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## MEDIA ADVISORY-VIDEO & PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

### RENOWN HONORED WITH U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE 2017 FREEDOM AWARD

*Reno-based health network is one of 15 recipients nationwide  
to receive DoD's top employer support award*

#### WHAT:

Renown Health was named as one of 15 recipients across the nation, and the only health system in the U.S., for the Department of Defense's highest employer award — the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award — for exceptional support of its military employees. The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserves (ESGR) and Renown will hold a ceremony to recognize the award and to honor representatives of Renown who currently serve in the Guard and Reserves. The celebration falls right before the Fourth of July, when patriotism is at an all-time high.

#### WHEN:

10 a.m., Thursday, June 29

#### WHERE:

Tahoe Tower Lobby, Ground Floor, Renown Regional Medical Center  
1155 Mill Street, Reno, NV 89502

#### WHY:

Renown is privileged to have more than 100 active military and veterans on staff. Since 2008, the healthcare network has seen 35 full-time, active duty deployments by its employees. Renown has entered into a series of contractual agreements with the Nevada Air National Guard in recent years, including training agreements allowing Nevada airmen to operate at their highest levels of competency for service medics. Under the agreements, individuals from various disciplines in the 152nd Medical Squadron, including clinical engineering, cardiopulmonary technology, nursing and medical service corps, have come to Renown facilities to train on procedures they'd normally have to travel great distances to experience.

#### VISUALS AND INTERVIEWS:

- Patriotic visuals, just in time for Independence day
- Remarks from:
  - Anthony Slonin, MD, DrPH, president and CEO of Renown Health
  - Michelle Sanchez-Bickley, MS, SPHR, SHRM-SCP, vice president of human resources, Renown Health
  - Dave Cantrell, acting chair, Nevada ESGR
  - Senior Master Sgt. Jason Farnsworth, operations superintendent at the 152nd Medical Group, Nevada Air National Guard, and full-time executive director and administrator for Renown Health Home Care

All media must be escorted on hospital property. To ensure uninterrupted access to the event contact Stacey Sunday, Public Relations Business Partner, at 775-691-7308 or [news@renown.org](mailto:news@renown.org). Mill Street Parking is most convenient.

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#### About Renown Health

Renown Health is a locally governed and locally owned, not-for-profit integrated healthcare network serving Nevada, Lake Tahoe and northeast California. Renown is one of the region's largest private employers with a workforce of more than 6,700. It comprises three acute care hospitals, a rehabilitation hospital, skilled nursing, the area's most comprehensive medical group and urgent care network, and the region's largest and only locally owned not-for-profit insurance company, Hometown Health. Renown has a long tradition of being the first in the region to successfully perform leading-edge medical procedures. For more information, visit [renown.org](http://renown.org).