

## Southwest Montana Regional Veteran's Home, Update #4

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Greetings again to you the veterans/communities who are the six communities in SW Montana who are represented as the organizers and chief supporters of "SW MT Regional Veterans Home". This is the 4<sup>th</sup> update on our Veterans Home and things are really moving along in the construction process. In addition to this, the long awaited "Breaking Ground Ceremony" will have taken place on July 2<sup>nd</sup> a day before this "Butte Weekly" is distributed. I'll address the Vet Home construction first and then the Ground Breaking.

In watching the construction process, from our Vet's viewing "Hooch" as well as getting a detailed update from Construction Supt Mike Ascheman, it's exciting to report that the cement forms on the foundation walls of the "Community Center" have been removed, dirt has been filled, compacted inside and around the foundation. The next step is for the plumbers to do their work done before the cement floor slab is poured. Once that is done it'll be ready for the carpenters to start the framing of walls etc.. Cottage #1 in the SW Corner of the site should have the footing and some of the foundation wall's forms poured with cement by the time of this paper's distribution. Cottage #2 located just east of Cottage #1 has the footings dug and ready for footings to be framed. Cottage #3's site groundwork of leveling/compaction is done and ready for footings to be dug. Cottage #4's site groundwork is in the process of be completed. Seeing all of this happening is a tribute to all the Construction personal involved.

Another piece of the puzzle for this week involves Markovich Construction with Cory Markovich, Veteran Home Project Manager, leading the way in making the construction components be in place for our Vet Home to become a reality. This happens through the Markovich Construction Division and the sub-contractors awarded by them for specialized portions of the overall construction process. The breakdown is as follows: Markovich does the framing/carpentry work. Tri-County Mechanical is doing the Plumbing and Mechanical, Elk Horn Electric is doing the electrical, Phillips Concrete, from Dillion, is doing the concrete, Zemlijak Excavating has all the dirt work, Hoffman Construction has the paving, Collins Painting has the painting, Butte Glass has the glass and other minor sub-contractors will become involved as construction moves into the finishing stages. Coordination of all these Contractors to have the job run smoothly is critical and that's where Project Construction Superintendent Mike Ascheman comes into the picture. He coordinates with each contractor, to be doing their portion of the job in the right sequence in a time frame that won't jeopardize the smooth flow of the construction process. His position has everything to do with the success of the finished project.

The long awaited Veteran Ground Breaking Ceremony on July 2<sup>nd</sup> in will have happened by the time of this Butte Weekly Publication and hopefully with a good turn-out. The enthusiasm expressed by press, our politicians, the state and our 6 SW Mt Counties, for the Veterans and this SW MT Regional Veterans Home being built for them is a wonderful thing to see and experience. Come out to the site to the Veteran's Viewing "Hooch" and be part of this experience.

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