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## MEDIA ALERT\*\*MEDIALERT\*\*MEDIA ALERT

## Airport to Host the Nation's First-Ever Native American Honor Flight

**What:** A very special Honor Flight send-off and homecoming, for 45 Native American veterans from northern Nevada and California. Join Airport Officials, representatives from the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, and military supporters from the community, as we welcome the first-ever, all Native American Honor Flight, with traditional song, dance and ceremony.

When: Departure – Thurs., Nov. 10 – News media gather in the main lobby of the terminal at 6:00 a.m. to help send-off the veterans. The flight departs Reno for Washington D.C. at 7:15 a.m. (this is an updated time) on Southwest. (Not a public event.)

<u>When: Arrival - Sun., Nov. 13</u> – News media and the public are invited to be at the airport at 12:45 p.m. to welcome home the Native American veterans. The Honor Flight is scheduled to arrive at 1:10 p.m. on Southwest. \*News media meet at the ski statue at 12:45 p.m. Sunday, for a special escort to the gate to obtain video of a processional led by traditional Color Guard and Pow Wow dancers.

Where: Reno-Tahoe International Airport, Ski Statue

**Who:** 45 Native American Veterans participating in the first-ever nationwide, all Native American Honor Flight. The veterans are from tribes across northern Nevada and California and represent the entire Great Basin. In addition, Pow Wow dancers, drummers and singers from the Native American Indian community and Mayor Schieve



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will be at the airport to support this unique event, along with regional supporters from the Nevada Guard, Civil Air Patrol, Blue Star Mothers, Comstock Lode Quilters and more.

Join the Reno-Tahoe International Airport as we proudly send-off and welcome home veterans onboard this special Honor Flight and give thanks for their service. A Native American sacred ceremony and dance will mark this special occasion.

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