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**PHILADELPHIA'S MUMMERS RE-ENERGIZE
THE VETERANS COMFORT HOUSE**

No Veteran Will Be Left Behind in this Revolutionary Transition Phase

PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania (November 15, 2016) – The Philadelphia Veteran's Comfort House, a local non-profit organization is moving into a new chapter after 22 years of serving veterans. The Comfort House is reopening its doors in a new transition phase that will allow a bright future for homeless veterans, who have served our great nation, by providing a place for their families to once again call home. On Saturday, November 19, 30 + Mummers (New Year's Associations) will be donating wish list items to the vets in a must see visual celebration for those who have served our country.

Don't miss out on a chance to hear a string band playing the National Anthem and other patriotic songs, as veterans will be on site accepting the donations as they begin rebuilding their future. Successful entrepreneur, philanthropist, and veteran advocate, Dana Spain has been recently announced the President for the Comfort House. Spain will be helping the non-profit get back on its feet. "It is an honor and privilege to serve those who have fought to protect our freedom and American values," Spain said of her work with veterans. "Reopening the Comfort House will take an all-hands-on-deck approach to complete the renovations, raise the funds and provide the programs our heroes need to get off the streets and into a safe place. The Mummers Associations involved are generously providing the kick-off we need!"

Beginning in 1994, The Philadelphia Veteran's Comfort House has provided a safe place to vets who need a place to get a hot meal, accessible place to live, and guidance for VA benefits and programs, all free of charge. Representatives from groups across

the community spectrum including the veterans service organizations, labor unions, government and the private sector joined forces to buy the building, renovate the structure and purchase the needed materials to make their idea a reality. After much hard work, the Philadelphia Veterans Comfort House (PVCH) was born.

PVCH has a mission to ensure that no brother or sister is left behind as they work on a day by day to make veterans lives more rewarding and less complicated. The Comfort House recently fell into disrepair, lost its VA grant funding, and had to cease its housing activities. Spain and her newly appointed board members vow to raise the funds necessary to open the House in better condition than before. To kick off this effort, Philadelphia's famous Mummers, organized by Bill Mulligan of Shooting Stars, will be donating wish list items to the Comfort House on Saturday November 19th from 11 AM to 1 PM. A string band will be playing the national anthem as Mummers unload two U-Haul's with their generous donations to the Comfort House. 7-Eleven will be providing refreshments for all volunteers who unload and sort the donations.

In addition to the donated wish list items, South Philly's Toll Man Joe's, will be providing a Thanksgiving Day feast to 150 Veterans who would otherwise have nowhere else to go on our day of thanks.

New Year's Brigade (Mummers) donating to The Comfort House include:

Bill MacIntyre's Shooting Stars

Fancy Brigades:

The Avenuers
Sattin Slipper
Golden Crown
Saturanlian
Spartans

Comic Clubs:

JHJ Saints
Pirates
Landi
2nd Street Stompers
Americans
Jokers
Downtowners
2nd Street Shooters

Clevemore
Purple Magic
South Philly Vikings
Jesters
O'Malley Froggy Carr

String Bands:

Quaker City
South Philly

Cara Liom
River Front
Merry Makers
Bryson

Ferko
Fralinger
Avalon
Woodland
Pennsport
Duffy
Aqua
Hegeman
Polish American String Band
South Philly Wenches

Fancy: Oregon

Additional generous support by:

VFW Post 692

St Casimir's

Emacs Sports Apparel

2nd Street Irish Society

Golden Sunrise

Michael Bennett

The event is set to kick off at 11AM at The Philadelphia Veteran's Comfort House at 4108 Baltimore Ave, Philadelphia, Pa, 19104. For more information on The Philadelphia Veteran's Comfort House or how you can donate, please visit:

<http://philadelphiveteranshouse.org>

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