## Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs News Release



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**Spokane** – Yesterday, the Spokane Veterans Home was pleased to welcome home a Veteran who has recovered from COVID-19. Our Veteran had been transferred to the Mann-Grandstaff VA Medical Center where they received specialized care in the VA's COVID-19 Unit.

"We are overjoyed to welcome this Veteran back Home," said Lourdes E. "Alfie" Alvarado-Ramos, director of the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs. "Our thanks go to the outstanding team at the Mann-Grandstaff VA Medical Center for the tremendous care and support they have provided during this unprecedented time. Our facilities will continue working together to ensure Veterans and their families receive the most appropriate care until we defeat this enemy."

This is the fifth resident that has been welcomed home by the staff of the Spokane Veterans Home.

Residents are able to return from the Mann-Grandstaff VA Medical Center once they have 2 negative COVID-19 tests within 24 hours. The Spokane Veterans Home established a special COVID-19 Recovery Wing and residents will remain in this quarantine area for 14 days as a precaution, prior to moving back to their own room.

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

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