NATIONAL VETERANS' AWARENESS RIDE (NVAR)

VA Sierra Nevada Health Care System – Community Living Center

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As the National Veterans Awareness Ride (NVAR) riders rolled into the VA Sierra Nevada Healthcare System, they were greeted by a sea of American flags and cheering Veterans, family members, locals and flashing lights from the police escort. The VA staff had organized a special event to welcome the riders.



(NVAR) made a stop at the VA Sierra Nevada Healthcare System in Reno, Nevada. The NVAR is an annual motorcycle ride that starts in California and makes its way across the United States to Washington D.C. The rides aim is to raise awareness for the sacrifices made by Veterans across the country and to honor those who have served. Jerry Conner, the leader of the group stated, "This is one of the most organized events we have had the honor to be a part of."





As the day wore on, the mood became more festive; the riders mingled with the crowd, listened to the speeches, and shared stories about their own military experiences.





By the end of the event, everyone was exhausted but also filled with a sense of pride and gratitude. The NVAR had helped to shine a spotlight on the sacrifices of our Veterans and the importance of providing them with the best possible healthcare. As the riders revved up their motorcycles and headed back out onto the open road, they knew that they had made a real impact. The NVAR may have been only one day, but the message would live on for years to come.

