## The Palo Alto Veterans Employment Newsletter



## Blue Water Party Rentals and CWT Alliance Gets a "Stroke" From President Obama!



"Blue Water Party Rentals" is a party equipment rental company that began operations in 2004 as a provider of china, glassware, linens, tables, chairs, etc. for parties. We use nothing but eco-friendly practices in our everyday operations including the use of bio-degradable laundry and dish soaps, recycled plastic linen bags and hangers, and a dishwasher that re-uses the rinse water in the ensuing wash cycles.

"Blue Water" became a partner with the CWT Program Supported Employment Program in 2011 by hiring the first of several of our veterans. One of many organizations that Blue Water services is the Fox Theater in Redwood City, CA and an integral part of their service is the contribution of several CWT clients. In May of this year, President Obama made a visit to the bay area which included a fund raising event held at the Fox Theater. Blue Water Managing Director, Karen Gitter was in attendance and following is her account of the event.

"On Wednesday May 23, 2012, President Obama was at the Fox Theatre in Redwood City, CA. Blue Water Party Rentals is the rental company for the Fox, so naturally I was in attendance. During the event, I was honored to meet our President. In our conversation, I told him I owned a small business, and just hired my 5th Veteran from the Department of Veterans Affairs Compensated Work Therapy Program and a big smile came over the "President's" face. Just when I thought it could not get any better, the President leaned over and told me he was proud of me and what Blue Water was doing for our Veterans and to keep it up. Then he gave me a big hug! You talk about AWESOME! It was the best moment of my life!



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Let me introduce my VA, CWT Staff to you and ask that you please join

me in welcoming them to our Blue Water family.

## Blue Water CWT Staff



L-R, Nathaniel, Ken, Fred, Bill, and Roger.

Let's support our troops together ... "

Karen L. Gitter Managing Director Blue Water Party Rentals



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