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Veteran of the Month and Veteran Supporter of the Month to Receive Governor's Award and Honor in Special Ceremony

(Carson City, NV) – **Carmen Rank**, federal contractor to the Skyline Transition Assistance Advisor Program, is most recently known for her work in connecting all Nevada National Guard and reserve members to resources as well as benefits earned through military service. She is also known for doing so much more to help military members, veterans and their families, which is why she will receive the Governor's ***Veteran of the Month*** honor and award.

The ceremony will take place on **Friday, November 17, 2017, 9:30 a.m., inside the Old Assembly Chambers, located within the Capitol Building in Carson City. Governor Brian Sandoval will be in attendance.**

The ceremony will also honor the **Scottish American Military Society Honor Guard, Post #1864** as ***Veteran Supporter of the Month***.

The awards recognize Nevada's men, women or organizations that have gone above and beyond in volunteer work supporting military members, veterans and their families. The award puts a spotlight on the work and service veterans and others do for those who have served our country.

Rank began her military career by initially serving two years in the Nevada Army National Guard before becoming Active Guard Reserve (Active Duty Army). She retired in 2006 as an E7- Sergeant First Class, after 21 years of service. Today she serves as the Nevada Transition Assistance Advisor fulfilling a wide range of needs for all reserve components in Nevada.

She is also involved in a long list of volunteer work that includes a wide range of activities for numerous veteran organizations and activities involving family programs, the American Legion, the Veterans Guest House, suicide prevention programs and more. She organizes and promotes the military retiree breakfast in Carson City. She is ~~also~~ the driving force behind a newsletter keeping around 145 retirees from all branches of service informed.

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The Scottish American Military Society Honor Guard, Post #1864 is well known in the veterans' community. Members have donated countless hours supporting the *Veterans- in-Care* program and *Wreaths Across America* each December.

The 10-man color guard is among those who place wreaths on every grave at the Northern Nevada State Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Fernley, Nevada. Last year there were more than 5,000 wreaths placed on each grave site.

The color guard has supported more than 78 different veteran events this year alone including ceremonies, celebrations, wakes and funerals.

About us: NDVS is a state agency with the mission of connecting Nevada's veterans, their spouses, and families to benefits, resources and programs earned through military service in the United States Armed Forces. NDVS is responsible for the administration of two State Veterans Memorial Cemeteries; one Boulder City, the other in Fernley. The agency also operates a Nevada State Veterans Home in Boulder City and is currently overseeing the construction of a new State Veterans Home in Sparks. NDVS administration and staff are dedicated in their commitment to serving "Nevada's Heroes."

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