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Donna Lee of Henderson Recognized as Veteran of the Month and Forgotten Not Gone of Las Vegas as Veteran Supporter of the Month for November

(Reno, Nev.) – Governor Steve Sisolak has recognized **Ms. Donna Lee of Henderson** as Veteran of the Month (VOM) and **Forgotten Not Gone of Las Vegas** as Veteran Supporter of the Month (VSM) for November 2020.

Ms. Lee, a U.S. Navy retiree, is a leader in the veteran community of Southern Nevada working with many nonprofits and organizations. She volunteers as the female mentor coordinator at the Henderson Veteran's Treatment Court, where she works with Judge Mark Stevens and his team to assign mentors to veterans in the program. This essential work often proves pivotal to ensuring veterans graduate from the mentor program into a better future. Lee also helps homeless veterans and first responders in connecting with their earned VA benefits. She is trained in the Suicide Prevention programs SafeTALK and A.S.I.S.T., which prepare her to assist any veteran struggling with mental health. Lee has been the organizer of many successful events as an active member of American War Mothers, Military Women Across the Nation, Nevada Women's Association, Disabled American Veterans, 22 Warriors Foundation, the Race to Erase 22, and has served as Vice President to the Vietnam Veterans of America, and as the CEO and President of Mentors Across America.

Forgotten Not Gone is a veteran peer support program whose mission is stamping out veteran suicide. The program achieves this by getting veterans physically and socially active within society. They view it as a proactive way to engage with the veteran community to promote emotional, physical, and spiritual health within a veteran peer support environment. The aim of these efforts is to remind our military community who were not lost at war but forgotten at home to make the decision to live again.

Due to the pandemic, the VOM and VSM ceremonies have been postponed. NDVS will provide information on re-scheduling once this unprecedented health crisis is over. The VOM is awarded to veterans across Nevada who have gone above and beyond the call of duty, specifically with respect to volunteer work in support of veterans and the military. The VSM award recognizes both organizations and non-veteran Nevada community members who support military members stationed in Nevada, Nevada veterans, and their families. Both programs recognize individuals and organizations that help military members, veterans, and their families. If you would like to nominate a veteran for the VOM award, please visit <https://veterans.nv.gov/benefits-and-services/veteran-of-the-month-program> and for VSM, visit <https://veterans.nv.gov/benefits-and-services/veteran-supporter-of-the-month/>.

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 <https://veterans.nv.gov/>.

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