

VETERANS SERVICES COMMISSION (VSC)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

**THURSDAY, 4-16-2026
9:00 AM**

Meeting held and Public Access Located at:

NDVS Headquarters Office
9400 Gateway Dr.
Reno, NV 89511

NDVS Office
7220 Bermuda Road
Las Vegas, NV 89119

Videoconference / Teleconference:

Meeting ID: 239 602 859 150

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AGENDA

Please Note: *The Veterans Services Commission (VSC) may (1) address agenda items out of sequence to accommodate persons appearing before the Panel or to aid the efficiency or effectiveness of the meeting; (2) combine items for consideration by the public body; and (3) pull or remove items from the agenda at any time. The Panel may convene in closed session to consider the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence or physical or mental health of a person. See NRS 241.030. Prior to the commencement and conclusion of a contested case or a quasi-judicial proceeding that may affect the due process rights of an individual the board may refuse to consider public comment. See NRS 233B.126.*

At the discretion of the Chair, public comment is welcomed by the Commission but will be limited to five minutes per person. A public comment time will be available at the beginning of the meeting and then once again prior to adjournment of the meeting. The Chair may allow additional time to be given a speaker as time allows and in his/her sole discretion. Once all items on the agenda are completed the meeting will adjourn.

- 1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call of Members, and Establish Quorum.**

2. Public Comment

Public Comment Statement: *Members of the public are invited to call to make a public comment on items on the meeting agenda. No action may be taken on a matter raised during public comment until the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an item for possible action. Public comments are accepted via virtual.*
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3. Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes (For Possible Action)

- a) 1-15-26 Minutes

4. VSC Membership Status (For Discussion)

- a) VSC Commissioners' Term Dates

Name	Term Ends	Position
Jerome Washington	8/31/2028	DAV
Hugh Sinnock	8/31/2028	American Legion
Peggy Bohn	8/31/2028	VFW
Kacy Drury	6/30/2027	General Public
Wendell Blaylock (V.C.)	6/30/2027	General Public
Barbara Ortiz	6/30/2026	WVAC
Vahid Alizadeh Behbahani	6/30/2026	Student Veteran
VACANT		NNVMC
VACANT		SNVMC
VACANT		Senate
VACANT		Assembly

- b) Student Veteran Enrollment Status

5. Miscellaneous Reports (For Discussion)

- a) Nevada Based VA Hospital / Clinic Reports
 1. Reno – VAMC – Kristan Murray
 2. Las Vegas –VAMC – Charles Ramey
 3. Salt Lake City –VAMC – David (Coy) Miller
- b) VBA, Reno Regional Office Report – Dr. Rashetta Smith
 1. Commissioner Reports
 2. VFW
 3. DAV

4. American Legion
 5. SNVMC
 6. NNVMC
 7. WVAC
 8. Senate
 9. Assembly
- c) Additional Veterans Service Organization Reports

6. NDVS Reports (For Discussion)

- a) NDVS Director Report
- b) Deputy Director Healthcare - Mark McBride
 1. Nevada State Veterans Homes
 2. Healthcare and Suicide Prevention Programs
- c) Deputy Director Benefits - Rommel Ferrer
 1. Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemeteries
 2. Veterans Advocacy and Support Team Program
 3. Employment and Education Programs
 4. Veteran Outreach and Community Events
 5. Tribal Representation – JJ Phoenix
- d) Public Relations – Terri Hendry
- e) Finance – Kate Baltazar-Dodge

7. New Business (For Possible Action)

- a) Chair/Vice Chair Positions - NDVS

8. Old Business (For Possible Action)

- a) Legislative Symposium - NDVS
- b) Day of Gratitude – NDVS
- c) Veteran Memorial Update - NDVS
- d) Gold Star Memorial Update - NDVS
- e) America 250 - NDVS

9. Veteran of the Month (VOM) Overview and Selections (For Possible Action)

Unawarded Months: 2025 Oct, Nov, Dec; **2026** Jan, Feb, Mar

VOM Nominees:

- a) Christopher Harvey
- b) Roberto Sanchez

10. Veteran Supporter of the Month (VSM) Overview and Selections (For Possible Action)

Unawarded Months: 2026 Jan, Feb, Mar

VSM Nominees:

- a) Kelli Reed

11. Youth Serving Veterans– Award Recognition (YSVAR) Overview and Selections (For Possible Action)

Unawarded Months: **2025** Oct, Nov, Dec; **2026** Jan, Feb, Mar

YSVAR Nominees:

- a) Aiyan Castro

12. Agenda Items for Next Meeting (For Discussion)

13. Next Meeting Date/Location

Date: Thursday, July 16, 2026

Location: NDVS Reno & Las Vegas HQ Office

14. Public Comment

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15. Adjournment

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Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery (NNVMC) 14 Veterans Way Fernley, NV 89408		Southern Nevada State Veterans Home (SNSVH) 100 Veterans Memorial Dr. Boulder City, NV 89005