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**Spokane** – Early this morning, a veteran who had been diagnosed with COVID-19 passed away at a local hospital. Their passing brings to nine, the number of Spokane Veterans Home residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 and subsequently passed away, either from the effects of COVID-19 or due to other medical conditions that were present prior to the COVID-19 diagnosis.

"Like each of our veterans have done, they fought bravely against this new adversary, but unfortunately, the disease along with their other medical conditions proved to be more than could be overcome," said Patrick McNabb, administrator of the Spokane Veterans Home. "We mourn this honored Veteran, and our entire Spokane Veterans Home team offers condolences to their family and friends."

The Spokane Veterans Home has a total of 46 residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 and 24 staff members with positive tests. All of the residents diagnosed with COVID-19 are now being cared for at the Mann-Grandstaff VA Medical Center.

Updated information is available on our website at <u>www.dva.wa.gov/covid</u>.

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