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**Heller to Present Purple Heart Award to Local Veteran****Media Advisory**On **Monday, June 29, 2015,** U.S. Senator Dean Heller will present a Purple Heart Award, a United States military decoration awarded to those wounded or killed while serving, to United States Army Staff Sergeant (Ret.) Vincent Arthur, a Reno resident. **WHAT:** U.S. Senator Heller and officials from the NV Army National Guard to present Purple Heart Award to Reno resident Staff Sergeant (Ret.) Vincent Arthur. **WHEN: Monday, June 29, 2015,** beginning at 3:00 p.m. (PST)**WHERE:** Bruce Thompson Federal Building 400 S. Virginia Street Room 305 Reno**BACKGROUND:**While deployed to Afghanistan in 2010, Staff Sergeant (Ret.) Vincent Arthur was injured by enemy fire after a training exercise. Staff Sergeant Arthur was blown off his feet and unconscious from a 107 mm rocket exploding approximately 25 meters away from him. Due to the quick response of a fellow soldier, Staff Sergeant Arthur was dragged into a bunker for protection after sustaining numerous injuries. ###cid:image003.png@01D07908.A11AC5D0 cid:image004.png@01D07908.A11AC5D0 cid:image005.png@01D07908.A11AC5D0 |

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