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**Robert Gibbs of Las Vegas Recognized as Veteran of the Month and
the Las Vegas Rotary Club as Veteran Supporter of the Month for December**

(Reno, Nev.) – Governor Steve Sisolak has recognized **Mr. Robert Gibbs of Las Vegas** as Veteran of the Month (VOM) and the **Las Vegas Rotary Club** as Veteran Supporter of the Month (VSM) for December 2020.

Mr. Gibbs, a retired Marine Master Sergeant, has been a committed public servant for the majority of his life — first by serving in the Marines, then serving in law enforcement, and now serving as a Veterans Service Officer (VSO). As a VSO, Gibbs dedicates himself to ensuring that the VA has an accurate picture of what the veteran is claiming benefits for. Gibbs' support of the veterans in his community extends to staying in contact with all branches of the military and speaking at transition classes for service members preparing for their discharge and/or retirement.

The Las Vegas Rotary Club is a service organization whose community support includes honoring airmen stationed at Nellis and Creech Air Force Bases through the "Wetzel Awards," named after a longtime Rotarian member and Air Force Colonel, Scotty Wetzel. The Wetzel Awards were created by the Club to honor the hard work and community dedication of young Air Force members stationed in Southern Nevada. Each quarter, the Las Vegas Rotary Club recognizes five service members from Nellis and Creech Air Force Bases. The winners, nominated through their chain of command, are recognized during a ceremony at Nellis Air Force Base and are also hosted at a Las Vegas Rotary Club luncheon where they are introduced to the Club. Through the generosity of the Club and several community partners, recipients receive a package of show tickets and dining certificates for an opportunity to have "nights on the town" in Las Vegas.

"I am pleased to honor the Veteran of the Month Robert Gibbs and Veteran Supporter of the Month Las Vegas Rotary Club for December," said Governor Steve Sisolak. "We are fortunate to have veteran community members such as Mr. Gibbs and the Las Vegas Rotary Club who continue to support and recognize veterans during these difficult times. On behalf of the great State of Nevada, we thank you for your contributions."

Due to the pandemic, the VOM and VSM ceremonies have been postponed. 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. If you would like to nominate a veteran for the VOM award, please visit <https://veterans.nv.gov/vom-vsm-december2020/>. NDVS is dedicated to helping Nevada veterans get the services, benefits and quality of life they deserve. For more information, please visit <https://veterans.nv.gov/>.

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