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Channel 13 Hope for our Heroes Veterans Day Campaign - Care Packages for Elderly Veterans Donation Event at Southern Nevada State Veterans Home on Nov. 7

(Boulder City, Nev.) – As part of KTNV Channel 13's **Hope for our Heroes** Campaign, a community-wide effort, the Southern Nevada State Veterans Home (SNSVH) will be accepting a donation of more than 120 care packages on Sat., Nov. 7 at 10 a.m. as part of the Care Packages Caravan with contributions from Honor Flight Southern Nevada (HFSN), the KLINE Vet Fund, KTNV Channel 13, America First Credit Union and Subaru of Las Vegas, Spread the Word Nevada, Girl Scouts of Southern Nevada, Golden Knights Foundation, and the Raiders Foundation.

All COVID-19 protocols are being strictly followed in order to accept this donation, and the event is not open to the public due to the coronavirus restrictions in place limiting exposure risks to keep Nevada's elderly veteran population safe. There will be an Angel fire truck and drive-thru event with all drive-thru event participants remaining in their vehicles at all times.

Local Girl Scout and HFSN team member, Abigail Panariso, who is working to earn her Girl Scout Gold Award, is assisting with the coordination the project including delivery of 300 total care packages for veterans at the following locations:

- Nov. 7, 10 a.m.: Boulder City – SNSVH, 122 veterans
- Nov. 9, 10 a.m.: Pahrump – One assisted living location, 20 veterans
- Nov. 11, 11 a.m.: Las Vegas – Four assisted living locations, 156 veterans

"The Southern Nevada State Veterans Home is proud to be a recipient of this wonderful volunteer project lead by an amazing young person and of all these outstanding community partners who are helping her make the Care Package Caravan a reality," said SNSVH Administrator Eli Quinones.

Managed by the Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS), the SNSVH maintains a 5-Star rating by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS), the highest rating possible. The SNSVH opened in 2002 and is 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.

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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Instructions for media outlets wanting to cover the Nov. 7, 10 a.m. SNSVH donation event due to COVID restrictions:

- ALL video and photographs must be taken from the parking lot with at least 15 feet from any veteran.
- Please know you will not be able to approach any of the veterans or staff members that may be outside of the facilities for the event – social distance guidelines will be strictly adhered to protect the elderly residents of the home.
- Face coverings are required while on the grounds of the SNSVH.
- If you are planning to cover the event and can let us know in advance, please email pio.ndvs@veterans.nv.gov so we have a headcount and can send you on-site contact information.