

Community comment for September 25, 2013

This is Phil Arnott for community comment on ^{RMS} ~~KIA~~ and ~~radio~~

I have been listening and reading about more and more veterans who are who are being denied benefits after having served in Iraq, Vietnam and Afghanistan. These are our heroes and they deserve our support.

I know personally a veteran who needs the help of our government.

On the private side, there are great charitable groups like wounded warriors and the Fisher House and they help our ~~veterans~~ veterans who are disabled. I received an email a couple of years ago on a report by a Richard E ~~Tso~~ ^{Edson} AD, Executive Director of the military order of the Purple Heart service foundation. He and others ranked the various agencies for their assistance to our veterans. He gave high rankings to the Air Force aid Society armed services YMCA, Army emergency relief the Fisher House as I mentioned earlier and of course wounded warriors. They gave failing grades to groups that are too numerous to mention but help hospitalized veterans was one as well as the disabled veterans Association and paralyzed veterans of America.

Our heroes are being denied benefits when at the same time our government spends \$300,000 on a bird study \$500,000 on a high school prom video and \$700,000 on television to promote Obama care. That does not include the \$1.7 million our president spent going to Los Angeles to appear on the Jay Leno show.

Then I am reminded of a great Hollywood veteran, Gary Sinise, who by the way was just named an honorary US Marine by general James Amos. This is his response this was one of the most extraordinary nights. I was totally surprised by what's the general gave me. I'm humbled, shocked, moved and motivated to keep standing up for our men and women and giving back to them.

The general reciprocated, calling Mr. ^{Sinise} ~~Sidney~~ ~~say~~ a humble patriot and tireless advocate for our men and women in uniform. That advocacy includes entertaining troops and their families, building specialized homes for the severely wounded, and with the US ~~GI~~, hosting classic American meals for military communities and deployed troops passing through airports.

I leave you with a point to ponder: don't you think that our government should be spending more time ^{Money} in helping our veterans who are the ones who keep us free. ~~Per~~ remember, freedom is not free

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