



Review of the 2010 Veterans Legislative Symposium

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*Legislative Committee on Senior Citizens, Veterans
and Adults with Special Needs*

April 13th, 2010

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Senior Citizens, Veterans and Adults
With Special Needs (NRS 200E.750)
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2010 Veterans Legislative Symposium

Hosted by Office of Veterans Services and Veterans Service Commission

- 5th Symposium held opposite session
- Beginning of legislative cycle
- Legislative Summit immediate prior to session
- Format
 - ✓ Review of current veteran related statistics
 - ✓ Review of NOVS
 - ✓ Review results from previous session
 - ✓ Unveil preliminary Agency goals and “wish list”
 - ✓ White Board “Brainstorm” by participants
 - ✓ Participant ranking

Held March 27, 2010

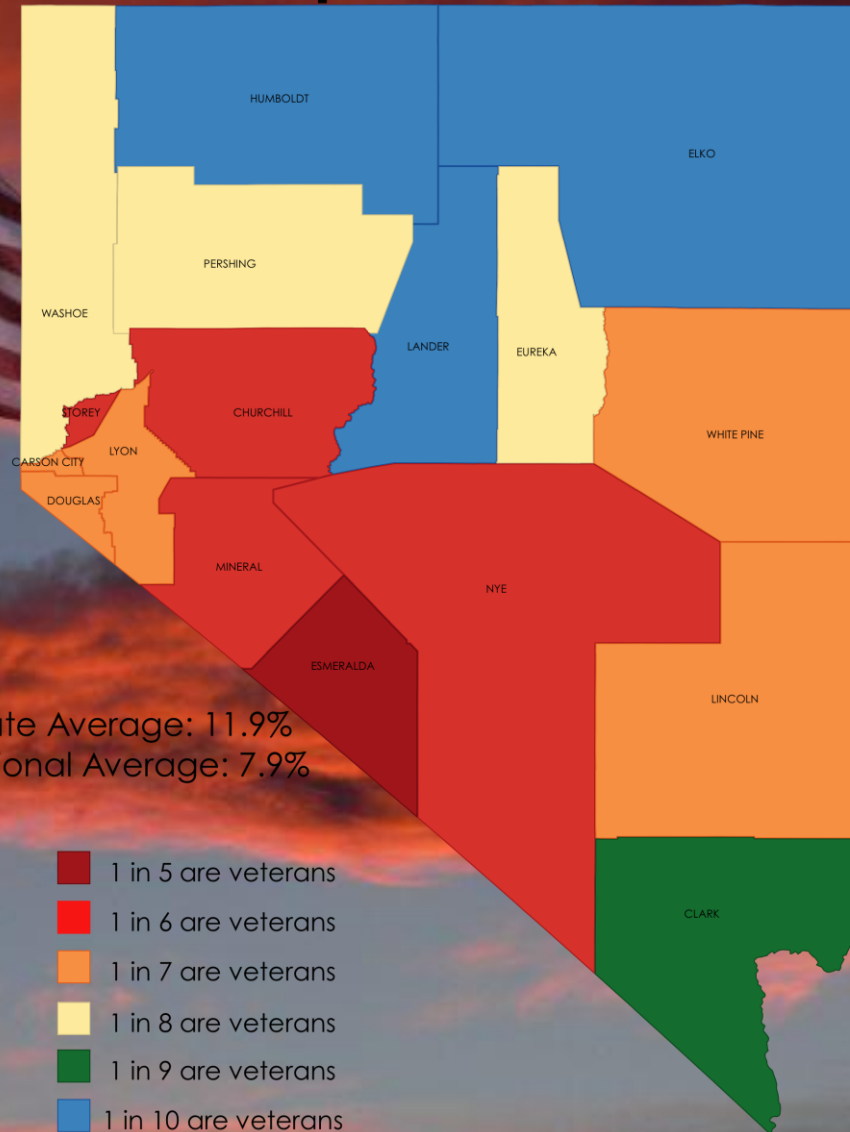
Las Vegas Hilton

70 Registered Participants

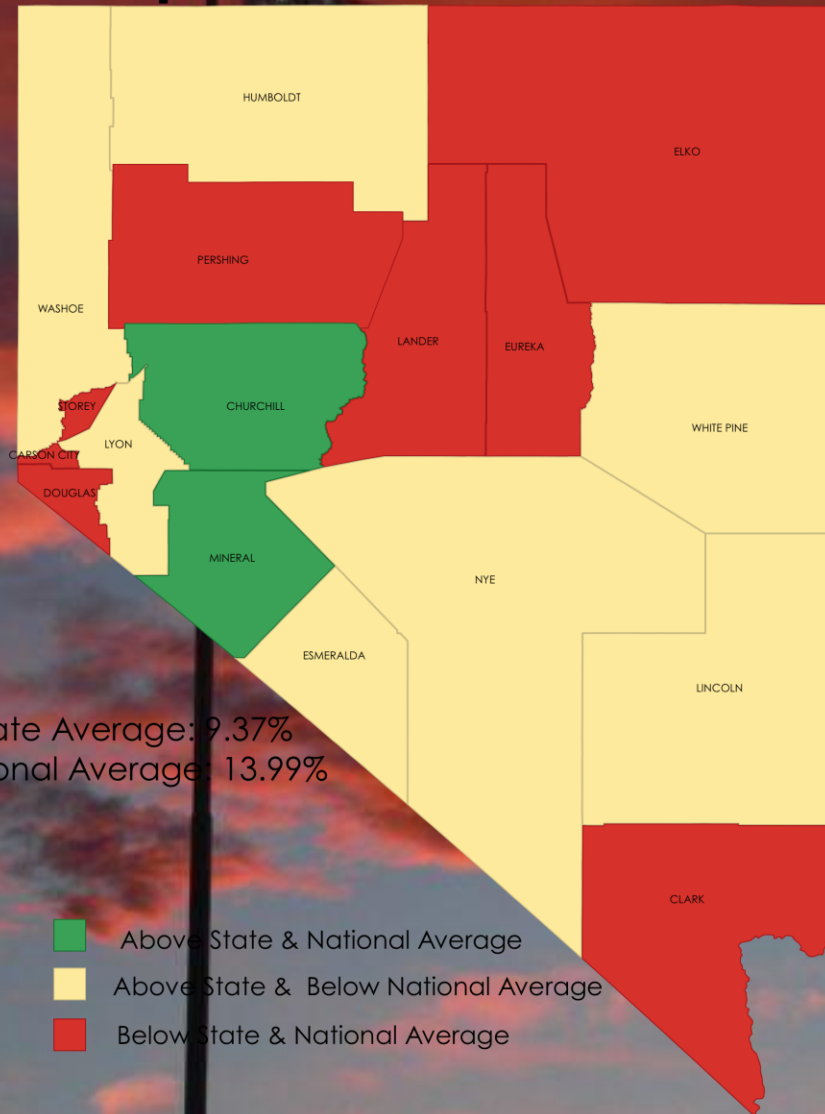


County	Veteran Population
Carson City	8,382
Churchill	4,534
Clark	240,161
Douglas	7,357
Elko	4,422
Esmeralda	220
Eureka	192
Humboldt	1,660
Lander	537
Lincoln	607
Lyon	8,331
Mineral	829
Nye	8,440
Pershing	818
Storey	769
Washoe	50,631
White Pine	1,345
Total	339,235

2008 Per Capita Veteran Population



2009 Per Capita Compensation & Pension

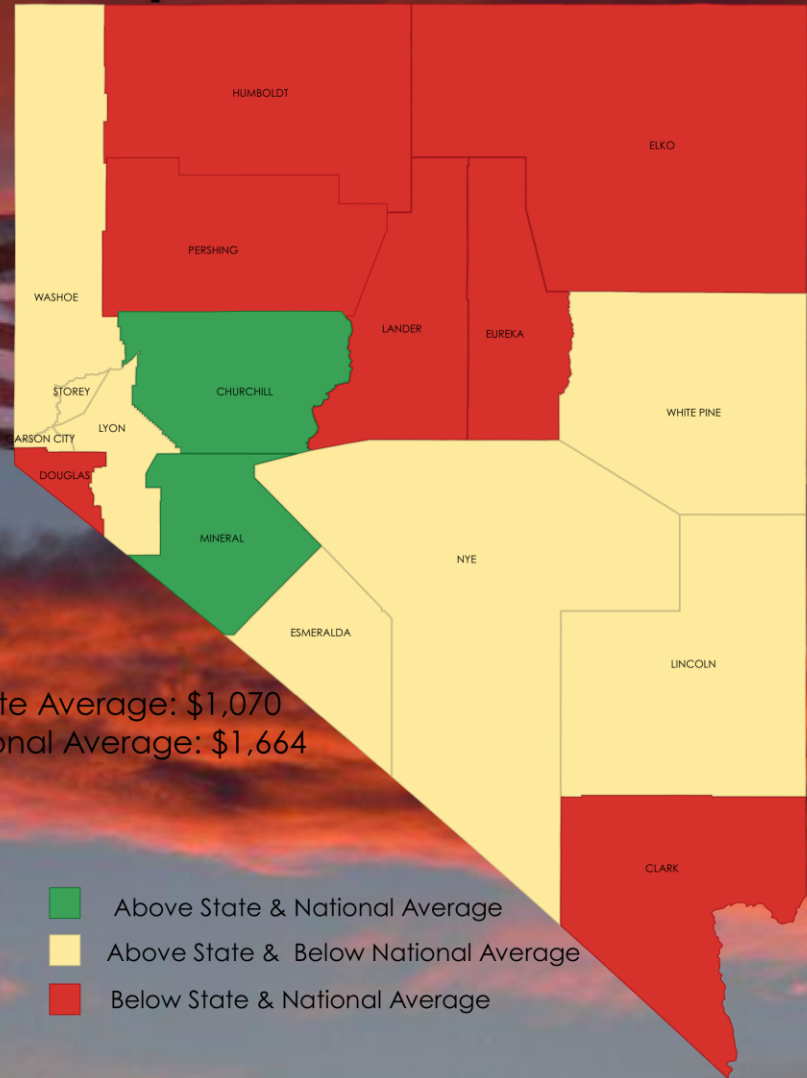


State Average: 9.37%
National Average: 13.99%

County	Number	Percentage
Carson City	782	9.33%
Churchill	789	17.40%
Clark	21,929	9.13%
Douglas	547	7.44%
Elko	372	8.41%
Esmeralda	27	12.27%
Eureka	16	8.33%
Humboldt	161	9.70%
Lander	32	5.96%
Lincoln	61	10.05%
Lyon	883	10.60%
Mineral	122	14.72%
Nye	1,021	12.10%
Pershing	75	9.17%
Storey	60	7.80%
Washoe	4,766	9.41%
White Pine	137	10.19%
Total	31,780	9.37%

County	Dollars	Per Capita
Carson City	\$9,086,039	\$1,084
Churchill	\$8,576,342	\$1,892
Clark	\$246,514,455	\$1,026
Douglas	\$6,653,409	\$904
Elko	\$3,966,301	\$897
Esmeralda	\$351,769	\$1,599
Eureka	\$122,710	\$639
Humboldt	\$1,669,328	\$1,006
Lander	\$291,933	\$544
Lincoln	\$723,890	\$1,193
Lyon	\$10,684,359	\$1,282
Mineral	\$1,715,452	\$2,069
Nye	\$13,856,857	\$1,642
Pershing	\$855,773	\$1,046
Storey	\$831,742	\$1,082
Washoe	\$55,706,690	\$1,100
White Pine	\$1,489,777	\$1,108
Total	\$363,096,826	\$1,070

2009 Per Capita Compensation & Pension



Compiled based on NOVS 2008 Veteran Population Estimates and Sep 2008 VA Data

Nevada Office of Veterans Services

An American flag is shown waving on a flagpole against a dramatic sky at sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with clouds in shades of orange, red, and pink, with a darker blue at the top. The flagpole is visible on the left side of the frame.

Our Vision:

To be the premier provider of veterans services

Our Mission:

To provide a full continuum of quality services to eligible veterans and their families.

To provide an environment of growth and opportunity to our employees.

To provide our community and partners the opportunity to contribute in this endeavor.

Primary Agency Need List

- Fund Furniture Fixtures & Equipment of SNVMC
- New burial expansion for SNVMC
- Wanderguard & Paging System at NSVH – Boulder City
- Recover eliminated position(s)
- Nevada State Veterans Home – Reno/Sparks

Nevada State Veterans Home - Sparks

- Located in Sparks on the Northern Nevada Mental Health Facility Campus
- Master plan completed
- 96 bed facility
- Adult Day Health Care Component
- Review “Green House” Concept
- Currently in planning stages
- Developed funding models for Governor Gibbons
- 3-year construction timeline

Partial Agency Wish List

Nevada State Veterans Home - Boulder City

- Eliminate General Funding
- Vehicle Rotation Program
- IT Equipment
- Recover eliminated position(s)
- Perhaps additional support staff

Partial Agency Wish List

Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery

- Maintain vehicle rotation program

Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery

- Maintain vehicle rotation program
- 2 – Ground Maintenance Workers
- Increased budget for water and fertilizer

Veterans Service Offices

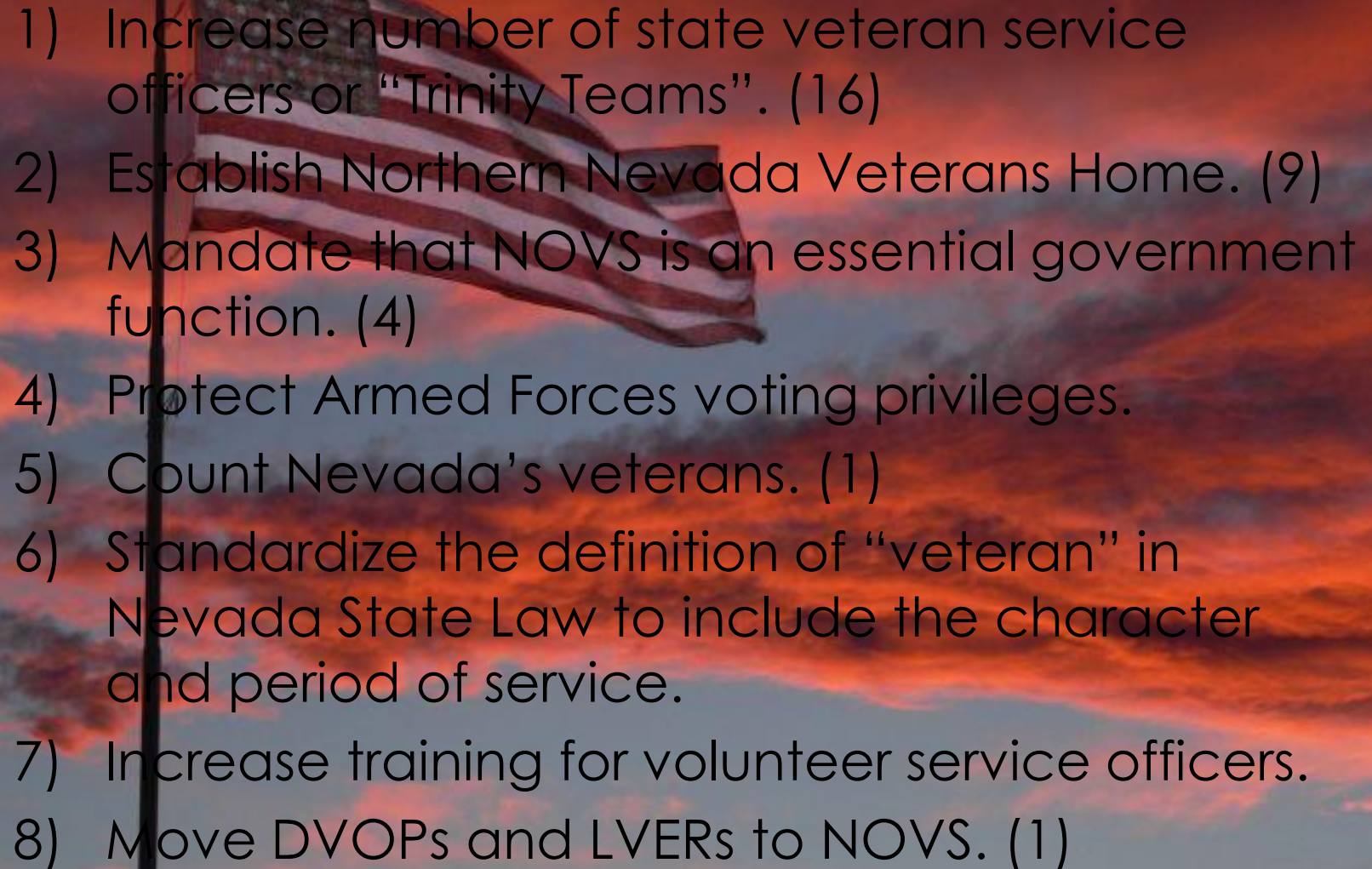
- 1 – Administrative Assistant (Las Vegas Trinity Team)
- VSOs to support Veterans Court

White Board “Brainstorm”

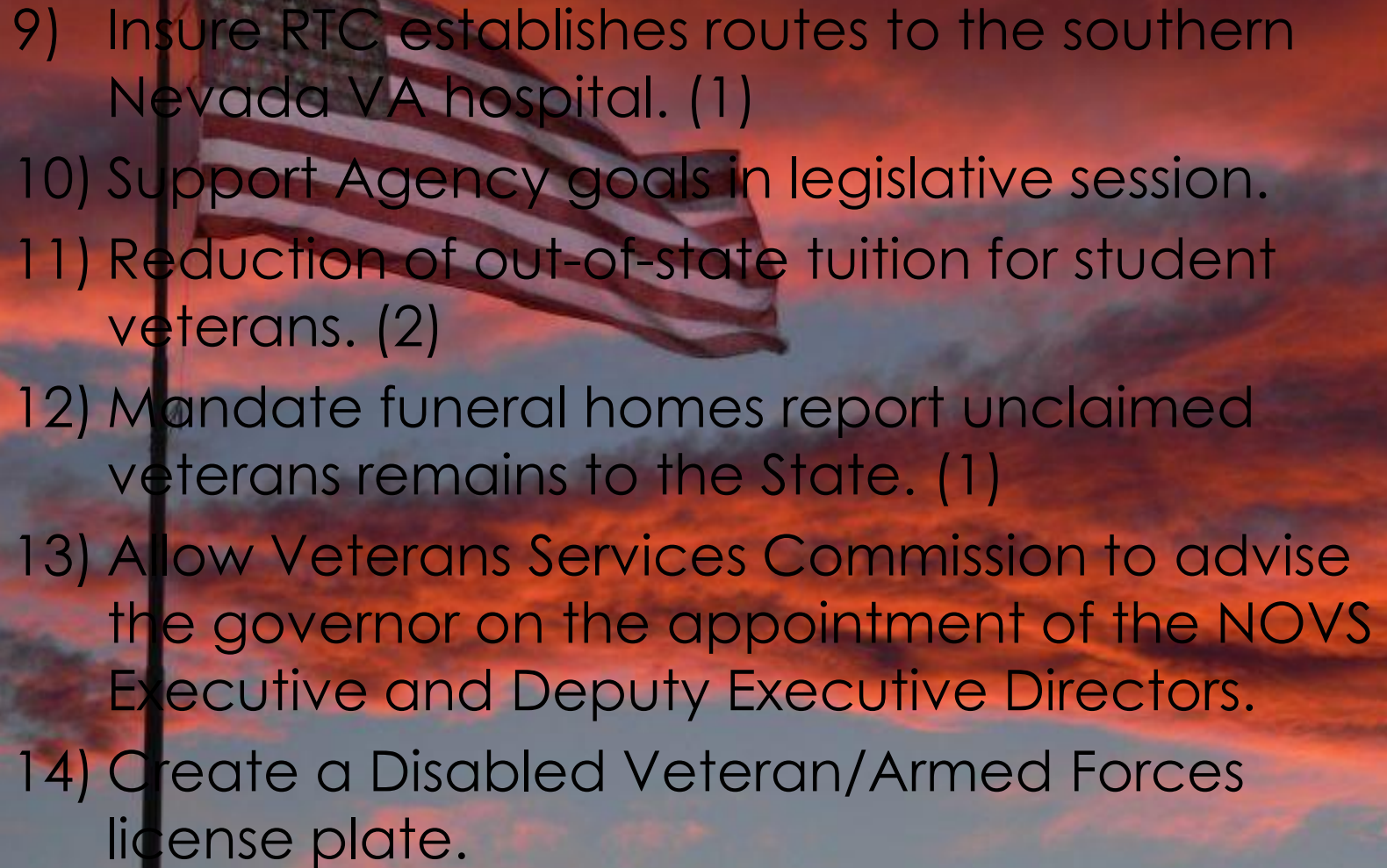
- NOVS Staff could not participate
- Issue needed to be centered on state level
- Issue needed to relate to veterans
- No bad ideas, judgment
- Summary offered for later voting

In total, 32 ideas were formalized. Participants were asked upon exit to rank top five “issues.” In total, forty participants ranked top issues.

Nevada Veterans Most Important Issues

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- An American flag is shown waving on a flagpole, set against a dramatic sky with orange, red, and blue hues, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The flag is positioned on the left side of the frame, with its stripes and stars clearly visible.
- 1) Increase number of state veteran service officers or “Trinity Teams”. (16)
 - 2) Establish Northern Nevada Veterans Home. (9)
 - 3) Mandate that NOVS is an essential government function. (4)
 - 4) Protect Armed Forces voting privileges.
 - 5) Count Nevada’s veterans. (1)
 - 6) Standardize the definition of “veteran” in Nevada State Law to include the character and period of service.
 - 7) Increase training for volunteer service officers.
 - 8) Move DVOPs and LVERs to NOVS. (1)

Nevada Veterans Important Issues

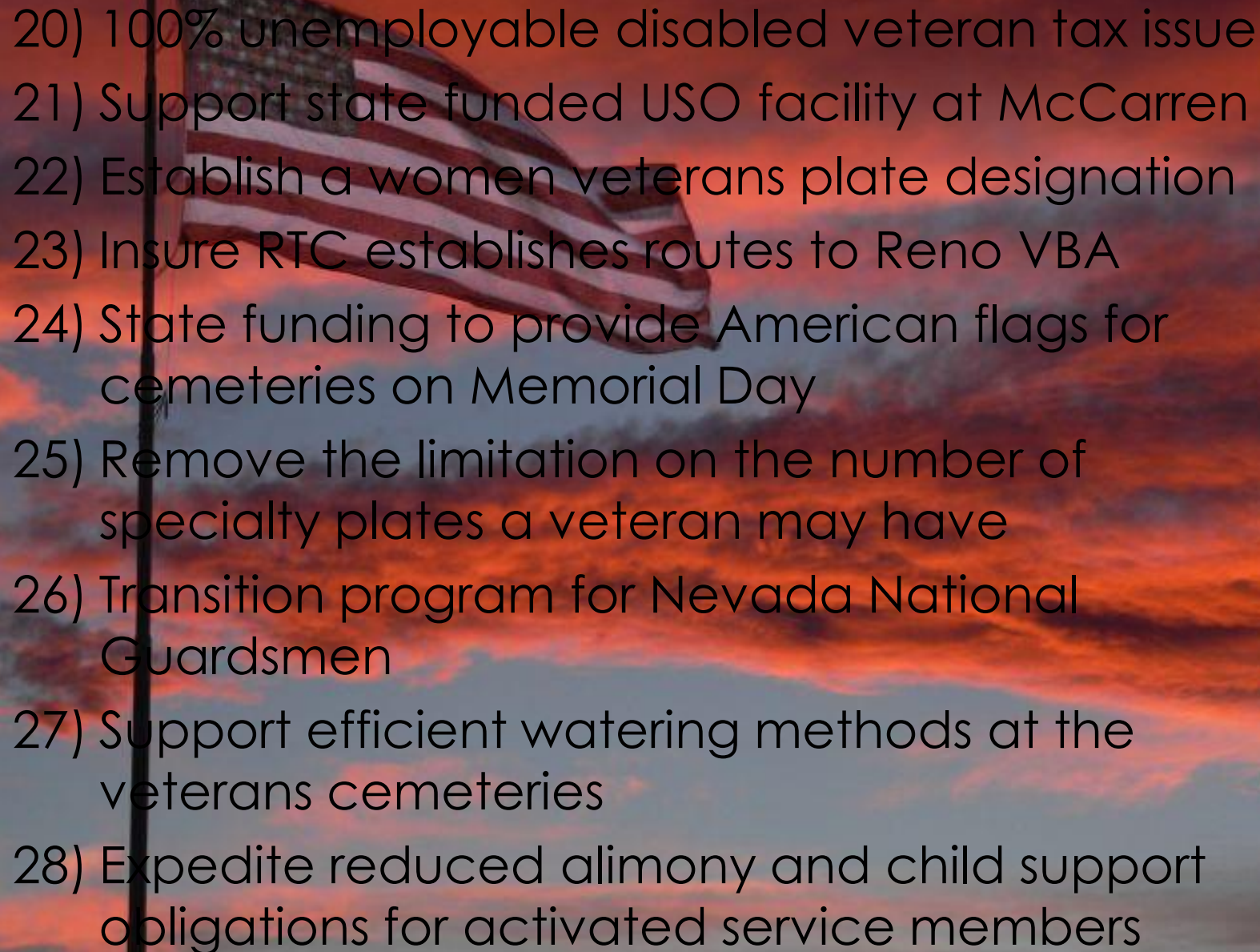
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- 9) Insure RTC establishes routes to the southern Nevada VA hospital. (1)
 - 10) Support Agency goals in legislative session.
 - 11) Reduction of out-of-state tuition for student veterans. (2)
 - 12) Mandate funeral homes report unclaimed veterans remains to the State. (1)
 - 13) Allow Veterans Services Commission to advise the governor on the appointment of the NOVS Executive and Deputy Executive Directors.
 - 14) Create a Disabled Veteran/Armed Forces license plate.

Nevada Veterans Ranked Issues

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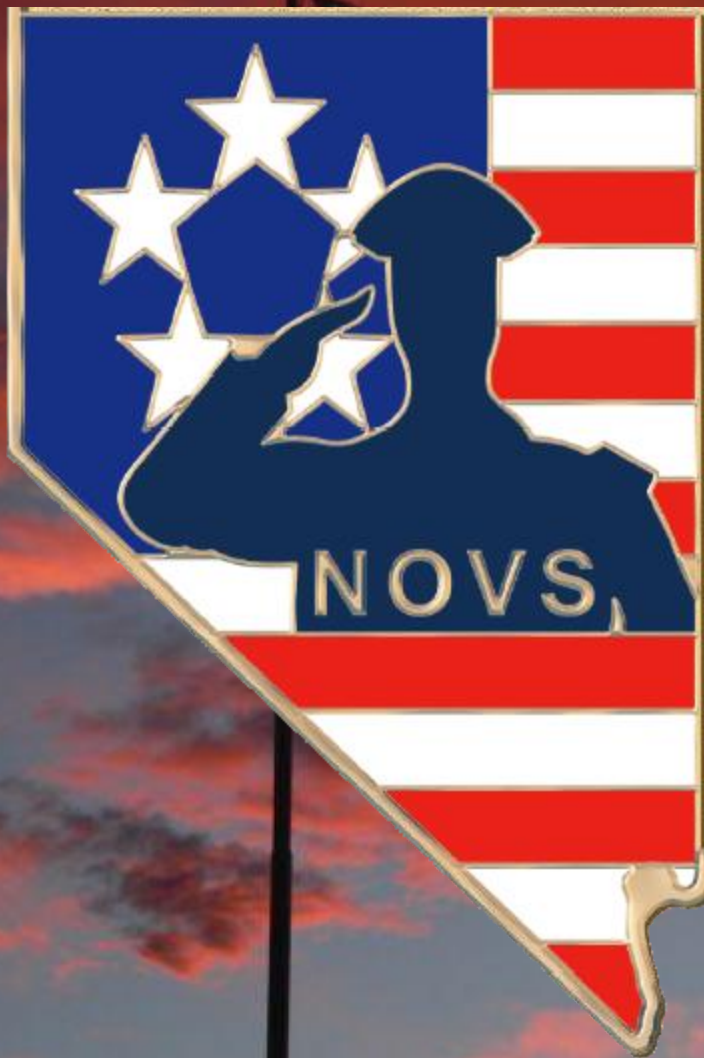
- 15) Create and fund full-time Women Veterans Coordinator Position
- 16) Issue an identification card for homeless veterans at a nominal charge (1)
- 17) Automatically restore voting rights to honorably discharged veterans who have completed their sentences (1)
- 18) Prohibit custody transfers while service member is deployed (1)
- 19) Change the Disabled Veteran plate to a universally recognized handicap parking plate with a distinctive design (1)

Nevada Veterans Ranked Issues

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- 20) 100% unemployable disabled veteran tax issue
 - 21) Support state funded USO facility at McCarren
 - 22) Establish a women veterans plate designation
 - 23) Insure RTC establishes routes to Reno VBA
 - 24) State funding to provide American flags for cemeteries on Memorial Day
 - 25) Remove the limitation on the number of specialty plates a veteran may have
 - 26) Transition program for Nevada National Guardsmen
 - 27) Support efficient watering methods at the veterans cemeteries
 - 28) Expedite reduced alimony and child support obligations for activated service members

Now What?

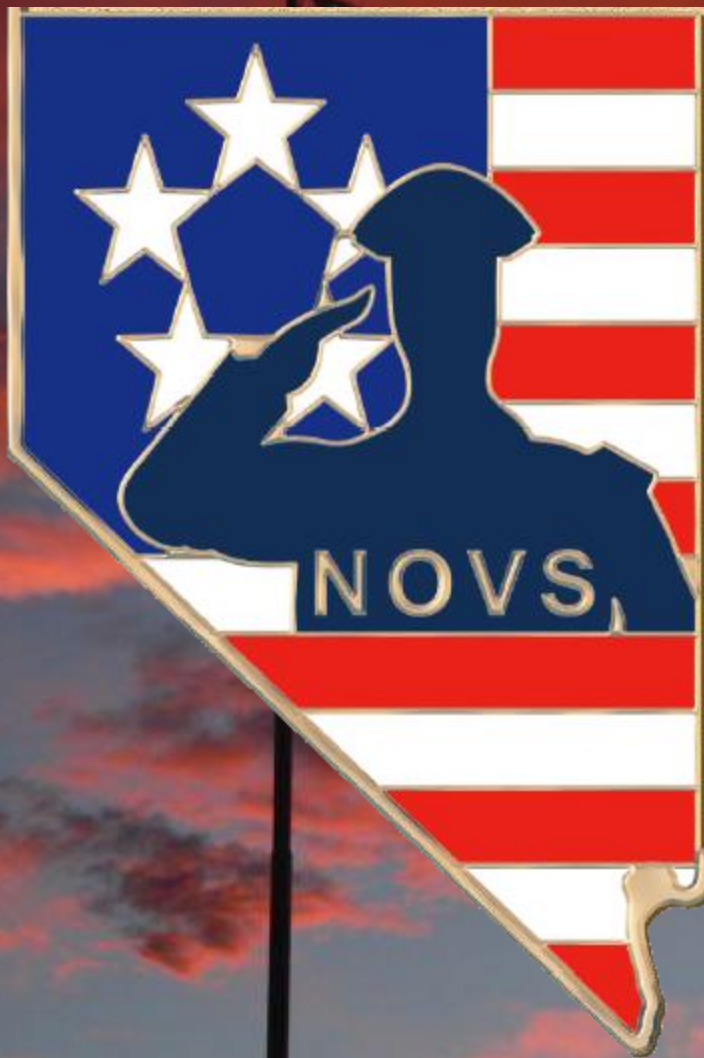
- NOVS Staff is researching resolution of each “issue”
 - Administrative
 - Legislative
- Legislative Issues become BDRs
 - Sponsored by Committee
 - Sponsored by a Legislator
 - Sponsored by NOVS
- Develop white papers & talking points
- Prepare for Legislative Summit in January
- Maintain understanding and readiness on other issues brought outside this process.



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