



## EXECUTIVE ORDER 2014-20

### ESTABLISHING THE REQUIREMENT FOR A BASELINE REPORT FOR AGGREGATE VETERAN DATA IN NEVADA IN 2015

**WHEREAS**, our nation is expecting the return of hundreds of thousands of service members to communities across the country over the next three years;

**WHEREAS**, we aim to provide the highest level of service to our existing veteran population, and recognize our responsibility to ensure that those who have served our nation have every opportunity to successfully transition home to Nevada;

**WHEREAS**, my Administration has worked in recent years through the Green Zone Initiative to improve opportunities and service delivery through interagency cooperation, policy recommendations, and program development;

**WHEREAS**, recommendations developed through various policy councils created under the Green Zone Initiative focused on the importance of gathering aggregate data on veterans and veterans' programs in Nevada;

**WHEREAS**, though great progress has been made, future progress will require the development and collection of statewide data to assess the effectiveness of our policies and programs, identify barriers and limitations, and develop recommendations that will improve and expand services, policies and programs for our veterans;

**WHEREAS**, 2014 is the "Year of the Veteran", during which it is my goal to make Nevada the most military- and veteran-friendly state in the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Article 5, Section 1 of the Nevada Constitution provides that, "The supreme executive power of this State, shall be vested in a Chief Magistrate who shall be Governor of the State of Nevada."

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by the power vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Nevada, I hereby direct and order as follows:

1. The following Executive Branch agencies shall provide, subject to any limitations or restrictions contained in any state or federal laws concerning the privacy or confidentiality of records, the listed data to the Nevada Department of Veterans Services by February 28, 2015. The data shall be provided in aggregate, in digital form, and in a manner that is both accessible and capable of integrating with the other data reports requested. Where appropriate, the data should be for Fiscal Year 2014. Since it is the intent of this Executive Order to capture all existing aggregate data on service members, veterans, and their families, agencies may identify and provide additional information as they see fit, so long as it meets the same specifications provided above.
2. The Department of Administration shall provide:
  - a. Descriptions of and total grant dollars received for veteran-specific programs;
  - b. The total number of veterans employed by each agency in the state; and
  - c. The total number of veterans with service-connected disabilities that are seeking preferences through the State Public Works and Purchasing Divisions per NRS 333.3368 and 338.13846.

3. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall provide:
  - a. The total number of veterans receiving expedited certification for the Water or Wastewater Treatment Level 1 exam based on their military experience; and
  - b. The total number of veterans receiving disabled veteran discounts for Nevada State Parks per Assembly Bill 58 from the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session.
4. The Department of Corrections shall provide:
  - a. An annual overview of the monthly veteran inmate population; and
  - b. Success rates for any efforts developed during the Incarcerated Veterans Reintegration Council established by Executive Order 2014-12.
5. The Governor's Office of Economic Development shall provide:
  - a. An overview of the statewide available veteran workforce, to include O\*NET code and title, job seeker status, veteran status, zip code, county, highest education level, and driver's license class; and
  - b. An annual overview of quarterly updates on the number of service-connected disabled veteran-owned businesses and veteran-owned businesses in Nevada required by Executive Order 2014-18.
6. The Department of Education shall provide:
  - a. The distribution of dependents of service members in Nevada's public schools per Assembly Bill 224 from the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session.
7. The Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation shall provide:
  - a. An annual summary of the monthly veteran unemployment information data required by Executive Order 2014-17.
8. The Department of Health and Human Services shall provide:
  - a. The total number of veterans who have applied for and received certification for EMTB, AEMT, and Paramedic through the State Emergency Medical Services Program; and
  - b. A report from the State Registrar of Vital Records setting forth the suicide mortality of Nevada's veterans.
9. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall provide:
  - a. The total number of veterans who have applied for and received a commercial driver's license;
  - b. An annual overview of monthly veteran license plate totals; and
  - c. An annual overview of veteran data per Senate Bill 244 from the 77<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session.
10. The Nevada National Guard shall provide:
  - a. The total number of Nevada National Guard service members using a waiver for each semester and identifying which schools accepted the waivers;
  - b. The total number of Nevada National Guard service members by Military Occupational Specialty by zip code; and
  - c. The total number of Guard and Military Reserve members employed under the grant from the Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Program.
11. The Department of Public Safety shall provide:
  - a. The percentage of veterans in each academy class.
12. The Department of Taxation shall provide:
  - a. The total number of veterans receiving tax rebates for goods and services taxes/property tax based on disability by county.

13. The Department of Wildlife shall provide:
  - a. The total number of veterans receiving Resident Disabled Veteran licenses for hunting and fishing based on disability; and
  - b. The total number of service members hunting and fishing licenses granted for resident service members stationed out of state.
  
14. The Commission on Postsecondary Education shall provide:
  - a. The total number of Veterans Administration approved schools serving veterans by industry.
  
15. To the extent possible, every professional licensing board organized pursuant to the Nevada Revised Statutes shall add questions to their initial and renewal applications to help capture the number of veterans and service members applying for licensure in their field in line with the recommended questions provided in the 2014 report of the Interagency Council on Veterans Affairs. Licensing boards shall provide the gathered data to the Nevada Department of Veterans Services by February 28, 2015. The data shall be provided in aggregate, in digital form, and in a manner that is both accessible and capable of integrating with the other data reports requested.
  
16. The Director of Military and Veterans Policy in the Office of the Governor shall work with the Chancellor of the Nevada System of Higher Education to identify data gathering practices that will assist in developing annual reports in line with Appendix C of the "Report and Recommendations for Nevada's Veterans in Higher Education" prepared by the Student Veterans Advisory Council pursuant to Executive Order 2013-09.
  
17. The Nevada Department of Veterans Services shall:
  - a. Provide an overview of distribution of expenditures in Nevada from the federal Department of Veterans Affairs;
  - b. Provide annual overviews of monthly statistics for veterans served through the Nevada State Veterans Home, the Veteran Memorial Cemeteries, and Veteran Advocacy and Support Team, the Rural Outreach for Veteran Enrichment Reserves program, and other information, as appropriate;
  - c. Provide the total number of certified Green Zone Employers, Nevada Veteran Advocates, and other information, as appropriate;
  - d. Consolidate the data outlined in items 1 through 16 into a single, comprehensive report on veterans, veterans services, and activities in the state, so as to provide baseline data for future veterans' initiatives, grant applications, and veteran employment initiatives. The final report is due to the Interagency Council on Veterans' Affairs by October 1, 2015.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, in the year two thousand fourteen.



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Governor of the State of Nevada

By the Governor:

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Secretary of State

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Deputy Secretary of State