

Possible Veterans Organization Scam

This email is to inform you of a possible veteran scam operation from Oklahoma that may be setting up shop in the DFW metroplex or elsewhere in Texas.

KFOR-TV (NBC Channel4) in Oklahoma City has reported recently on an "organization" by the name of Veteran's Outreach Mission Inc. run by a man named Bruce Wayne Rhoades aka Rhodes & Sawyer.

The short of it is, Mr. Rhoades who is currently a wanted convicted felon out of Oklahoma County, ran a house raffle in Oklahoma City and collected possibly thousands of dollars to be used for a "veteran's rehab center." The home builder mentioned on the raffle fliers had no idea their name was being used nor did the restaurant the raffle drawing was to be held.

In addition, Rhoades used senior citizen employees through an AARP program but never paid them. Any money that was collected during fundraising was immediately taken by Rhoades and former employees claim there were no receipts or books kept. Also in checking with the IRS, Veteran's Outreach Mission Inc. nor Bruce Rhoades hold any non-profit or 501 (c)3 status or registration.

Now how this involves Texas, as of Oct. 18, 2011, Mr. Rhoades has now registered Veteran's Outreach Mission Inc. with the Dallas County court clerk at the address of 1100 W. Main Suite 115 Grand Prairie, TX. That location comes back as a hotel room.

We wanted the legitimate veteran groups in Texas to be made aware of this scam and any possible conflict with their efforts to assist veterans.

Please see the links to our stories at [KFOR.com](http://www.kfor.com) and the attached information.

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