

# Independence

*Shilo Inns is the largest independent, privately-owned hospitality*

*company in the Western United States. That*

*means we don't have to pay costly franchise fees.*

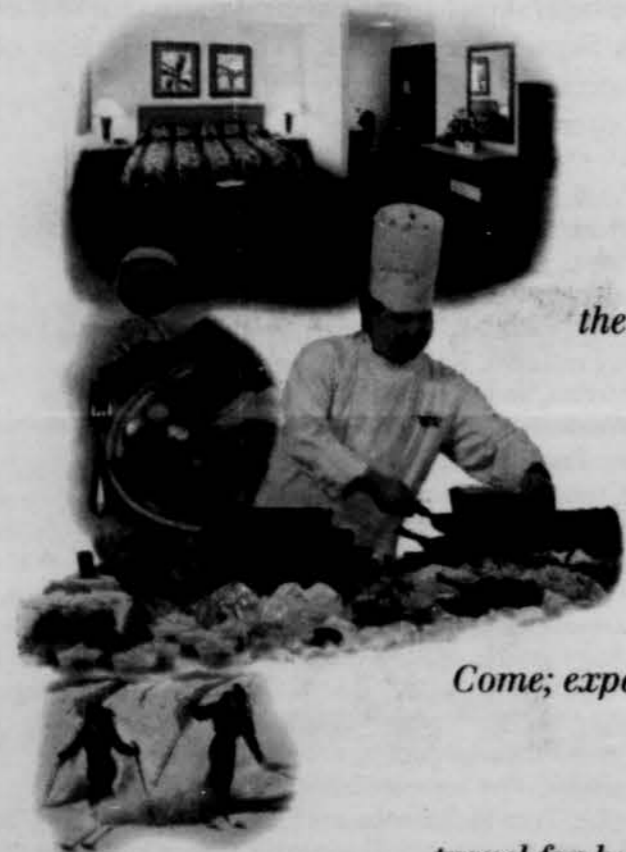
*So we can pass*

*the savings on to you—with better service, better*

*rooms and suites and better rates.*

*Come; experience Shilo's Affordable Excellence whenever you*

*travel for business or pleasure across America's Western States.*



**Shilo  
INNS**  
*Affordable Excellence*  
For Reservations  
1-800-222-2244

*This Tabloid provided courtesy of Shilo Inns, Corporate Member of Veterans of Oregon Association.*

*PATRIOT* magazine  
to debut in August  
Subscription included with membership

*Limited Edition*  
Norman Rockwell  
Commemorative  
WWII Calendar  
available for 1995

Charter membership  
deadline...  
September 30th  
Details and application inside

## Veterans of Oregon Association seek veterans, family members, patriotic Oregonians

The Veterans of Oregon Association, a non-profit corporation, registered in Oregon, has launched its "Patriarch" (charter) member drive in search of veterans, families of veterans and other patriotic Oregonians dedicated to a common cause as patriots in action - through thought, word and deed.

There are more than 380,000 veterans in the state of Oregon; one of the highest per capita rates in the nation. The VOA's purpose is to unite and support all who have served, and those who continue to serve.

The VOA wants to bring together veterans, families, civic and service clubs, businesses, and other veterans' organizations from throughout the state. Our goal is to develop, enhance and expand programs, services and benefits in appreciation and recognition for their service to our state and nation.

The VOA is committed to service and cooperation. We will compliment and support those events, programs and activities dedicated to common goals of promoting patriotism, protecting the welfare of our veterans and

their families and insuring the freedom and democracy of our state and nation.

By uniting members from throughout all of Oregon, the VOA will be able to provide support, services and programs for

veterans, local communities, schools, and other veterans' organizations.

The VOA's success will depend on strength - in numbers. Consider joining today.



### Patriot through thought, word and deed

## Shilo Inns owner's support launches VOA

A \$50,000 financial grant and contributions - in-kind to the Veterans of Oregon Association by Shilo Inns' owner, Mark S. Hemstreet, has launched the organizational efforts and statewide membership drive of the group, according to Bob Hagen, executive director of the non-profit, non-partisan organization.

Hemstreet, who is not a veteran himself, feels that if it weren't for the men and women who have served our country, and those who continue to serve, freedom and democracy as we know it would not be possible.

"Mark Hemstreet's support to veterans and their families is never-ending," according to Hagen. "During the Gulf War, a family program coordinator for the Oregon National Guard asked Hemstreet if their group could use a room at one of his hotels for a family gathering at Christmas. Mark did even more. He invited all of the Oregon Guard unit's family members to a Christmas

party, complete with food, entertainment and Santa Claus," Hagen said. "And when the soldiers came home, Mark threw a 'Welcome Home' celebration to thank the veterans and their families."

According to Hagen, "He (Hemstreet) is always going out of his way to support our veterans, recognizing their efforts and showing his appreciation for the sacrifices that these men and women in uniform have endured and continue to endure to keep this country free. The VOA seeks to recognize those individuals and businesses who support our veterans, and Mark Hemstreet is a true example of a Patriot in action - not with just occasional outbursts of patriotism and pride - but every day of the year."

Another example of Hemstreet's respect for our veterans: he constructed the American Veterans and Desert Storm Memorial in Lincoln City, overlooking the Pacific Ocean, adjacent to his ocean-



The American Veterans and Desert Storm Memorial was officially dedicated on Sunday, May 15, 1994. Featured speakers included General Merrill A. McPeak, chief of staff of the Air Force; Admiral (Retired) David E. Jeremiah, former vice-chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under General Colin Powell; and Jon Mangis, Director, Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs. During the ceremony the monument was deeded by Shilo Inns owner, Mark S. Hemstreet, to the Veterans of Oregon Association.

front resort property.

Hemstreet says, "I was inspired to create this memorial because I wanted to ensure that a permanent monument was created in respect for all those who have served, and continue to serve, to defend freedom and democracy; and in memory of all those who gave their lives in all American wars and conflicts. I want my children, and my children's children, to never forget the sacrifices that our veterans have made for this country of ours."

The monument is a hexagonal style format, six feet high at the base. It is three feet wide at the top and five feet wide at the bottom on each of the six sides. Each side displays the official logo from the respective branches of the armed forces and includes a historical narrative of each branch's participation in Desert Storm, along with the names of those killed in action. An American flag flies atop the monument at all times just as it does on all 49 his hotel properties.