

## **Recommendation #13—Veterans and Families (2017)**

### **Background**

It is estimated that more than 300,000 veterans live in Nevada, and the vast majority of these veterans do not know what services are available to them or how to access them. Such services include: skilled care facilities, residential care/assisted living facilities, community-based care services, veteran burial benefits, and others.

It is important to advise and educate veterans and their families about potentially untapped Federal VA benefits that could assist them. With changing regulations, many aging veterans and their families do not know about their eligibility for benefits that were not previously available. Also, many facilities are challenged when working with veterans, because they do not understand how prior military service can affect veterans in the aging process. This is especially significant for veterans who have Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.