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Chase Rauchle PTSD NOW! Donation to Provide Needed and Additional Mental Health Support Directly to Nevada National Guard

(Carson City, NV) – The Nevada nonprofit, Chase Rauchle PTSD NOW! provided a \$200,000 donation to the Nevada Department of Veterans Services that will directly support additional mental health care for the men and women serving in the Nevada National Guard. The donation will specifically fund the positions of two Psychological Health counselors to offset the current caseload of behavioral health professionals. The donation was made during a special check presentation event held on April 16, 2021 at the Northern Nevada State Veterans Home located in Sparks, Nevada.

Incline Village resident Craig Rauchle remains a driving force behind this donation and the effort to provide the Nevada National Guard with additional resources after his son, Chase, died by suicide in September 2019. Craig Rauchle said, "Chase was a staff sergeant, serving fulltime in the Army Nevada National Guard, when he suffered Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) arising from his tours of duty as a gunner in Afghanistan." He added, "After numerous attempts to receive help, Chase took his own life." The overall objective of PTSD NOW! is to reduce the incidence of suicide among U.S. military personnel who suffer from PTSD.

Suicide is a public health challenge and the 10th leading cause of death in the U.S.

"Through Chase Rauchle PTSD NOW!, the Rauchle family has turned their unimaginable grief into action by providing additional mental health resources to the Guard," said Governor Steve Sisolak. "We are deeply grateful to the Rauchle family and appreciate their care and concern about the wellbeing of the men and women protecting and serving us."

Major General Ondra Berry spoke at the event emphasizing that suicide prevention remains a challenge for the Nevada National Guard. "Since Chase's death, the Rauchle family have worked with us to gain a better understanding of where their efforts would best strengthen and extend our existing mental health resources," said the Adjutant General for the State of Nevada. "They have become a valuable partner as we work together with them and our other community partners to address this complex health issue. We cannot thank them enough."

The Nevada Department of Veterans Services will serve as the donation administrator, providing funds to the Office of the Military to pay for the two new Psychological Health counselors, with one serving the Guard in the north and the other in the southern part of the State.

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“We are honored to play a supporting role for such an important cause that will no doubt potentially save lives,” said Director Kat Miller, Nevada Department of Veterans Services. “We’re already being asked when these two new positions will be funded and filled and on behalf of everyone involved, all I can say is not soon enough. We are all very excited to move forward as quickly as possible.”

For more information on Chase Rauchle PTSD NOW! visit: ptsdnow.org or call: 775-298-7300.

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