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Northern Nevada State Veterans Home **A COVID-19 Related Death and Numerous Recoveries**

(Sparks, Nev.) – A resident of the Northern Nevada State Veterans Home (NNSVH) has died of COVID-19 related complications, bringing the number of COVID-19 related deaths to four, with 27 resident and staff member recoveries.

The resident was a 71-year-old Army Vietnam veteran with underlying medical conditions; he died at the Reno VA hospital on July 20 as a consequence of COVID-19. All other NNSVH residents have recovered except one who was released from the hospital and remains in stable condition pending further testing. Five staff members remain positive and are self-quarantined at home.

"We are deeply saddened to announce the passing of this Vietnam veteran. He, along with over two million men and women, honorably served our country at a time when such service was often scorned," said Nevada Department of Veterans Services Director Kat Miller. "While it is fitting to mourn his death, it is as important to remember this veteran as a hero—as a man who put his life on the line for his fellow Americans."

"Like all the veterans who we are honored to care for, he was also a beloved member of our community and he will be deeply and truly missed," said NNSVH Administrator Mike Ball. "On a positive note, the increased testing and identification during the past few weeks has been working to help us fight this outbreak. We have had no additional positive cases during the past three testing periods. However, we know this virus continues to spread in the community and we remain vigilant in following all CDC protocols."

Since the NNSVH has had three rounds of negative test results, and no new positive cases since July 9, the home has moved from a three-day to a seven-day test cycle. The NNSVH continues to work with the Nevada Office of Public Health Informatics and Epidemiology to support contact tracing necessary to mitigate the spread of the virus.

For regular updates about the NNSVH, call the hotline at (775) 418-5026. For more information and resources on Nevada's response to COVID-19, please visit nvhealthresponse.nv.gov.

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