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### **Special Ceremony Will Mark Relocation of Nevada State Veterans Memorial to a New Home!**

(Las Vegas, Nev.) – Join us for a special celebration as we say “farewell” to the old location of the Nevada State Veterans Memorial and prepare to move the memorial to its exciting new home at the Thunderbird Family Sports Complex in the city of Las Vegas!

The Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS), in partnership with the city of Las Vegas, will host a special ceremony to commemorate the memorial's relocation. The ceremony will be held on **Friday, Sept. 13, 2024, at 9 a.m. at the memorial's current location in front of the Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington Ave., Las Vegas, NV.** Media members and the public are invited to attend. The memorial will eventually be moved to its new home at the Thunderbird Family Sports Complex, 6105 N. Durango Drive.

The relocation of the memorial became necessary after the State of Nevada moved its offices from the Grant Sawyer Building. The grounds at the new state offices are too small to accommodate the two-acre memorial.

The new site was selected through the efforts of the Office of Governor Joe Lombardo, Nevada State Public Works, and NDVS who worked with Las Vegas Ward 4 Councilwoman Francis Allen-Palenske. She championed the efforts of a local veteran's group who petitioned to keep the memorial within the city of Las Vegas.

The new site will allow for potential enhancements surrounding the memorial, including the potential for an outdoor amphitheater using the memorial as a backdrop. The new site will also feature restrooms, ample parking, lighting, and easy access for viewing.

The Nevada State Veterans Memorial was dedicated in 2015 following fundraising and other efforts made by the Las Vegas Memorial Foundation, created by the Las Vegas

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veteran-operated business, American Shooters, Inc. The memorial features 18 larger-than-life statues that cuts across multiple generations and U.S. conflicts ranging from the Revolutionary War to modern conflicts in the Middle East. The memorial was designed and produced by bronze sculptor Douwe Blumberg. In addition to the military figures, the memorial also depicts a modern-day family to represent the sacrifices made by so many non-combatants. Since its dedication, the memorial has been an attraction for both tourists and locals alike and its new home at the Thunderbird Family Sports Complex will ensure it remains so for generations to come.

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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 [veterans.nv.gov](http://veterans.nv.gov) and follow us on X [@NVDeptVeterans](https://twitter.com/NVDeptVeterans) and on Facebook [@NevadaDepartmentofVeteransServices](https://www.facebook.com/NevadaDepartmentofVeteransServices).

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