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<u>Nevada State Veterans Home and Cemeteries</u> to Receive \$9.1 Million in Key Capital Improvements

(Boulder City & Fernley, Nev.) – The Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) is set to receive funding and move forward with the construction of four separate Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), that were included in the Governor's 2021 CIP recommendations and approved during the 81st Legislative Session. Each project will benefit veterans by enhancing the facilities at the Southern Nevada State Veterans Home as well as the Northern and Southern Veterans Memorial Cemeteries. The projects total more than \$9.1 million dollars and include \$2.7 million in State funds and another \$6.4 million in federal funding.

Two of the projects will upgrade and remodel the Southern Nevada State Veterans Home (SNSVH). Constructed in 2000, the skilled nursing care facility will receive \$4,229,717 for advanced planning to make improvements that will include turning shared bedrooms into private rooms with private baths. The upgrades will turn common areas into homelike settings and include a Town Hall concept that will provide restaurant style eating opportunities. Audio/visual equipment is included in the renovations to allow entertainment and movie theater opportunities for residents. Other improvements will include renovations of the parking lot, main entryway (including resident pick-up and drop-off area), kitchen, physical therapy room, as well as nursing stations and employee spaces.

In addition to the significant remodeling project, the home will also receive a new temperature control system. A total of \$445,600 is set aside to replace the home's current 20-year-old digital system. SNSVH is located in Boulder City and serves veterans, spouses and Gold Star parents. In addition to offering skilled nursing care, the home offers a variety of programs including Alzheimer's and dementia care that enhance the quality of life for residents.

The remaining CIP projects will provide improvements to both the Southern and Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemeteries. In Southern Nevada, a total of \$4,148,290 will be used to develop in-ground and columbarium wall cremation interments. This will create a new area of interment at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery that will be needed by the year 2025. At the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, a total of \$297,774 will provide for the renovation of the pavilion, which is used during funeral services.

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"These Capital Improvement Projects are not only necessary but will greatly enhance the services we provide to our veterans and their families," said Kat Miller, Director of the Nevada Department of Veterans Services. "I can't thank the Governor and members of the legislature enough for ensuring that we are able to provide the very best for the men and women who served our country."

About the Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS)

NDVS is dedicated to helping Nevada veterans obtain the services and benefits they have earned through military service. In addition to offering benefits counseling and assistance, which includes assistance with filing VA claims at no cost, NDVS manages the Northern and Southern Nevada State Veterans Homes and the Northern and Southern Veterans Memorial Cemeteries. To learn more about NDVS programs or services visit <u>www.veterans.nv.gov</u> and follow us on <u>Twitter</u> @NVDeptVeterans and on <u>Facebook</u> @NevadaDepartmentofVeteransServices

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