

INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON VETERANS AFFAIRS (ICVA)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, 6-15-17 @ 10:00 a.m.

Public locations are:

- Carson City – Governor’s Office of Economic Development’s Office Conference Room
808 W. Nye Lane, Carson City, NV 89703
- Las Vegas – Governor’s Office of Economic Development’s Office Conference Room in
the Grant Sawyer Building (5th Floor),
555 E. Washington Ave, Suite 5400, Las Vegas, NV 89101

Meeting will be held via Teleconference:

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AGENDA

Please Note: *The Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs (ICVA) may (1) address agenda items out of sequence to accommodate persons appearing before the Panel or to aid the efficiency or effectiveness of the meeting; (2) combine items for consideration by the public body; and (3) pull or remove items from the agenda at any time. The Panel may convene in closed session to consider the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence or physical or mental health of a person. See NRS 241.030. Prior to the commencement and conclusion of a contested case or a quasi judicial proceeding that may affect the due process rights of an individual the board may refuse to consider public comment. See NRS 233B.126.*

At the discretion of the Chair, public comment is welcomed by the Panel, but will be limited to five minutes per person. A public comment time will be available at the beginning of the meeting and then once again prior to adjournment of the meeting. The Chair may allow additional time to be given a speaker as time allows and in his/her sole discretion. Once all items on the agenda are completed the meeting will adjourn.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call of Members, and Establish Quorum
2. Public Comment

Note: *No vote may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. (NRS 241.020)*

3. Review and Approval of 2-3-17 Minutes (For Possible Action)
4. Old Business
 - a. Discussion on the recommendations of the Service Members, Veterans and their Families (SMVF) Behavioral Health Sub-Committee and approval of dissolution of the Sub-committee. (For Possible Action)
 - b. Update of veteran’s related Legislative Items for the 79th Legislative Session. (See attachment for list of Legislative items to be discussed)
 - c. Discussion of ICVA master agreement between member agencies. (For Possible Action)
 - d. Updates on programs, projects, or initiatives made by Council Member’s individual agencies.
5. New Business

- a. Presentation from the Governor’s Women Veterans Advisory Council on their work, recommendations, and initiatives.
- b. Presentation from the Nevada National Guard’s State Partnership Program
- c. Discussion on the status of the Nevada Vet Corps (an AmeriCorps/Vista Initiative).
- d. Discussion of outline for the 2018 ICVA Annual Report to the Governor and Director of the Legislative Council Bureau. (For Possible Action)

6. Council Member Comments

7. Future Meeting Dates/Locations

8. Public Comment

Note: No vote may be taken upon a matter raised under public comment until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. (NRS 241.020)

9. Adjournment

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- **Nevada Department of Veterans Services – Las Vegas**
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This agenda has been sent to all members of the Committee and other interested persons who have requested an agenda from the Council. Persons who wish to continue to receive an agenda and notice of meetings must request so in writing on an annual basis.

THIS MEETING HAS BEEN PROPERLY NOTICED AND POSTED IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) Reno Office 5460 Reno Corporate Dr. Ste 131, Reno, NV 89511	Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) Elko Office 762 14th Street Elko, NV 89801	Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) Las Vegas Office 6900 N. Pecos Rd. #1C238 North Las Vegas, NV 89086
Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery (NNVMC) 14 Veterans Way Fernley, NV 89408	Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery (SNVMC) 1900 Buchanan Blvd. Boulder City, NV 89005	Nevada State Veterans Home (NSVH) 100 Veterans Memorial Dr. Boulder City, NV 89005

Attachment A
79th Legislative Session Veterans and Military Legislation

AB 2: (Office of the Military)

Status: Approved by the Governor.

Votes: Passed unanimously in both houses.

Effective Date: Effective July 1, 2017

Summary: Expands the provisions of the Patriot Relief Account. AB 2 amends NRS to state that the provisions of the Patriot Relief Account are subject to legislature appropriations, as well as removes the restriction to receive monetary relief from economic hardship.

AB 19: (NV Dept. of Veterans Services)

Status: Approved by the Governor.

Votes: Passed unanimously in both houses.

Effective Date: Effective July 1, 2017

Summary: Revises annual report requirements for various veterans related councils. AB 19 is a housekeeping bill changing the annual reporting requirement of the VSC, ICVA, and WVAC from annual to biannual, to be due in the even numbered years. Additionally, this bill adds reporting requirement to NDVS to report certain data to the ICVA annually, as well as amends the reporting cycle of such data to reflect the State Fiscal Year.

AB 22: (NV Dept. of Veterans Services)

Status: Approved by the Governor.

Votes: Passed unanimously in both houses.

Effective Date: Effective July 1, 2017

Summary: Revises various duties of the Director and Deputy Director. AB 22 expands those duties by requiring the NDVS to create and maintain a Veterans Information System and a Veterans Service Organization Registry, as well as ensure every generation of veterans is acknowledged through ceremonies and services. This bill also updates NRS 417 by removing requirements, such as that the Director and Deputy Director must be located in specific Nevada cities, the specific duties of the Deputy, and the duty to manage a guardianship program.

AB 24: (Office of the Governor)

Status: Approved by the Governor.

Votes: Passed unanimously in both houses.

Effective Date: Effective July 1, 2017

Summary: Exempts veterans and military students within NSHE from the assessment of out-of-state tuition charges. AB 24 expands the provisions of in-state tuition which are awarded to veterans, members of the military and their dependents. Proposed language codifies in-state tuition rates for all dependents of active duty service members serving at a military installation in this state as well as dependents of service members on active duty at the Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center. Language also includes that dependents of active duty service members who were serving at a military installation in this state, and the Warfare Training Center, continue to be eligible for in-state tuition benefits as long as the dependent maintain continues enrollment at a NSHE institution. Importantly, AB 24 expands in-state tuition to those utilizing the Fry Scholarship, which are dependents of a service member that passed away while on active duty during an eligible combat engagement.

AB 77: (Dept. of Education)

Status: Approved by the Governor.

Votes: Passed 37-5 in the Assembly, and passed 18-2 with one excused in the Senate

Effective Date: Effective on July 1, 2017. Section 1.7 of this act expires by limitation on June 30, 2019.

Summary: Revises provisions related to teachers and other educational personnel. AB 77 revises and proposes many provisions related to teacher licensing and qualifications. AB 77 has been amended, in Section 24, to allow NDE to waive any licensure fees for veterans, active-duty members of the military, and spouses of military members.

AB 105: (Assm. Thompson)

Status: Approved by the Governor.

Votes: Passed unanimously in the Senate, and 39-9 in the Assembly

Effective Date: Effective upon passage and approval for the purpose of adopting any regulations and performing any other preparatory administrative tasks that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this act; and on July 1, 2017, for all other purposes.

Summary: Revises continuing education requirements relating to suicide prevention and awareness for certain providers of health care. AB 105 amends NRS relating to physicians, physician assistants, medical assistants, percussionists and practitioners of respiratory care. This bill requires 2 hours of continuing education instruction on evidence-based suicide prevention and awareness.

AB 118: (Assm. Daly)

Status: Approved by the Governor.

Votes: Passed unanimously in the Senate with one excused, and 34-4 in the Assembly with 4 excused.

Effective Date: Upon passage and approval.

Summary: Allows issuance of permits to carry concealed firearms veterans and service members. AB 118 expands the eligibility for issuing a permit to possess a handgun to those individuals at least 18 years of age but less than 21 who are members of the Armed Forces of the U.S. or were discharged from the Armed Forces under honorable conditions, and meet all other requirements. Armed Forces also includes a reserve component and the National Guard.

AB 282: (Assm. E. Anderson)

Status: Approved by the Governor

Votes: Passed unanimously in both houses with one excused in the Senate

Effective Date: Effective July 1, 2017

Summary: Authorizes service members who receive military orders to relocate or deploy to terminated or suspend a contract. AB 282 allows a military service member to submit a written notice of permanent change of duty or deployment orders (of more than 30 days) to terminate or suspend a contract for telecommunication services, internet services, membership of a health club, or video service. This bill requires that the service member submit a written notice to the service provider within 90 days of the termination date and the service member must not be charged a penalty, fee, or loss of deposit because of the termination. Lastly, authorizes a service member or the Attorney General to bring an action against a person who violates the provision of this bill.

AB 286: (Assm. E. Anderson)

Status: Awaiting Governor's Signature

Votes: Passed unanimously in both houses with one excused in the Senate

Effective Date: Upon passage and approval

Summary: Revises provisions relating to court programs for the treatment of veterans and members of the military. AB 286 establishes qualifications for a defendant eligible for participation in a veterans court program. Authorizes justice and municipal courts to establish programs for the treatment of veterans and members of the military who are charged with first misdemeanor offenses, to include battery constituting domestic violence or driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The court must attempt to determine whether a defendant qualifies for the program as soon as possible after the person is arrested or cited. AB 286, as amended, establishes that defendants charged with domestic violence or DUI offenses are eligible for treatment program on first offense only, and charges are conditionally dismissed upon successful completion. The original charge is conditionally dismissed to be used only for the purpose of enhancement

for a secondary offense within the 7 years of conditional dismissal.

AB 309: (Assm. Cohen)

Status: Awaiting Governor's Signature

Votes: Passed unanimously in both houses

Effective Date: Effective upon passage and approval for adopting regulations and administrative tasks and Oct. 1, 2017 for all other purposes.

Summary: Revises provisions relating to veterans preference in state employment. AB 309 requires DHRM to submit to NDVS a monthly report which lists the names of all veterans and widows and widowers of those killed in the line of duty who are employed by the state. On a quarterly basis this report is to be submitted to the Governor and LCB. Section 3 also requires that the percentage of officers and employees in the state be proportional to the veterans population of this state in the labor force. Section 5 amends the preference to hire veterans by allowing 10 points to be added to the passing grade achieved on the examination to all nonservice-connected disabled veterans and widows and widowers of those killed on duty. Lastly, requires hiring authorities to interview all service-connected disabled veterans to be interviewed.

AB 337: (Assm. E. Anderson)

Status: Approved by the Governor

Votes: Passed unanimously in both houses

Effective Date: Effective July 1, 2017

Summary: Expands employment protections to members of the National Guard who are employed in this State. AB 337 expands employment protections awarded to Nevada National Guard members to include those National Guard members of another state, but are employed in this State. If the Labor Commission finds that any member of the Guard was terminated in violation, the member is entitled to immediate reemployment and restoration of employments, benefits, seniority, and all wages to which the member would have been entitled to for continues employment. Additionally, if the Commission does not find that a member of the National Guard was terminated in violation of NRS, the member may, within 120 days after notice of termination, bring civil action in any district court against the employer to seek a determination. If the court finds that any member of the Guard was terminated in violation to NRS, the member is entitled to immediate reemployment and restoration, any other relief granted by the court, reasonable attorney's fees, and any costs incurred by the member.

AB 521: (Assm. P. Anderson)

Status: Awaiting the Governor's Signature

Votes: Passed unanimously in both houses.

Effective Date: Effective July 1, 2017

Summary: Establishes a program for relocating a veterans remains to a veterans cemetery. AB 521 establishes a program to provide financial assistance for the disinterment and relocation of a veteran to any veterans' cemetery. This bill also requires the Director of the Department of Veterans Services to adopt regulations prescribing the application process and the criteria for the award of such financial assistance. Finally, this bill makes an appropriation of \$100,000 to fund the program.

SB 7: (Office of the Military)

Status: Approved by the Governor

Votes: Passed unanimously in both houses.

Effective Date: Effective July 1, 2017

Summary: Revises provisions of the Nevada Code of Military Justice governing certain offenses subject to court-martial proceedings. SB 7 removes the requirement that an offense must be committed while the person was in a duty status. Instead, provides that the offense is subject to the Code when committed while the person was subject to jurisdiction under certain provisions of the Code.

SB 33: (Office of the Governor)
Status: Approved by the Governor
Votes: Passed unanimously in both houses
Effective Date: Upon passage and approval

Summary: Prohibiting the foreclosure of real property owned by certain military personnel or their dependents. SB 33 prohibits the foreclosure of a military servicemember's residential mortgage loan, including the foreclosure of a lien against a unit in a common-interest community, while the member is on active duty, and for one year immediately following active duty, without a court order, so long as the loan was entered into before the servicemember was called to active duty or deployed.

SB 58: (Dept. of Veterans Services)
Status: Approved by the Governor.
Votes: Passed unanimously in both houses
Effective Date: Effective July 1, 2017

Summary: Revises membership to veteran related boards. SB 58 relates to membership on a number of veterans-related boards. This bill, submitted on behalf of the Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) revises provisions relating to the membership of the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs, the Nevada Veterans Services Commission and Certain Advisory Committees, as well as revises the definition of the Veterans Service Organizations which NDVS is required to aid and assist.

SB 70: (Office of the Governor)
Status: Approved by the Governor
Votes: Passes unanimously in both houses
Effective Date: Effective upon passage and approval

Summary: Relates to policies protecting personal military-related property that is left at military/veteran memorials in Nevada. SB 70 revises provisions governing the management of military artifacts, expanding NRS 417.090 (9) to allow NDVS to transfer abandoned or unclaimed property to the Nevada State Museum or the Nevada Historical Society, or any other suitable state, federal, or non-profit entity. Additionally, language adds protections to NDVS against action for transfer, disposal, or destruction of any property. Lastly, this bill requires NDVS to establish and publish, on their website, the policies for disposal of such property when they are not transferred.

SB 137: (Sen. Woodhouse)
Status: Approved by the Governor
Votes: Passed unanimously in both houses
Effective Date: Effective upon passage and approval

Summary: Requires that state agencies who collect information on veterans reform how they ask if an individual is a veteran. SB 137 requires that the forms to collect veterans status information should ask whether the person served in the Armed Force, the National Guard or reserve component for 6 continuous years, or Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service or the Commissioned Corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration instead of simply asking if the person is a "veteran." Lastly, SB 137 removes the expiration date of the gift account to assist veterans who have suffered military sexual trauma.

SB 141: (Sen. Hardy)
Status: Approved by the Governor
Votes: Passed unanimously in both houses
Effective Date: Effective on July 1, 2017. Sections 3 and 5 to 8, inclusive, of this act become effective on the earlier of July 1, 2018

Summary: Provides for the issuance of special license plates inscribed with the international symbol of access to a veteran with a qualifying service-connected disability. SB 141 establishes a definition for a "qualifying service connected disability," for the purposes of qualifying disability rating to receive a special veteran's license plate with the international symbol of access. "Qualifying service-connected disability" means: A service-connected disability rated at 100 percent; More than one service-connected disability, the

combined ratings of which add up to at least 100 percent; or A service-connected disability of any rating that constitutes or includes a permanent disability that qualifies a person for a special license plate pursuant to NRS 482.384.

SB 144: (Sen. Spearman)

Status: Approved by the Governor

Votes: Passed unanimously in both houses

Effective Date: Effective July 1, 2017

Summary: Revises several provisions regarding to elections, including automatic voter registration. Among many changes, SB 144 requires a county or city clerk to establish voter locations, requires the Secretary of State to develop an electronic application, as well as require the DMV to transmit information to the SOS when registering voters. In regards to military personnel, this bill expands provisions of military-overseas ballots and requires the SOS to establish an online voter registration.

SB 191: (Sen Cannizzaro)

Status: Approved by the Governor

Votes: Passed unanimously in both houses

Effective Date: Effective upon passage and approval and July 1, 2018 for DMV related sections

Summary: Establishes a standard for evidence of eligibility for any benefit, program or assistance provided to a veteran with a service-connected disability. SB 191 amends NRS by establishing what documents are acceptable to be deemed a service-connected disabled veteran when seeking any assistance provided, whether by state or local government. This bill proposes that a veteran is deemed a service-connected disabled veteran by proof of a certificate from the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs or U.S. Dept. of Defense that indicates the veteran has incurred a service-connected disability and indicates the total disability compensation. Sections 2 to 8 amend NRS to make conforming changes to the veterans related provision relating to Purchasing, Public Works, DMV license plates, and Wildlife (hunting and fishing licenses and tags).

SB 326: (Sen. Committee on Health and Human Services)

Status: Approved by the Governor

Votes: Passed unanimously in both houses

Effective Date: Effective July 1, 2017.

Summary: Provides enrollment preference in a day care facility to dependents of military members. SB 326 requires that a child care facility shall give priority in admission to a child whose parent or guardian is currently serving on active duty in the Armed Forces of the U.S., was killed or died as a result of injuries received while serving, or was reported a prisoner of war within 180 days before the date of application.

SB 444: (Sen. Committee on Finance)

Status: Awaiting Governor's signature

Votes: Passed unanimously in both houses

Effective Date: Effective on July 1, 2017.

Summary: Makes an appropriation to the Dept. of Veterans Services. SB 444 proposes to appropriate \$349,962 to the NDVS to provide financial assistance and support for the Adopt a Vet Dental Program.

SB 445: (Sen. Committee on Finance)

Status: Awaiting Governor's signature

Votes: Passed unanimously in the Senate and 41-1 in the Assembly

Effective Date: Effective on July 1, 2017

Summary: Makes an appropriation to the Eighth Judicial District Court. SB 445 proposes to appropriate from the State General Fund to the Eighth Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada the sum of \$98,356 for the salary of a Veterans Court Coordinator.

SB 457: (Sen. Parks)

Status: Awaiting the Governor's Signature

Votes: Passed unanimously in both houses

Effective Date: Effective on July 1, 2017

Summary: Requires NSHE to establish statewide standards or the awarding of credit for military education, training or occupational experience. SB 457 requires the Board of Regents in consultation with the State Approving Agency and the American Council on Education to establish statewide standards for awarding credit for military education, training or occupational experience. This bill requires that credit earned must be applicable toward required coursework for an associates or baccalaureate degree, or a certificate at any university, state college or community college in the System.