

State of Nevada Department of Veterans Services

Agency Presentation to Legislative Subcommittee on Seniors, Veterans and Adults With Special Needs

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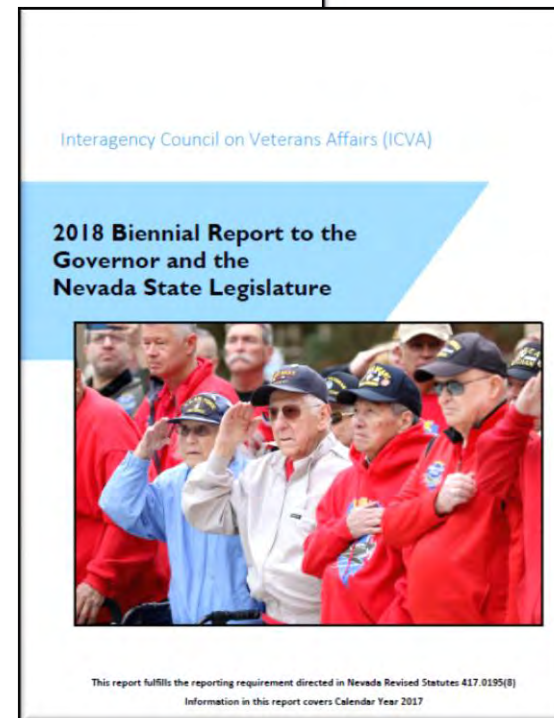
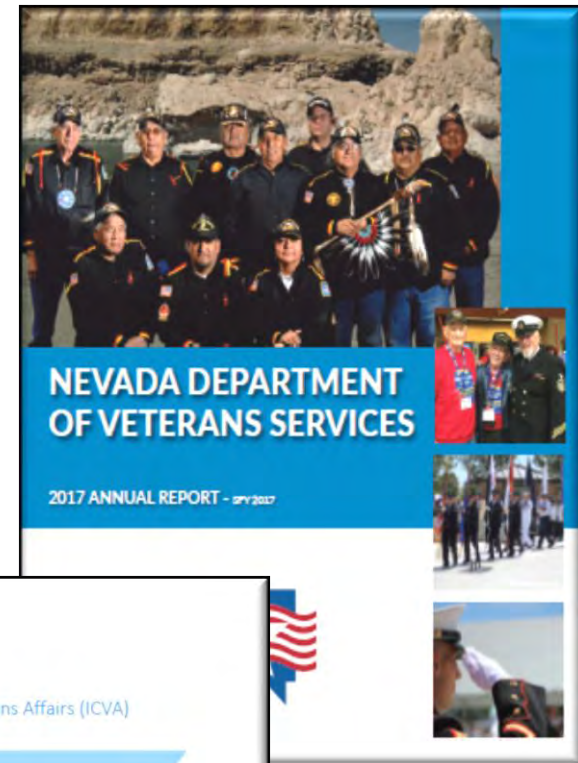
Presentation Topics

- NDVS Annual Report- 2017

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- Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs Report (ICVA) NRS 117.095

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Looking Forward

- Two Veteran Legislative Symposia
 - March 24 at 8:30 AM, Washoe County Senior Center
 - March 31 at 8:30 AM, North Las Vegas, VA Hospital
 - In collaboration with the United Veterans Legislative Council (UVLC)

**A chance to hear the concerns
of veterans and contribute ideas**

[Pg. 36 of NDVS Annual Report](#)



Over the Horizon

- **NDVS Veteran Service Officers** (VSO's) [Pg. 13 in NDVS Report](#)
 - Increased from 6-14
 - Nevada still needs VSO's in Fallon and Pahrump
 - Each VSO brings back to NV \$10-20 million
- **VIC- Veterans In Care Initiative** [Pg. 32 in NDVS Report](#)
 - Discovery of 1600+ veterans
 - Recognition and benefit assistance
 - Meals on Wheels outreach underway
- **Community Outreach Expansion**
 - Patriot Employer Program (PeP) [Pg. 20 in NDVS Report](#)
 - Nevada Veteran Advocates needed
 - Northern NV and all the rural areas



Southern Nevada State Veterans Home

- NSVH in Boulder City provides care and services to 180 residents
- Received recognition:
 - Five Star Rating from Nursing Home Compare
 - Pinnacle Awards for Customer Experience
 - Winner for 2 years of the Eli Pick Award of Excellence- American College of Health Care Executives
 - Quality Award from HealthInsight Quality Improvement Organization- 5 years in a row



Northern Nevada State Veterans Home Under Construction!

- Plans for a late fall ceremonial ribbon cutting
- Actual occupancy dates estimated to be January or February of 2019
- 96 residents: Veterans, spouses, Gold Star Parents [Pg. 30 in NDVS Report](#)



Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs



- First created by Executive Order 2012-2015
- Codified under NRS 417.0191- 417.0195
- Comprised of 11 members of the Governor's Cabinet plus 3 other appointed members

ICVA 2018 Biennial Report

- Top topics from contributors:
 - Veterans Unemployment
 - Suicide Prevention*
 - Assisting unique veteran populations
 - Support veteran education and training
 - Expand and improve the Veterans Information System (VIS)

** The ICVA established the Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Behavioral Health Subcommittee; recommendations made by the subcommittee are contained in the report. Pg. 55 in ICVA Report*

Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs Report (ICVA)

9 Recommendations

Recommendation 1: Create/establish a Veterans Networking Group.

Recommendation 2: Require state departments and agencies to submit all information regarding programs, events, and services relating to service members, veterans, and their families to Nevada VetNet.

Recommendation 3: Encourage the ICVA to establish a Master Service Agreement.

ICVA Recommendations (Con't)

Recommendation 4: Encourage the Nevada National Guard (NNG) to establish a data sharing agreement with the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) to allow DPBH to synthesize survey data and analyze suicide ideology among NNG service members.

Recommendation 5: Require the Nevada Department of Corrections (NDOC) to work with NDVS and the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs to develop intake/exit questionnaires to identify eligibility and services available to incarcerated veterans while serving and upon release.

Recommendation 6: Support and promote military culture and veterans cultural awareness training for medical providers and service providers; when eligible, this training should be awarded continuing education credits by the respective licensing boards.

ICVA Recommendations (Con't)

- **Recommendation 7:** Create a public service announcement on the needs of veterans, specifically, focusing on the resilience of veterans who may have been suffering from mental health issues in the community.
- **Recommendation 8:** Increase awareness on the “Standardized Care of Service Members, Veterans, and their Families for Public and Private Providers as provided by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.”
- **Recommendation 9:** Explore peer-to-peer approaches to service members, veterans and their families.



Questions?

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