, Alene Hepler, Jane Jeffries, Ruth Kirkland, Diana McCarty, LaDell Miller, Ruby Pringle, Helen Rinderspacher, Anna Sener, Barbara Sheehan, Margaret Thompson, Sheila Tuttle, Marie Vellas, Emily Young, Helen Whiteman, Elsie Smith, Verna Yeaw, Carole McKnight, Carol Dompier, Maryan Sharp, Esther Herland, Margaret Randle,





The Military Officers Association
Southern Nevada Chapter

COL Peter T. Gillespie, USAF (Ret)
President

702 452-9522

**USO SUPPORT COMMITTEE
P.O. BOX 90238
HENDERSON, NV 89009-0238**

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON,

As a representative of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), Southern Nevada Chapter, here in Las Vegas, we would appreciate any information you can provide on the proposed USO Center at McCarran, International Airport.

We hope there is something we can do to support the center and ultimately our troops on active duty.

Thank you for your efforts in establishing such a center, as it should make our military members feel we care- and we do.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'P. T. Gillespie'.

**Peter T. Gillespie
Col. USAF (Retired)
Immediate Past President
Southern Nevada Chapter, MOAA
Phone: 702- 452-9522 E- Mail: peterglv@aol.com**



THUNDERBIRD
CHAPTER *of the Air Force Association*

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USO SUPPORT COMMITTEE
P.O. BOX 90238
HENDERSON, NV 89009-0238

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON,

As President of the local Thunderbird Chapter of the Air Force Association (AFA), I want you to know that we fully support your efforts to establish a USO Center at McCarran International Airport here in Las Vegas.

We hope there is something we can do to support the Center and ultimately our troops on active duty.

Thank you for your efforts toward establishing such a Center as it is long overdue. It should make our military members feel that we care – and we do.

Sincerely,

Joseph Peltier
President, Thunderbird Chapter AFA
Phone: home 702- 451- 6483 cell 809 - 4638



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Las Vegas, NV 89109

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May 4, 2005

USO Support

P. O. Box 90238

Henderson, NV 89009-0238

As a member of the front office staff of the local AFL franchise, it is imperative that our men and women of the military be afforded the comfort the USO can provide as much comfort as their duties for freedom provides us on a daily basis. I am confident in stating that our organization is in full support of the men and women that defend our shores here and abroad and the organization that makes them feel "at home". As a growing populace, Las Vegas, must be a leader in this effort to support the USO in providing recreational and restful activities for our traveling troops.

The passengers that come through McCarran International Airport are always welcome but in particular the military should have more graciousness extended to them. USO representative Jeff Hill and SMSgt. Chuck Lombardo USAF (Retired) did not even have to plead for our support; they have it in spades! We are the Gladiators and understand the need to support the morale and welfare of our brothers and sisters in the military. It has always been our privilege and honor to help military families with fun nights at our games or merchandise to active personnel to show our gratitude. It is terrible in my opinion that these gallant warriors must sit on the floor if they experience a layover, flight delay, or difficulties with transportation. I along with this organization know that they deserve better. Many of our own office staff has had members of their families serve in the military and this is extremely personal to me due to my baby brother serving in Iraq. Please know that as a community leader we support with great enthusiasm the creation of an USO lounge at McCarran International Airport. These men and women are just like us and wouldn't we want someone to extend him or herself to us with a simple comfort? We support this effort without hesitation.

The Las Vegas Gladiators organization; staff; coaches; players; dancers; and, associates, take pride in our continuous mission of serving the Las Vegas community.

Sincerely,

Karmen La'Shaun Miller

Director of Community Relations

kmiller@lvgladiators.com

702-731-4977 ext. 262



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June 13, 2005

USO Support Committee
P. O. Box 90238
Henderson, NV 89009

Gentlemen:

Please consider this a letter of support for establishing a USO in Las Vegas. I had not realized that there was such a need.

Yours very truly,

CONWAY, STUART & WOODBURY



PAT ROMINE, CPA
Partner

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EDMUND BURKE, SECRETARY - TREASURER



April 25, 2005

U.S.O. Support
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Henderson, Nevada
89009-0238

Please be advised that the membership of Teamsters Local 631, strongly support our serviceman and servicewoman all over the world and urge you to do everything in your power to establish a U.S.O. Lounge at McCarren International Airport so our service men and woman have a decent place to rest when they are held over. If you have any questions please contact the undersigned at 702-453-6310 ext. 215

Sincerely,

Edmund Burke

Secretary Treasurer
Teamsters Local 631





June 22, 2005

Jan L. Jones

Senior Vice President

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P.O. Box 90238
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One
Harrah's RE: USO Center at McCarran International Airport

Court
Dear Committee Members:

Las Vegas, Our service men and women should never feel insignificant. It is because of them that
Nevada we have the privilege of freedom and democracy. Las Vegas has become an eminent city
89119-4312 Las Vegas that this community can and will provide the required resources to make our
service men and women feel that they are top priority. I strongly encourage the USO
World Headquarters to come for a visit and see how dedicated we are to establishing a
USO Center at McCarran International Airport.

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Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jan L. Jones", is written over the typed name.

Jan L. Jones

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RE: USO

Subject: RE: USO

From: "Carrie Cook" <CarrieC@harrahs.com>

Date: Wed, 15 Jun 2005 09:15:06 -0700

To: "Chuck" <katrae97@netscape.net>

You do have the correct email address, just the wrong name. No worries... I have been called many thing in my life. I look forward to working with you in the near future. Attached below is the press release from Harrah's donation. I am confident that I can assist with your efforts with the USO World Headquarters. I am the Harrah's contact with the USO on this partnership so I have access from the top down. If you need anything, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

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Harrah's Entertainment, Inc. Donates \$1 Million to the USO to Support the Troops

[PR Newswire]

WASHINGTON, June 13 /PRNewswire/ -- In a show of support for the men and women in the U.S. military, Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., the world's largest casino operator, has donated \$1 million to the USO to maintain programs and services that benefit the troops and their families around the world.

Up to \$600,000 will be used to purchase two mobile canteens for service members and their families in the Southwest and Midwestern United States. Mobile canteens are specially-equipped vehicles that enable the USO to extend its reach to military personnel. The remaining \$400,000 will be used to refurbish select USO centers through a grant program that has been established. Under the agreement, centers will be required to submit proposals to USO World Headquarters defining their needs and outlining a budget for the repairs.

"We are very excited by this generous donation from Harrah's," said USO president and CEO Edward A. Powell. "Through the efforts of our supporters, the USO will continue its mission to improve the quality of life for U.S. service members while boosting their morale and serving as a bridge between them and the American people."

Harrah's chairman, president and CEO Gary Loveman, said, "Today Harrah's Entertainment and Caesars Entertainment became one company, and we can think of no better way to celebrate this

historic merger than by supporting the men and women who have given so much in defense of our nation. On behalf of the nearly 100,000 employees and the millions of customers of our combined company, it is an honor and a pleasure to give something back to the men and women of the armed forces."

About the USO: For more than 64 years, the USO (United Service Organizations) has been providing morale and recreation-type services to U.S. military personnel and their families. The USO is a nonprofit, charitable organization, relying on the generosity of the American people to support its programs and services. The USO is supported by World Partners Anheuser-Busch Companies, AT&T Corporation, Avon Products, Inc., BAE SYSTEMS, Bass Pro Shops, Clear Channel Worldwide, The Coca-Cola Company, Computer Systems Center, Inc., Johnson & Johnson Consumer Companies, Inc., Lockheed Martin Corporation, Military Channel, Morgan Stanley, National Football League, TriWest Healthcare Alliance and The Walt Disney Company. Other organizations, including the United Way and Combined Federal Campaign (CFC-0600), have joined thousands of individual donors to support the USO. For more information on the USO, please visit our Web site at <http://www.uso.org>.

About Harrah's: Harrah's Entertainment, Inc., is the world's largest provider of branded casino entertainment. Since its beginning in Reno, Nevada 67 years ago, Harrah's has grown through development of new properties, expansions, and acquisitions. On June 13, 2005, Harrah's Entertainment acquired Caesars Entertainment, Inc., and now owns or manages through various subsidiaries more than 40 casinos in three countries, primarily under the Harrah's, Caesars and Horseshoe brand names. With nearly 4 million square feet of casino space, more than 40,000 hotel rooms and nearly 100,000 employees, the Harrah's portfolio is the most diverse in the gaming industry. Harrah's Entertainment is focused on building loyalty and value with its customers through a unique combination of great service, excellent products, unsurpassed distribution, operational excellence and technology leadership.

-----Original Message-----

From: Chuck [<mailto:katrae97@netscape.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 15, 2005 8:03 AM
To: Carrie Cook
Subject: USO

Hi Cherry

Just a short note to "Thank You and Harrah's Entertainment," and to welcome your team aboard this battle to bring a USO to Las Vegas. I am like you, a USO in Las Vegas is way over do. This is also a test to make sure I have the right e-mail address.

Thanks again!!!!

Chuck Lombardo
SMSgt USAF Retired



The American Legion

Spirit of Freedom Post 76



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June 30, 2005

USO Support Group
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To the Support Group;

The American Legion was begun to first, help veterans. The plight of American Servicemen and women at our airport here in Las Vegas has reached our ears. Current Service personnel are Veterans to us.

At our meeting yesterday the subject came up. All our members have at one time been touched by the USO. I myself, went to dances and hung out at the USO while stationed in Memphis, TN. Our Chaplain worked the USO shows, including Bob Hope's.

We are a fairly new Post on the Northwest side of Las Vegas. Our question, of course, is, "How can we help?" I'm sure we can come up with some money from our 900 members. It was also suggested that we put forth a letter to the Department of Nevada, suggesting help from the State and even National level.

We are Veterans helping Veterans. Once again I ask, How can we help? Our next Executive board meeting will be July 8, 2005. Anything we decide will go to the Membership on the 17th. Please contact me with any information you can. Perhaps you could arrange a speaker for our August meeting. We would like to hear of your progress, and you could explain your needs.

At your service;

John L. Rost,
Post 76 Adjutant

cc: Commander Harry Keneman

ITEM #94

CITIZEN'S PARTICIPATION:

• TOM MCGOWAN; LAS VEGAS RESIDENT. .. <(1 min)>..

(A) Q: ~ WHAT BUS DID THE MAYOR AND THE COUNCIL MEMBERS TAKE TO THE RDA MEETING THIS MORNING? ~
~ (LET THE RECORD REFLECT THERE WAS NO RESPONSE TO THE PUBLIC-PERTINENT QUESTION). ~

IF YOU WANT THE PUBLIC TO LEAVE THEIR CARS AT HOME AND TAKE THE BUS DOWNTOWN AND ELSEWHERE, ~ LEAD BY EXAMPLE! ~ IF YOU WANT A SALARY INCREASE AND A VEHICLE ALLOWANCE, ~ FIRST EXPLAIN EXACTLY WHAT IT IS YOU DO HERE, AND WHY YOU SHOULD BE PAID ANYTHING AT ALL, MUCH LESS A 'VEHICLE ALLOWANCE'. ~ PARTICULARLY SINCE PUBLIC MASS TRANSIT IN THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS IS A DISGRACE AND A DIS-SERVICE TO BOTH THE FARE-PAYING PUBLIC AND MANY OF THE FINEST 'CITY RIDE' BUS DRIVERS THIS CITY HAS EVER HAD! ~ AND THE CAUSE OF THAT DIS-SERVICE IS DIRECTLY TRACEABLE TO THE LACK OF DILIGENT OVERSIGHT AND THE ABSENCE OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL LEADERSHIP AT BOTH THE RTC AND ON THE TENTH FLOOR OF CITY HALL, COUPLED WITH EXPERIENCY-DRIVEN FURTHERANCE OF A WHOLLY SUBJECTIVE AGENDA IN SERVICE TO LIMITED SPECIAL INTERESTS AT TAXPAYING PUBLIC EXPENSE! ~ MAY I HAVE THE OVERHEAD, PLEASE? ~ THANK YOU. ~

(DISPLAY GRAPHIC EXHIBITS AND WRITTEN TEXT)

IF AND WHEN YOU TAKE THE BUS, HERE'S WHAT YOU (AND ALL THE TOURISTS AND VISITORS TO THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS) WILL SEE AT THE DOWNTOWN TRANSPORTATION CENTER! ~ THAT OFFENSIVE GRAFFITI HAS BEEN THERE FOR MONTHS, UNABATED. ~ THE RED TEXT IS PAGE ONE (1) OF A MULTI-VOLUME 'WORK IN PROGRESS', THAT LISTS THE DEFICIENCIES WHICH, IF NOT IMMEDIATELY ADDRESSED AND RESOLVED, MAY CAUSE THE LOSS OF MANY OF THE BEST CITY EMPLOYEES WHO WORK OUT OF THE DTC! ~

(B) ON A RELATED MATTER, REGARDING THE SOUTHWEST EXTENSION OF THE CITY RIDE BUS: ~

(1) THERE'S NOTHING 'TEMPORARY' ABOUT THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, ~ THE SUPREME LAW OF THE LAND! ~ .. (CONT'D) ->...

.. (TM/RDA, CONT'D)

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(2) THE NUMERICAL CRITERIA FOR EQUAL ACCESS TO EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAW IS ONE (1) PERSON, ~ AND, IN THE AGGREGATE SENSE, ~ EACH AND ALL CITIZENS OF AND PERSONS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ~ INCLUSIVELY, AND WITHOUT EXCEPTION.

(DISPLAY 'LITTLE ROCK' EXHIBIT)

(3) MILLIONS OF PEOPLE DIED TO PROTECT OUR INALIENABLE RIGHTS, AND YOU TOOK A SWEAR OATH OF OFFICE TO PROTECT AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND THE CONSTITUTION AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA. ~ YOUR COMPLIANCE WITH THAT SWEAR OATH OF OFFICE CAN BE ENFORCED, IF NECESSARY, ~ AND YOU'LL GET ALL THE FREE PUBLICITY YOU REQUIRE!

THE WRITTEN TEXT OF MY PUBLIC COMMENT IS SUBMITTED AND REQUESTED INCLUSION IN THE MEETING MINUTES.

THANK YOU.

(SUBMITTED)

Submitted at City Council

Date 10-03-07 Item CP