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Sparks Mayor Ron Smith Leaves a Legacy as a Champion for Nevada Veterans

(Reno, Nev.) – Leaving a legacy as a champion for Nevada veterans and their families, Mayor Ron Smith, himself a veteran, was instrumental as a passionate, caring leader throughout his tenure at the City of Sparks, and the projects and programs he spearheaded.

From the construction and opening of the Northern Nevada State Veterans Home to the Nevada Veterans Memorial Plaza Project in Sparks and the Truckee Meadows Mayor's Challenge to prevent suicide among veterans, Mayor Smith will be remembered as someone who supported his team members, his community and his fellow veterans.

"The Nevada Veterans Service Commission (VSC) expresses our condolences for the loss of Sparks City Mayor Ron Smith," said VSC Chairman William "Bill" Baumann. "Mayor Smith will always be remembered as a gentle and kind man who cared about everyone in the city he loved. He was always reaching out to support new activities in his community; he will be sorely missed. Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to his family in this time of sorrow."

Through the Truckee Meadows Mayor's Challenge Team, Mayor Smith was dedicated to building and keeping his community, surrounding communities and all Nevadan service members, veterans and their family members supported, strong and connected. During his work through the Mayor's Challenge program, Mayor Smith's impact extended to more than 1,200 Air Men and Women of the National Air Guard and the Army National Guard. He never missed an opportunity to share his experiences, show vulnerability and connect with Guard Members.

The VSC advises the Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) Director and consists of 11 members as outlined in NRS 417.150. 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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