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## Veterans in Care Program To Celebrate 100<sup>th</sup> Ceremony Honoring and Recognizing Nevada's Veterans

(Reno, NV) – The Nevada Department of Veterans Services will host a Veterans In Care (VIC) outreach **on Wednesday**, **July 25**, **2018 beginning at 2:00 PM at Lakeside Manor Senior Living**, **855 Brinkby Avenue**, **Reno**, **Nevada**. This ceremony will be unique because it will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> ceremony since the outreach program began in the spring of 2016. Since then, the program has reached more than 1,800 veterans living in residential, skilled or assisted care facilities.

The program honors, recognizes and thanks these Nevada veterans. It also connects them to benefits and programs earned through military service. Some may not know they have earned benefits that, in some cases, may greatly enhance their quality of life, as well as their spouse or families.

The VIC Administrator is Wendy Simons, NDVS Deputy Director of Health & Wellness. She said, "We are thrilled to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> ceremony this week. In just a few short years, we have been able to touch the lives of thousands of veterans in hundreds of care facilities."

She added, "It is such an honor to personally thank them on behalf of Governor Brian Sandoval. This program means so much to him personally and remains near and dear to his heart." When his schedule permits, Governor Sandoval makes it a priority to attend VIC ceremonies to personally thank each and every veteran.

The VIC program encompasses three related components; education regarding Benefits and Programs; Veteran Culture Education and Training for health care providers who work with veterans; and Quality of Life Recognition and Communication for veteran residents.