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Second Annual Support our Troops Golf Tournament

Vancouver, BC – The *Second Annual Support our Troops Golf Tournament* will take place on July 31 at the Musqueam Golf Course. Proceeds of the tournament support Winch House, a place where veterans, first responders and their families can stay while receiving treatment in the Lower Mainland. Winch House is operated in part by the Honour House Society. This spring, the Society purchased a 9,800 square foot heritage residence in New Westminster. Once renovations are complete this winter, Honour House will provide temporary housing to Canadian Forces personnel, first responders and their families while Winch House will serve as long-term housing. Allan De Genova, a REALTOR® with Sutton Group - West Coast Realty in Vancouver, is the President of Honour House Society.

Allan's deep respect for those serving in the Canadian Forces and emergency services such as fire, police and ambulance prompted him to take an active role in bringing Honour House to fruition. He used his knowledge of the local real estate market to select the property and help plan renovations on the large residence, which was built in 1939. The facility is expected to provide 10 wheelchair accessible rooms.

Despite a busy real estate career, Allan has always made time to give back to the community. He was a five-term Vancouver Park Board Commissioner from 1993 to 2008. During his tenure, he was involved in countless projects including the creation of the Italian Garden at Hastings Park and the refurbishment of Victory Square Park and the Cenotaph. He was recently reappointed as a special advisor to the Vancouver Chinatown Merchants' Association. Allan is also a Director of the Vancouver Resource Society, which provides accessible housing and finds employment options for people with disabilities. He was instrumental in securing accessible housing in the Woodward's redevelopment project.

Tickets for the July 31 *Support Our Troops* golf tournament including dinner and prizes are $60 or $10 for dinner only. To purchase tickets, please call Bob Rietveld at 604-240-7084 or visit the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #48, which is located at 718 20th Avenue East near Fraser Street in Vancouver.

Honour House Society also welcomes donations to help with the $2 million cost of the Honour House renovations. Please visit: http://honourhouse.ca/donations/index.php.

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