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**Southern Nevada State Veterans Home
Celebrates 18th Anniversary this August**

(Boulder City, Nev.) – The Southern Nevada State Veterans Home (SNSVH), managed by the Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS), is celebrating its 18th anniversary this month.

SNSVH maintains a 5-Star rating by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS), the highest rating possible. This year, the SNSVH has reason to celebrate: 33 residents and staff have recovered from COVID-19. One resident and four staff members are currently positive with COVID-19, down from much higher numbers earlier this year.

"For all of us at SNSVH every day is a new day, a new challenge and a new learning experience," said Eli Quinones, SNSVH Administrator. "Each day is an open opportunity to serve those who served us with much sacrifice."

On **Saturday, Aug. 22 at 1 p.m.**, family and community members are invited to show their support for both residents and staff by participating in a drive-thru at the SNSVH. Participants are asked to decorate their vehicles, play music and blow noisemakers, or just keep it simple with a wave and a smile. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, participants must stay in their vehicles at all times. The first 100 vehicles will receive a gift bag, limit one gift bag per vehicle.

"These past six months have been the most difficult in the 18-year history of the SNSVH," said Kat Miller, NDVS Director. "Yet even so, our residents and staff faced the trials of this pandemic with courage and with grace. We could not be prouder of them."

The SNSVH opened in 2002 with the first veterans admitted in August of that year. Located 23 miles southeast of Las Vegas in Boulder City, Nev., SNSVH is a state-owned and state-operated facility receiving support from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Within the 82,000 square foot facility, the Home can accommodate 180 residents in three living units called neighborhoods, including one unit with 24-beds providing two levels of secured care living for individuals suffering from advanced cognitive impairment. Each neighborhood has dedicated staff providing 24-hour skilled nursing care with a clinical team committed to "Caring for America's Heroes".

NDVS is dedicated to helping Nevada veterans get the services, benefits and quality of life they deserve. In addition to offering benefits counseling and assistance, which includes filing VA claims at no cost, NDVS manages the Northern and Southern Nevada State Veterans Homes and Veterans Memorial Cemeteries. For more information, please visit www.veterans.nv.gov.

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