

Clark County Legal Services Announces New Locations

The Clark County office of Nevada Legal Services, Inc. has moved to downtown Las Vegas from North Las Vegas. Its new address is 701 E. Bridger Ave., Suite 503.

This public interest law firm provides civil representation to low income residents of Clark County.

Because of the overwhelming demand of services, Nevada Legal Services has two narrow priorities. The first is public benefits, including Aid to Families with Dependent Children (ADC), Food Stamps, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Unemployment Insurance Benefits and the County Social Services. The second is housing matters such as evictions, lock-outs and admission to public housing.

Additionally, Nevada Legal Services works in cooperation with the Clark County Pro Bono Project by interviewing and referring clients. The Pro Bono Project has enlisted the help of over 100 attorneys in Clark County to represent impoverished people on a broad variety of civil issues.

Founded in 1958, the original board of directors of the Clark County office included John P. Foley, Charles Deaner, Carl Jr. Christensen, Charles Miles, Jr. and Paul Larsen.

In 1981, this office merged with Nevada Indian-Rural Legal Services, located in Carson City, to form Nevada Legal Services, Inc. The Clark County office is founded, in part, by District Court filing fees and United Way Services, Inc. Its current staff is comprised of four attorneys and three paralegals. the Directing Attorney is Justin Clouser.

Over the years, the Clark County office has represented literally thousands of Clark County residents with civil problems. Each week it receives hundreds of phone

First Black Heads Largest USMCR Unit

(ATLANTA, GA)--The first black Marine officer to head the largest U.S. Marine Corps Reserve unit commanded by a reserve officer took command here on August 2.

BrigGen. Gary Cooper of Mobile, Alabama became commanding general of the 7700 Marines of the 4th Force Service Support Group (4th FSSG). Headquartered in Atlanta, it has units in 56 cities in 26 states and Puerto Rico.

Cooper's new command provides logistical support to the 4th Marine Division and 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, two USMCR units comprising one-fourth of total Marine Corps combat forces. It services include maintenance, supply, engineer support, motor transport, landing support, medical and dental.

In Vietnam in 1967, he became the first black Marine officer to lead an infantry company in combat. Twice wounded, he received the Bronze Star for heroism and three awards of Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

Later, he was the first black officer to command a USMCR unit, a fact noted on the Marine historical calendar.

"Frankly, part of the challenge of this new assignment is that the unit already enjoys a well-earned reputation for excellence. I've got some homework to do because my experience with logistics is from the user, not provider, perspective," he explains.

Cooper ended his active calls requesting assistance. According to Mr. Clouser, "we often act as the front door to the entire social services system because people do not know where to turn in a crisis, so they call us. Those we cannot help we try to refer to the appropriate organization or agency that can help".

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military service in 1969 to return to his native Mobile and begin what was to become a career in business and public service. Now marketing vice president for an engineering firm, he was twice elected to the Alabama House of Representatives. Later, as director of the Alabama Department of Pensions and Security, he was a member of the governor's cabinet.

Throughout the years,

In reporting acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) statistics for the month of July, Clark County Health District officials said today that along with male

however, Cooper remained in the Marine Corps Reserve and climbed a ladder that lead to his promotion to brigadier general in 1984.

Most recently, he served as Assistant Division Commander, 4th Marine Division, the USMCR infantry component.

homosexuals, IV drugs abusers who share needles and their sexual contacts are at increased risk of acquiring the AIDS virus.

The Health District reports a total of 37 cases of AIDS in Clark County residents date, including four new cases for the month of July. Among cases reported, 28 were homosexual men, 3 were bisexual, 2 were IV drug abusers, 2 were homosexual drug abusers, and 2 were not identified with a risk group.

AIDS is a blood-borne virus that attacks the body's immune system leaving the victim vulnerable to diseases that rarely affect healthy persons. The AIDS virus has spread most rapidly by semen-to-blood transmission among homosexual men, however, health officials have reason to believe cases numbers will grow steadily among drug abusers who share needles and syringes, which permit blood-to-blood transmission of the virus.

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