

**R & R FOR VETS GIVING OUR AMERICAN HEROS IN NEED
THE GIFT OF “A DRY HOME – A SAFE HOME”**



R & R For Vets Inc

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MISSION: To provide roofs, ramps, and interior renovations to veterans and their surviving spouses in need without cost to them.

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Greetings, Loyal Friends of R & R for Vets.

Our nonprofit, R & R for Vets, is committed to harnessing the power of storytelling to drive our mission forward. We invite you to continue to join us on this incredible journey of hope, empathy, and positive change as you have done with the **R&RforVETS Vigil-Sanchez Trailer Project**.

THE POWER OF STORYTELLING: MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER

As we progress in 2024, we will continue to share stories from the heart—stories of resilience, hope, and transformation. Your involvement, whether through donations, participating in sponsoring projects and programs, or simply spreading the word, is vital in making these stories a reality. Thank you for being a part of our story and helping us make a difference in the lives of so many. Together, we can create a world filled with compassion and kindness.

We express our deepest gratitude for your unwavering support and generosity. Your belief in our mission has made an incredible difference in the lives of veterans and their surviving spouses in need. During 2023, thanks to your dedication and contributions, we were able to provide essential services that truly transformed lives for New Mexican veterans and their surviving spouses fulfilling our mission.

Roofs Over Their Heads: Your donations helped us repair and replace roofs for veterans and their surviving spouses facing emergency challenges. As a result, they no longer have to worry about leaks, drafts, or the safety of their homes. You have provided them with a warm and secure place to live.

Ramps to Freedom: Your support enabled us to construct wheelchair ramps and accessibility features for those who needed them. Veterans and their surviving spouses can now move freely and independently, regaining the sense of freedom that they had longed for.

Interior Restoration: Your dollars funded interior renovations that turned houses into homes. We created comfortable and safe living spaces, ensuring our heroes and their loved ones have a nurturing environment to thrive in.

Your impact goes beyond the physical changes you have made possible. You have brought hope, dignity, and peace of mind to those who have sacrificed so much for our nation.

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SNEAK PEEK: GET A PREVIEW OF RRFORVETS.ORG

We are thrilled to share that our upcoming state-of-the-art website, RRforVets.org, is on track for completion by the end of the year. As a special treat, we offer you an exclusive sneak peek of a few pages featured on the site.

HELP US to keep you informed and save resources for our mission by providing us with your email address. By doing so, you will be among the first to know when the website is live, eliminating the need for us to send out costly paper announcements. You will also receive our newsletters digitally. Know that you have the option to opt-out.

Every cent saved on marketing efforts directly supports veterans and their families in need of our assistance. You can securely share your email address with me at pamscotty2@gmail.com. Your support and engagement mean the world to us, and we genuinely appreciate your commitment to our cause.

But our mission is far from over. Many veterans and surviving spouses are in the queue waiting for our assistance, and your continued support is essential to starting their project. As we look ahead to 2024, we hope you will consider supporting R & R for Vets, knowing that your contributions will continue to create positive, life-changing experiences for those who have served our country.

Once again, thank you for being a crucial part of our mission. We are building a brighter future for our veterans and their families.

With heartfelt appreciation,

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RRforVETS ABOUT US: OUR JOURNEY: Co-founder Ken Dettelbach deeply commits to our community and its veterans. Ken, a two-tour Vietnam War veteran, is a shining example of dedication to giving back. Ken gives back because he came back. And our unwavering commitment to honor and support our heroes propels us forward.

R & R FOR VETS ABOUT US - EMPOWERING LOCAL HEROES

At R & R for Vets, we serve the local Santa Fe community and the surrounding New Mexico area. Particularly, we focus on military veterans and their surviving spouses. Our mission is clear: to provide roofs, ramps, and interior repairs to veterans and their surviving spouses in need without cost to them. Additionally, our organization improves the quality of life for those who have sacrificed for our nation and their families.

THE EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY OF RRforVETS

Our journey begins at the Santa Fe Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Afterhours Event, hosted by Lexis. During a conversation with a Gateway Marketing client, Joe Arellano, a Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 996 member, Jerry Martinez, joined us. Jerry's inquiry about a contractor to help a struggling Vietnam veteran ignited our mission. Fortunately, our client, a contractor, stepped up. With donated assistance from our business community, this project's success set the stage for our organization's birth.

Soon after, we recognized the need for an organization in our community dedicated to supporting veterans needing home repair assistance. Ken's calling to support veterans led to our nonprofit's creation and our mission statement's birth. In a twist of fate, Jerry approached us again. The tragic loss of veteran Ernie Durr and the dire circumstances his widow faced reinforced our resolve. We were in the process of making an application as a 501(c)(3) and had no funding in place. Therefore, we contacted the Vietnam Veterans of America, Northern New Mexico Chapter 996, and the American Legion, Post One, Santa Fe, NM, for support. We embarked on successful fundraising campaigns and provided critical assistance to Ernie's spouse.

PAVING THE WAY FOR RRforVETS - ABOUT US

Our journey continued as we tackled the challenge of establishing a new nonprofit. One day, we learned of SCORE during a coffee-fueled conversation about a marketing project. It is a resource that would prove invaluable to our cause. SCORE mentors guided us toward success and introduced us to the Santa Fe Community Foundation. Here, we engaged in nonprofit education programs and participated in its fall nonprofit catalog. The dream of forming a nonprofit materialized in early 2017.

As our services gained recognition, applications from veterans in need poured in. The demand for assistance grew, and we urgently needed donations to meet these needs. Our community and local veteran organizations rally together. The vital role of our organization in the community was recognized.

RRforVETS ABOUT US - JOIN US IN OUR MISSION

Your assistance is vital in enabling us to carry on with our mission of aiding and showing appreciation to local individuals who have sacrificed for our nation. Support our deserving veterans by sponsoring one of our programs. For instance, you could sponsor our monthly radio show. Please get in touch with us to discuss the possibilities. Alternatively, if you want to contribute financially to help advance our cause, please click our donation button. Also, explore our project pages to better understand our journey and how we effectively accomplish our mission.

R & R for Vets, Inc. is a Section 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All gifts to R & R for Vets Inc. are deductible as charitable contributions for federal and state income tax purposes. Under U.S. tax law, R & R for Vets Inc. has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds. The federal tax identification number is 81-4311655.

In unity and gratitude, we move forward, empowering our local heroes and enhancing lives in our community.

Pam Scotty, Co-founder of R & R for Vets

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R&RforVETS FIRE RESTORATION PROJECT: Imagine being in your living room with your spouse, peacefully watching TV, when suddenly there's a deafening noise—a pop like a gunshot. You look up and see flames bursting from the ceiling. In a panic, you shout, "Fire!" Your wife acts quickly, rushing outside to shut down the propane tank. You make a desperate call for help, but the reality sinks in. You live in the remote Pecos wilderness, far from any fire station. Helpless, you watch as the home that has been in your family for generations is reduced to ashes. In that devastating moment, you lose nearly everything, including two cherished dogs. This heart-wrenching ordeal is the painful story of veteran Phillip Quintana and his wife, Dianna.

To "begin with the end":

"In a time of feeling there is no hope, R and R for Vets came and gave us hope. A section of our home is being restored, and it all began with a new roof. Winter came with rain, snow, and wind. This is how we felt mentally. With the new roof, we were able to see sunshine. Thank you, R&R for Vets. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH! God Bless you." - Phillip and Dianna Quintana.

FROM TRAGEDY TO HOPE: THE RESTORATION OF PHILLIP'S HOME - R&RforVETS FIRE RESTORATION PROJECT

Following losing their home, Phillip initially turned to their church, Ascent Bible Church, for assistance. There, Larry Socea took on the role of Restoration Project Manager and reached out to various individuals and organizations to seek help. Larry's first outreach was to R & R For Vets, where he requested to replace the roof on the only salvageable portion of the original structure, covering approximately 800 square feet. The Vetting Committee promptly approved the application. Northway Roofing was selected for the project and went the extra mile by significantly reducing costs, making a valuable contribution to the endeavor. Larry meticulously oversaw the project from its inception to its successful completion. Furthermore, R & R for Vets provided funding for the electrical work needed after the roof replacement. Note that insurance was not available to Quintana because of their location. Thus, their only hope was to turn to the community.

HONORING GENEROSITY: PARTNERS WHO MADE A DIFFERENCE

Below is the email we received from Larry six months after the fire:

"Thank you, Ken and Pam, and all of the support R&R for Vets provided. This was definitely a team effort. They hope to move in very soon, less than six months after the devastating fire. That is a remarkable feat." – Larry Socea

This "remarkable feat" would not have been possible without the generosity of the organizations supporting R & R For Vets. Our deepest thanks go to the Las Campanas Community Endowment Fund, the Santa Fe Community Foundation, the American Legion Post 1, the Roadrunner Chapter - Military Officers Association of America, and significant help from local churches.

ABOUT PHILLIP QUINTANA, A LOCAL AMERICAN VETERAN

Philip Quintana served in the Navy from 1970 – 1976. He was first assigned a destroyer tender designed to provide maintenance support to a convoy of [destroyers](#) and other small [warships](#). His last ship was the USS Iwo Jima. Please watch this video reflecting on Phillip Quintana's story for five minutes. Soon after an honorable discharge, he married Dianna. They fostered 30 children on their wilderness property.

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R&RforVETS JOHANNES PROJECT: With immense enthusiasm, we share the noteworthy journey that began with a Santa Fe Habitat for Humanity referral. It evolved into a collaborative project, where our organization took on the crucial responsibility of replacing the roof. And Habitat for Humanity dedicated its efforts to interior repairs. This collaboration was nothing short of extraordinary.

Habitat for Humanity, alongside a team of dedicated Wells Fargo volunteers, put up drywall and painted much of the second floor of Johannes's home. Wells Fargo has an impressive three-decade history of profound vision. It is a world where every individual has the privilege of living in a decent and secure home.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AND R & R FOR VETS: PARTNERING FOR A SAFE HAVEN - R&RforVETS JOHANNES PROJECT

As we poured our hearts and souls into this project, we were unaware of a dire situation lurking beneath the surface, waiting to be uncovered. It was only towards the project's conclusion that Ken and I had the opportunity to speak with Johannes about his plans. What we discovered was both heartbreaking and inspiring.

For months, Johannes had been trudging to his neighbors' homes, collecting water to meet his daily needs. This revelation struck us like lightning—another emergency demanding our immediate attention. The root of the problem was a malfunctioning well pump, and we knew we had to act swiftly.

Habitat for Humanity facilitated contact between R & R for Vets and Kuckelman Pump Service-Acculectric. Without a moment's delay, Johannes had running water in his home. It was a transformative moment, and the essence of the story is clear: Johannes now possesses not just a "DRY HOME," but also a "SAFE home"—a sanctuary this veteran truly deserves.

JOHANNES - HIS PASSIONS IN LIFE

In 1957, Edward Johannes enlisted in the US Navy. He was proud to talk about his service when stationed at the Ninth Naval District in Great Lakes, Illinois. He was a photographer. Examples portraying his lifetime's history adorn every wall on the first floor of his home. It was his private gallery. He is gifted.

COMPASSION IN ACTION: OUR VETERANS DESERVE SO MUCH MORE FROM OUR COMMUNITIES

Johannes, despite facing hardships, never complained. Records showed he lived on a meager income. There was a television in the living room, but he couldn't afford TV service. And he had an old car but rarely drove due to gas costs.

During our project, we visited frequently to ensure the quality of the work being done. We noticed his hunger and even a fruitful apple tree. We offered to make apple pies, and he generously gave us a bushel of apples. He got apple pies and apple sauce from us. During our visits, we came with fully-cooked dinners and bags of groceries. Also, we helped him find food assistance resources in our city. It is our reminder that our veterans deserve better from our community.

In sincere gratitude, Johannes gave Ken his copy of Stanley Karnow's book "*Vietnam-A History-The First Complete Account of Vietnam at War.*" Ken used this already-highlighted book filled with notes in his presentations to Santa Fe High School students.

TESTIMONIAL - R&RforVETS JOHANNES PROJECT

*"I wish to thank R & R For Vets and Santa Fe Habitat for Humanity for their collaboration in providing and coordinating a solution to my severely damaged roof, resulting in water seeping into the house. This situation was becoming severe for me. I now have **A DRY HOME – A SAFE HOME**. I have a brand-new roof. And, because of the volunteers from Wells Fargo, repairs have been made to the ceilings. All of you have made a remarkable difference in the quality of my life. This vet thanks you from the bottom of his heart." Edward J. Johannes.*

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R&RforVETS ANGELA PROJECT: Women hold a crucial role within the present-day Army, and Angela is a testament to this. As a young woman, she enlisted in the Army, serving alongside her then-husband at the Oakland Army Base in California. During her time in service, Angela earned Army Service ribbons for her exceptional skills in sharpshooting, hand grenades, and rifle marksmanship. However, her path took a different turn due to pregnancy, leading her to decide to terminate her service in April 1981 with an honorable discharge.

With the added responsibilities of caring for a young family, Angela faced life's challenges after divorce. Her journey became challenging, and she lives in a 1982 trailer. She urgently needs help for it to become "**A DRY HOME - A SAFE HOME.**" Angela's connection to R & R for Vets came through a Santa Fe Habitat for Humanity referral. She lives outside the city limits of Santa Fe.

R&RforVETS ANGELA PROJECT - ANGELA'S BRAVE PLEA FOR HELP: TRANSFORMING A HAZARDOUS TRAILER INTO A SAFE HAVEN

We had heartfelt discussions with Angela, and after a thorough review of her application, we determined to take emergency action. It became evident that her plea for assistance centered around the dire need to address the deteriorating flooring throughout her trailer. Angela's situation had taken a dangerous turn when she fell through a rotting board, causing a severe injury to her hand. Furthermore, Angela expressed that the flooring in her kitchen and bathroom was deteriorating to the point of collapsing.

Recognizing the urgency of her situation, Angela courageously reached out for help, especially considering she is currently caring for her two grandchildren. It is crucial to emphasize that this trailer does not provide the safety and comfort of a dry and secure home; it represents an immediate emergency requiring swift intervention.

Thankfully, the contractor, Tom Medina, secured a favorable price for the necessary flooring materials and worked to rectify these pressing issues promptly. However, it is crucial to stress that more action and support are still desperately needed to ensure Angela and her grandchildren have a safe and habitable living environment.

URGENT ROOF RESCUE: ANGELA'S HOME CRISIS DEMANDS IMMEDIATE ACTION

Our years of experience have taught us that applicants often approach us when it is too late due to insufficient funds and resources. In Angela's case, the root cause of her rotting floors was traced back to her roof. Over the years, she engaged with individuals who lacked the necessary expertise or took advantage of her. She believed that she was saving money. Unfortunately, licensed professionals did not perform the roof repairs, which caused additional problems.

Upon inspection by Medina, it was determined that Angela's roof was beyond repair; it required a complete replacement. The urgency of this situation cannot be overstated. If the roof is replaced later, all efforts to restore the floors will be in vain. The estimated cost of a new roof is approximately ten thousand dollars. R & R for Vets actively seeks fundraising support for this critical project.

FROM NEGLECT TO HOPE: ANGELA'S ROOF EMERGENCY CALLS FOR YOUR HELP - R&RforVETS ANGELA PROJECT

Can you contribute to securing a new roof for Angela? Your donation can make a significant difference in her life. When donating, please indicate "ANGELA PROJECT" in the designation line. It is essential to emphasize that this is an emergency action, and every contribution counts.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR DONATION NOW TO GIVE ANGELA THIS GIFT. The estimate is \$10,000 for the replacement of her roof. Designate your donation to the Angela Project.