

Sandoval pushes bills to help vets

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When Gov. Brian Sandoval made Caleb Cage his director of military and veterans policy in 2014, he became the first governor in recent memory to have someone on staff to oversee veterans affairs.

Cage, a West Point graduate and former Army platoon leader in Iraq, was given a formidable task.

“He said, ‘I want Nevada to be the most military and veteran friendly state in the nation, period,’ ” Cage recalled.

The pro-veteran spirit is seen in Sandoval’s aggressive legislative plan for veterans, although it has been foreshadowed at the Legislature by the governor’s \$1.1 billion plan of new and extended taxes to fuel his proposed \$7.3 billion general-fund budget.

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