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Sam and Carol Ambrose

A Home Worthy of a Veteran



Sam Ambrose never shied away from challenges. As a young man, he became part of the Navy's elite Underwater Demolition Team, serving in clandestine overseas missions. His military career included time as an air traffic controller and scuba instructor.

But with the onset of serious health issues in more recent years, he faces his biggest challenges. An accessible, affordable ASI apartment helps him meet the hurdles with dignity.

In their two-bedroom apartment at Patriot Place (Las Vegas, NV), Sam and Carol Ambrose have ample room for the wheelchair and equipment that Sam requires, as well as their beloved dog, Itsy Bitsy. They are shown here in the spacious Patriot Place community room.



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Although he was always strong and athletic, Sam was plagued by strange weak spells throughout his life. As an All-American high school football player, he was running for a touchdown when his legs gave out on the 16-yard line. In the Navy, he was climbing down a ship ladder and suddenly couldn't feel his legs. He fell hard. Once, while serving as a prison guard, he collapsed without warning. The inmates had to help him up. His diagnosis came in 1995 after the death of his first wife: multiple sclerosis.

Sam met his second wife, Carol, online in 1998. After a brief, long-distance relationship, they met, fell in love and married. Carol calls Sam "my knight in shining armor."

But health concerns have been a battle, even for a man who faced perilous events during his military and law enforcement careers. The MS affects his ability to walk. He is fighting cancer. Macular degeneration has taken most of his eyesight.

Finding Patriot Place Apartments, an Accessible Space community with priority preference for U.S. veterans, was a huge relief. The apartments are accessible and affordable—"everything that I would have wanted," says Sam. His wheelchair fits perfectly under specially lowered counters and through extra-wide hallways and doorways. He especially appreciates the wheel-in shower. There's plenty of room for the VA hospice nurse who comes to assist.

Carol and Sam find comfort among other residents of the building. "It's been so wonderful to have the companionship and camaraderie that soldiers, sailors and marines share," says Sam. "I feel honored to be here, truly."

The mission of Accessible Space, Inc. (ASI) is to provide housing with care for persons with physical disabilities and brain injuries, as well as seniors and veterans. This mission is accomplished through the development, management and ownership of accessible, affordable housing, assisted living and rehabilitation services.