

VETERANS' SERVICES COMMISSION (VSC)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

**THURSDAY, 6-29-17
8:30 AM**

Meeting held and Public Access Located at:

Elko – Great Basin College – 1500 College Parkway
McMullen Hall – Room 102

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AGENDA

Please Note: *The Veterans Services Commission (VSC) 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 Commission 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, Pledge of Allegiance, 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 3-15-17 Meeting Minutes (For Possible Action)**
- 4. Chairman and Commissioner Announcements/Reports (For Discussion)**
- 5. NDVS Reports (For Discussion)**
 - Nevada State Veterans Home – Boulder City
 - Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemeteries
 - Veterans Advocacy and Support Program
 - Community Outreach Programs

- e) Veteran Community Events
- f) NDVS Staff Changes
- g) Agency Fiscal / 2017 License Plate Gift Account Plan

6. Other Reports (For Discussion)

- a) VBA, Reno Regional Office Report
- b) Nevada Based VA Hospital/ Clinic Reports
- c) Office of the Governor, Veterans Policy Analyst Report
- d) Veterans Service Organization Reports

7. Old Business (For Discussion)

- a) Volunteer Driver Issue/Medical Testing
- b) Update on the Northern Nevada Veterans Home
- c) Update on the Bills Passed During the 79th Legislative Session (See Complete Listing of Bills Attached – Starting on Page 4)
- d) Update on Policy for Placement of Cemetery Memorials

8. New Business (For Discussion)

- a) Discussion of Current Guidelines for the Future Naming of Public Buildings
- b) Review the Battle Born Memorial Subcommittee Findings about the Three Artists that Presented Renderings at the April 21st, 2017 Meeting on the Battle Born Memorial to the Fallen. The VSC Members will then Vote on Acceptance of the Subcommittee's Findings (For Possible Action)
- c) Review of the NDVS State Service Organizations Listing of Current State Commanders for Distribution of Information from NDVS
- d) Criteria on the choice for Student and Women Veteran Committee Members
- e) Women's Advisory Committee Update

9. Veteran of the Month (VOM) Overview and Selections (For Possible Action)

VOM Nominees:

- Burns, Kevin P.
- Croft, Dallas W.
- Emerson, Carl R.
- Meeker, David A.
- Rank, Carmen
- Wilcox, Scott W.

10. Veteran Supporter of the Month (VSM) Overview and Selections (For Possible Action)

VSM Nominees:

- University of Nevada Veterans Alumni
- W.A.V.E.

11. Agenda Items For Next Meeting (For Discussion)

12. Next Meeting Date/Location

Possible Date: Thursday, September 7-14-21-28, 2017

Possible Location: Fernley

13. Public Comment

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14. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

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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

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Listing of Bills Passed during the 78th Legislative Session (For Discussion)

AB 2: (Office of the Military)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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 148: (Sen. Spearman)

Summary: Requires NDVS to provide certain assistance and information to veterans and members of the military who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. SB 148 requires the Director to provide assistance to LGBT veterans by providing outreach, with applying for an upgrade of discharge, applying for benefits, appealing any denial of benefits, and develop and distribute informational materials to LGBT veterans and service members. This bill establishes that no veteran, who was discharged solely on the basis of their LGBT status, can be denied eligibility for any benefits by agency or political subdivision.

SB 191: (Sen Cannizzaro)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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.