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Northern Nevada State Veterans Home
COVID-19 Related Deaths of a Veteran and a Veteran's Spouse

(Sparks, Nev.) – Two residents of the Northern Nevada State Veterans Home (NNSVH) have died of COVID-19 related complications, bringing the number of COVID-19 related deaths to three since the current outbreak in the facility began in late June.

One resident was a 90-year-old Navy veteran who died at the Reno VA hospital from cardiopulmonary arrest as a consequence of COVID-19. The other resident was the 95-year-old widowed spouse of a Korean War Navy veteran who was receiving care at Renown Hospital.

"Like other members of our greatest generation, both of these much-loved residents were fighters," said Nevada Department of Veterans Services Director Kat Miller of the veteran who passed away. "Unfortunately, the disease along with their serious underlying medical conditions, proved to be more than they could overcome. We remain resolute in our continuing effort to find and implement emerging medical practices to mitigate the impacts of this terrible disease."

Thirteen NNSVH residents are currently positive for COVID-19. The Home is conducting tests of all residents and staff approximately every three days, with the assistance of the Nevada National Guard and other local, state and federal partners. Since the outbreak in late June, the NNSVH has had two COVID-19 recoveries and expects more over the next two weeks.

"We mourn the loss of our residents and our entire NNSVH team offers condolences to their family and friends," said NNSVH administrator Mike Ball. "We are continuing the fight against COVID-19 and adapting to the latest protocols, always with the protection of our residents and team members top of mind."

The NNSVH has partnered with Renown and Charles River Labs to expedite test results. "Faster test results will help us with early detection of staff contracting the disease in the community, and limit exposure within the Home," said Ball.

The NNSVH is also working 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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