

REAL WEDDINGS

# Jessica & Steven Luttrell

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A wedding is an unforgettable moment in time, a day of celebration and unity for the couple, and their families and friends. Jessica and Steven Luttrell decided that they needed just a little more to celebrate.

Jessica and Steven met in 2007, on Steven's first week of leave from a year-long Army de-



## CELEBRATION OF UNITY



ployment in Korea. For Jessica it was love at first sight—the couple stayed in constant contact from that day forth. Talk of the future always turned into talk of marriage, and Steven would always say that he was going to marry Jessica someday. After time stationed at Fort Irwin, they learned that Steven would be deployed to Iraq for 15 months. Instead of focusing on their separation, Jessica and Steven decided to plan for a big wedding with family and friends when he returned home. Jessica's family was thrilled to have Steven as a part of their family...and according to Jessica, even more thrilled to get two year's notice on the wedding!

Jessica and Steven were married at David Girard Vineyards in Placerville, and as befitting the gorgeous setting, they settled upon a wine theme for the day. Flowers were presented in wine barrels, wine corks displayed the place settings, and for their favors they had bottles of wine custom-labeled with their engagement photo, as a thank you to everyone for sharing in their special day.

Since their wedding day was not just the couple getting married but a celebration of Ste-

ven's safe return, it was only fitting that the officiant was the medic who patrolled the streets of Iraq with Steven during his deployment. It was a connection that brought the two celebrations together, to make both events part of a larger, much more special event which was a celebration of togetherness; togetherness in marriage, and togetherness despite separation—a celebration of unity.

That was one of the most unique aspects of Jessica and Steven's wedding; the way in which it was so seamlessly and joyfully combined with the celebration of the groom's homecoming. They dedicated the entire weekend to their wedding day, with friends and family all staying at the same hotel. Friday night everyone enjoyed margaritas by the pool while Steven's friends set up DJ equipment and spun some tunes, followed by a trek to Red Hawk Casino in Placerville. After the wedding on Saturday everyone was invited back to the hotel for the post-wedding afterparty, with more music and margaritas by the pool. Steven's aunt gave everyone a personalized shot glass so that the new couple could be toasted with a bracing shot of tequila. Steven's friend made a mix CD of classic songs and sounds that played throughout the night. It was the party to end all parties.

For their honeymoon, Jessica and Steven went tropical—jetting off to Playa Del Carmen in Mexico for 10 warm, fun-filled nights. No lazing by the pool for these guys: they went parasailing, snorkeling, scuba diving and jet skiing. And the best part of all was that they were doing it together, as husband and wife...just like they had always planned. Don't you love it when a plan comes together? ☺



JESSICA & STEVEN'S  
WEDDING RESOURCES

**Ceremony & Reception Site**  
David Girard Vineyards  
530-295-1833  
davidgirardvineyards.com  
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**Ceremony Music**  
Camellia String Quartet  
916-447-4648  
camelliastringquartet.com  
See ad on page 159

**Photographer**  
Lily Rose Photography  
530-204-3708  
lilyrosephotography.com  
See ad on page 22

**Videographer**  
Heritage Video Design

**Wedding Planner**  
A Day To Remember  
916-452-4373  
adaytorememberca.com  
See ad on page 39

**Caterer**  
Beth Sogaard Catering  
866-441-BETH  
chefbethcatering.com  
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**DJ/Entertainment**  
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