

Merrittorious Memos

The Merritt
Center

The Newsletter of The Merritt Center, a non-profit corporation in Payson, AZ • Jul. 2017 to Jul. 2018

Just submitted our requests for two grants to The AZ Dept. of Veterans Services

We have appreciated their support for the last decade and we look forward to their continued support of our Men's and Women's Vet Programs.

Free Vet Programs

2017-2018 4 Weekend Program: Basic Training for Life

WOMEN: (2017) **Feb 24-26, Apr 21-23, Jun 9-11, Aug 11-13.**

(2018) **Feb 23-25, Apr 13-15, Jun 8-10, Aug 10-13**

MEN: (2017) **Mar 17-19, May 19-21, July 14-16, Sept 15-17.**

(2018) **Mar 16-18, May 18-20, Jul 13-15, Sept 14-16**

2018 Free 7 Day Vet Program
For those who cannot attend 4 sessions over 6 months.

WOMEN: (2018) **Apr 12-17**

MEN: (2018) **May 16-22**

If you know of any returning combat veteran in need of a Vet Mentor to assist them in coming home "**All the way Home**", please refer them to the website:

www.merrittcenter.org

We are offering 7 day and 4 weekend programs that may not be included here.

Check out our PSA video on the website:

www.merrittcenter.org

Want to help?

It costs \$160 per Vet per weekend or \$640 for 4 weekends or 7 day program. **Please donate at our website:** www.merrittcenter.org or send a check to: **The Merritt Center, PO Box 2087, Payson, AZ 85547.**

\$325 in memory of STEVE ANNES

Thank you

Thank you, volunteers:

Mary and Ken Richardson; Suzanne Connolly, Karyl Blair, Marie Fasano, Ben Gallaway, Julie Santamaria, Sumr Breez; Jennifer Hinkie, Barbara Polasky and Maribeth Myers, Jim Farrell, Steve Pierce, William Houdek, Nancy Pulliam, Laura Micks, Shannon Bishop, Norm Schlink and all vet mentors.

Train the Trainer

(details Page 3) Enhance your practice or create a Program in your own locale. We are offering two Train The Trainer workshops: One, the overview for those who choose to add elements of the Vet Program to their practice September 7-10, 2017. The other is an Intensive 7 day for those who choose to recreate the Vet Program in their own locale. It will provide a mirror training of the Vet Program four weekend retreats and is offered when we have a group of four ready. Lodging/meal cost only. For more information: 928-474-4268.

Calling Groups to our space!

We have openings in our schedule to accommodate groups here. (details on Page 2)

Notes from Betty



I am grateful to all who love and support me. My son, Michael, daughter, Sherrilynn, The Kecks, Jim, Nancy, Barbara and Laura really helped to keep me and The Center going. I am especially grateful to a close friend, of both Al and I from a half century ago who has played a significant role in helping me during this painful time.

Extended Programs at the Merritt Center

Job / Relationship / Family Transition

Walk through the transition process through transformative empowerment and make your dream come true. Choose a schedule to meet your needs: (4 days for \$480, 3 days for \$360). An experiential process based on creating your dream structure within your life cycle.

Transformative Transition Empowerment Coaching

This service provides an initial face-to-face interview (if locale permits) or an initial hour phone interview to clarify intentions and expectations for the coaching relationship. Then a vision agreement is created by each party. The service fee is \$75 per hour. Most who seek this service are experiencing the disorientation or confusion of a life transition or the emergence of a life changing shift or awareness and need a safe space while considering a way forward. Call Betty for more information or to set up an initial interview, 928-474-4268.

Mother / Daughter Women's Journey

(2017) May 5-7. (2018) May 4-6. Weekend: \$350 single; \$250 per person double-occupancy

For women of all ages to explore their uniqueness in an opportunity to learn and grow. The roles of woman will be celebrated in a drumming circle and other ancient rituals.

Groups are *WELCOMED*

When the schedule is open during the week or on weekends at wellness weekend rates—a \$300 non-refundable deposit holds a reservation with half balance due 30 days before arrival and remaining balance upon arrival. 34 guest capacity in double/multi occupancy rooms. Rate: \$85 per person, per day in double/multi occupancy room. Special needs: vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, etc. must be requested 14 days before arrival and there will be an additional \$10 per day per person fee charged for specialty items, including requesting organic foods. A refrigerator is available for guests' special need foods/supplies. Kiatsu sessions are available for \$65 per hour.

MERRITT CENTER BOARD MEMBERS

Betty Merritt	Masumi Iida
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Shannon Bishop	William Houdek
Michael Morad-McCoy	

Advisory Board Members: Dan Saint, Marki Ware, Jennifer Treece, Peggi Cornelius, Billy Ryan, Doug Richardson, Michelle Abraham, Duncan McPhersonson, Ben Gallaway, Kathy Clinebell, Tonia Erin.

Board Meetings:

Sept 23, 2017, Feb 10, 2018

Kiatsu Training

Oct 13-14, 2017 \$300

Call Betty for more information, 928-474-4268.

How to Create a Retreat Center:

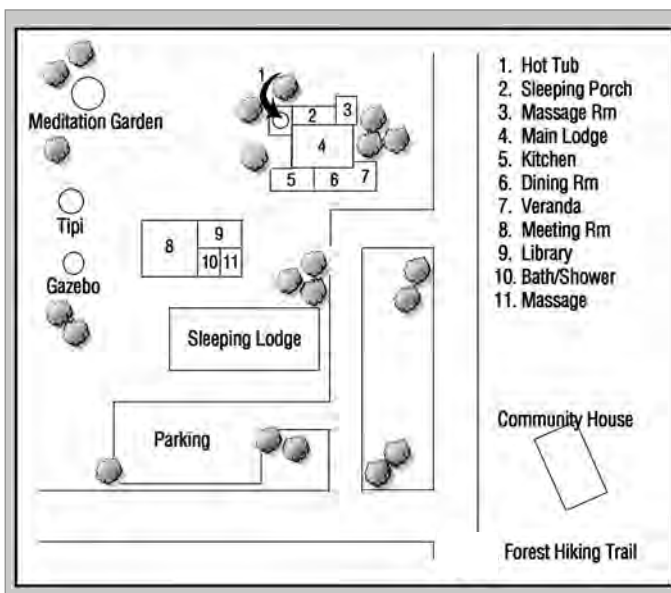
(2017) Aug 17-20. (2018) Jan 18-21— \$360

For those who want to understand the retreat creation experience and know more about the steps to take to create their own retreat center.



The Merritt Lodge of Payson

The Lodge is located 90 miles north of Phoenix (east of Payson), nestled in the Tonto National Forest, near the foot of the Mogollon Rim, 5,000 feet elevation, a two-hour drive from Sky Harbor Airport in Phoenix.



How to Get Here: From Phoenix take Highway 87 to Highway 260 in Payson. Turn right on Highway 260 and continue three miles to Valley Road. Turn left. After two-tenths of a mile turn left again at Haught Road. Follow the signs to the Lodge on the left.



Joyful Happenings!



Free to Combat area MEN Vets:

4-Weekend Program. (2017) Mar 17-19, May 19-21, July 14-16, Sept 15-17. (2018) Mar 16-18, May 18-20, Jul 13-15, Sept. 14-16

FREE for men/women who served in a combat zone and want to give themselves a gift of reentry and integration in a nurturing, safe space. Combat Vet Mentors will provide support. Call for application.

Free to Combat area WOMEN Vets:

4-Weekend Program. (2017) Feb 24-26, Apr 21-23, Jun 9-11, Aug 11-13. (2018) Feb 23-25, Apr 13-15, Jun 8-10, Aug. 10-12 .

Free MEN & WOMEN 7 Day Vet Program:

WOMEN: (2018) Apr 12-17

MEN: (2018) May 16-22

Train the Trainer Overview Workshop:

(2017) Sept 7-10 For those counselors who choose to add elements of the Vet Program to their practice. \$300 shared room; \$485 single. **7 Day Intensive training Workshop:** For those who choose to create a Vet Program in their own locale. Scheduled when 4-6 register. \$725 meals/lodging only.

Wellness Weekends

(2017-2018) Dec 29–Jan 1 Hiking, soaking in the spa, Kiatsu. No alcohol is served. Tour begins at 5:30, dinner at six Friday and ends after lunch on Sunday. Double \$85 per person/night; Single \$120 per night - includes room, meals. Healing Touch/Kiatsu \$65/hr., call for appointment. 928-474-4268.

Couples Growing Together

(2017) Apr 7-9, Nov 10-12. (2018) Apr 6-8. The retreat is **\$525 per couple** who want to do more together than complain about bills, work, or sharing chores. Facilitated by Betty who shares the secret of her 40+ year marriage filled with unconditional love, support, adventure, growth and excitement with any couple choosing to grow together. Includes room, meals: 6pm Friday- 4pm Sunday.

Silent Wisdom Quest

(2017) May 24-27 - 4 days, 3 nights, \$380. A journey to sacred forest space during daylight, returning at sundown to silence in the lodge. Fee includes room and



meals.

Mother/Daughter Women's Journey:

(2018) May 4-6. A journey for mothers and daughters to honor who they are and the gifts they have. \$250 per person - shared room.

How to Create a Retreat Center:

(2017) Aug. 17-20. 2018: Jan 18-21. The cost is \$360.

FREE Working Weekend:

(2017) Aug. 25-27 Come prepared to paint, prune, spruce things up inside and out. Limited space—please call 928-474-4268.

Order BASIC TRAINING FOR LIFE workbook for returning vets & families.

The hardcopy of the **Basic Training for Life Workbook** is now available—please use our reservation form to order. The cost is \$15. It can be considered a donation providing 10% of one veteran's retreat.

Driving Lessons by Betty Merritt

A memoir walk through her life with vignettes leading her to her dream come true: The Merritt Center

Merrittorous Memos is the newsletter of the Merritt Center, a 501C3 Non-Profit Corporation near Payson, AZ. The current Director of the Merritt Center is Betty Merritt who is also the managing editor of *Merrittorous Memos*. Your personal copy will be sent twice a year upon request and a **\$10 donation**. betty@merrittcenter.org

MAIL or FAX to:

The Merritt Center PO Box 2087, Payson, AZ 85547, Fax: 928-474-8588

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March 31, 2018

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of the forests!*

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

2017 July	August	September	October	November	December
Jun 30-Jul 2 Wellness Week-end 14-16 #3 Men Vet Weekend 21-27 Women's 7 day program	11-13 #4 Women Vet Weekend 18-20 How to Create a Retreat Center 25-27 Working Weekend	1-3 Wellness Weekend 8-10 Train the Trainer 15-17 #4 Men Vet Weekend 23 Board Meeting	6-8 Couples 12-17 7-Day Women's Vet Program 13-15 #2 Women's Vet weekend	10-12 Couples Weekend	23-25 Wellness Weekend Dec 29- Jan 1, 2018 Wellness Weekend
2018 January	February	March	April	May	June
Dec. 29- Jan. 1 New Years' Wellness 18-21 How to Create a Retreat Center	10 MC Board Meeting 23-25 #1 Women's Vet weekend	16-18 #1 Men's Vet Weekend	13-15 Kiatsu Weekend	4-6 Mother Daughter Weekend 16-22 7-Day Men's Vet Program 18-20 #2 Men Vet Weekend 24-27 Wisdom Quest Weekend	8-10 #3 Women's Vet Weekend

2017 Train the Trainer
Program Overview
Sep 8-10- for Vet counselors adding elements of the Vet program to their practice.
7 Day Train the Trainer Intensive upon request.

Working Weekend— Free
 Aug 25-27, 2017

WEEKEND PROGRAMS begin Thursday or Friday with 6:00 pm dinner - through lunch on Sunday.