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## Memorial Day Events to be Held In-Person While Following COVID-19 Protocols

(Fernley, Boulder City, Carson City, Nev.) – The Nevada Department of Veterans Services will be hosting in-person Flag-In and Memorial Day events this year. However, due to COVID-19 precautions, there will be some changes to the events.

Flag-In this year falls on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. As volunteers arrive to either the Northern or Southern Veterans Memorial Cemetery, they will be assigned to sections of the cemeteries for flag placement. Flag placement in the north, at the Fernley cemetery will begin at 8:30 a.m. Flag placement in the south, at the Boulder City cemetery will begin at 7:00 a.m.

Memorial Day falls on Monday, May 31st. The in-person ceremonies at both cemeteries will be abbreviated to ensure COVID-19 protocols regarding large gatherings are followed.

The ceremony at the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Fernley will begin at 11:00 a.m.

In Boulder City, the ceremony at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery will begin at 1:00 p.m.

The changes this year are intended to keep everyone safe, as not everyone is vaccinated. As for COVID-19 protocols, using the honor system (there will be no proof requirement), fully vaccinated individuals are no longer required to wear a face covering at the cemetery.

The Centers for Disease Control defines fully vaccinated as two weeks after receiving the second dose in a 2-shot series or two weeks after receiving a single dose vaccine. The CDC recommends individuals who are not vaccinated to continue to wear face coverings and to socially distance. We request attendees be respectful of those who choose to wear a face covering and those who want to socially distance.

Additionally, this year Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak will host a Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in front of the Battle Born - Tribute to the Fallen Memorial on the Capitol Complex grounds, located behind the Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records Building at 100 N. Stewart Street in Carson City.

The ceremony will include a Presentation of Colors by the Nevada National Guard, Major General Ondra Berry, NDVS Director Kat Miller and Nevada State Senator Pat Spearman.

All attendees will be following COVID-19 protocols.

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