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Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Northern Nevada State Veterans Home

(Reno, NV) – Governor Brian Sandoval and the Nevada Department of Veterans Services invites media members, veterans, veterans' family members and the general public to attend a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Northern Nevada State Veterans Home.

The event will be Monday, July 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. on the site where the new skilled-care facility will be built, 2 Kietzke Lane, Sparks, Nevada. (It is across from the DMV) NDVS anticipates the crowd will be anywhere from 400 to 600 people, so media members are encouraged to arrive early due to parking.

Completion of the 102,000 square foot, state of the art facility is set for December of 2018. It will feature 96-beds and include facilities for administrative offices, receiving/storage, nursing offices and other support operations. At the core of the facility will be an exciting town center with physical therapy, dining hall, conservatory, beauty/barber shop, store, coffee shop, chapel and activity center, parade grounds, etc.

The nursing home will serve eligible military veterans, their spouses as well as Gold Star Parents living in northern Nevada.

According to the Nevada Governors Office of Economic Development (GOED), the new facility will create more than 125 permanent jobs and provide an estimated \$14.4 million dollar annual boost to the local economy.

The total cost of the project is \$47-million. The State of Nevada anticipates reimbursement of around \$32-million from the federal Veterans Administration (VA) as Nevada continues to climb in priority on the VA's New Nursing Home Construction Project Priority List (Priority List). In 2015, Nevada lawmakers approved a \$14.1-million dollar required 35% state match to qualify for the repayment grant thus the project continues to advance on the VA Priority List.