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**Evan Rush Named Deputy Director of Benefits for the
Nevada Department of Veterans Services**

(Las Vegas, Nev.) – Evan Rush has been appointed by Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS) Director, Fred Wagar, to serve as the Deputy Director of Benefits for the department, effective Monday, May 30, 2022.

Mr. Rush is currently serving as the NDVS Southern Nevada Outreach Director. In his new role as Deputy Director of Benefits, Mr. Rush will oversee the northern and southern Veterans Memorial Cemeteries, the Veterans Advocacy and Support Team, and the Community Outreach Team, as well as serve as liaison for Emergency Management Operations.

Mr. Rush is a U.S. Navy veteran. He brings vast experience in connecting veterans to needed services and maintains strong ties to organizations that support veterans in Nevada. He was named *Employee Veteran of the Month* for the State of Nevada in August 2021 for his superb collaboration with veterans' organizations and other groups to assess and then meet the needs of the veterans' community.

"Evan's strengths are teamwork, flexibility and collaboration, which have been on full display since he first joined the department in 2018," said Wagar. "A good example is when the pandemic limited our ability to reach the veterans we serve. Evan proactively began reaching out to veterans' organizations to ensure we continued to meet the needs of those we serve. He embodies the heart and spirit of what it means to be a public servant."

Mr. Rush has served as a Disabled Veteran Outreach Program specialist for the Department of Education, Training and Rehabilitation in Las Vegas. He also managed the Combat Stress Recovery Program for Wounded Warrior Project in Seattle, Washington and Honolulu, Hawaii.

Mr. Rush served in the Navy from 1986 to 2006. He was a hangar/ flight deck aircraft director on the USS Nimitz (CVN-68). Mr. Rush changed military occupations and served as a Master-at-Arms (Military Police) during his military career. He was involved in several deployments around the world before retiring as a Chief Petty Officer from naval service in 2006.

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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 www.veterans.nv.gov and follow us on [Twitter](#) @NVDeptVeterans and on [Facebook](#) @NevadaDepartmentofVeteransServices

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