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**Reflection Marks 20-Year-Anniversary  
of U.S. Involvement in Afghanistan War**

(Reno, Nev.) – Today, October 7<sup>th</sup> marks the 20-year Anniversary of the beginning of the U.S. War in Afghanistan. On this day in 2001, Operation Enduring Freedom began. The war would become America's longest war, with the final U.S. troops withdrawing on August 30, 2021.

"It is important to observe this anniversary and honor our brave U.S. military men and women who served with dignity and honor, as well as welcome those from Afghanistan who aided the United States and are resettling in our country now," said Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak. "This anniversary also provides an opportunity to pay tribute to our fallen heroes, including 20 Nevadans, who made the ultimate sacrifice serving and protecting us in Afghanistan. We owe them and their families a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid."

"As the U.S. involvement in Afghanistan is discussed and dissected over the next few months and years, we must remember above all else that those who served in Afghanistan did their mission with honor, valor, and distinction," said Kat Miller, NDVS Director. "The Nevadans who made the ultimate sacrifice in Afghanistan represent almost every branch of the U.S. Armed Forces. In their honor and memory, we must never forget these fearless souls for their service and sacrifice."

For the names of Nevada's fallen heroes in Afghanistan, click [HERE](#). For the names of all of Nevada's fallen heroes, click [HERE](#).

**About the Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS)**

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