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Greetings JCF Partners,

I want to thank all of those who were able to make it to the July Joining Community Forces meeting. I know you all have very busy schedules and your time is precious. I am so thankful that you could share your time with me and the rest of your community partners. Your participation is important and valuable not only to your fellow partners but the Service Members and their Families that we serve. For those of you who could not make it, we certainly missed having you. We look forward to seeing you again in October!

I want to thank the presenters for their time and information; because of the presentations, we are a stronger, more informed community. I appreciate that all of you are willing to help vet resources and continue to grow JCF to really make it the successful networking group that it can be. I ask that you continue to send resources and non-profit organizations my way. I would love to meet them, understand their mission and how they can fit in with Joining Community Forces.

I shared in the meeting that we have started our Networking Series meetings. The first one was held in Denver. The meeting was a success and I thank those of you who attended and for your continued support of JCF. We will continue to have the Networking Series meetings for two full cycles. The next meeting will be August 11, 2016 at Cedar Springs Hospital in Colorado Springs. Followed by the August 25 meeting located in Loveland at the Residence Inn. For more information, please refer to the flyers located in this month's newsletter. I hope you can make it and look forward to seeing you all there!

Lastly, our next quarterly JCF meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at the Holiday Inn, Castle Rock, CO, from 9:00am to noon. I have already started to put the agenda together for that meeting and will be sending it out just as soon as I have everyone confirmed. I hope you all enjoy the rest of your summer, and I will stay in touch with all of you over the next month or so.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Buemi, Family Assistance Coordinator, HRCI Contractor

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Quarterly JCF Meeting	Networking Meetings
Wednesday, October 19, 2016	August 11—Colorado Springs
Holiday Inn Express-Castle Rock	August 25—Loveland
610 Genoa Way	September 15—Denver
Castle Rock, CO 80109	November 17—Colorado Springs
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All meetings are currently scheduled from 9am-12pm.	

JULY'S PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTS

FRAUD OPERATIONS—FINANCIAL SERVICES

Service members are unique targets for financial scam artists. Extended time away from home and frequent moves can make it more difficult to identify scams while focusing on the mission.

Western Union strives to educate citizens, and especially Service Members, about consumer fraud. Awareness and education are key to preventing fraud. WU offers exhibits,

presentations, partnerships, and collaborations to create visibility within the community.

Some scams to be aware of include the following:

- Prize/lottery scam
- Romance scam
- Grandparent scam
- Internet purchase scam
- Prepayment scam
- Employment scam

For more information and to watch informative videos, visit <https://www.westernunion.com/us/en/fraudawareness/fraud-awareness-videos.html>. These videos can be shared and published without restriction.

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VA CERTIFICATE THROUGH CHERRY CREEK MORTGAGE

Cherry Creek Mortgage believes that men and women who serve our country as part of the US armed Forces deserve respect and gratitude. With an extensive background in VA lending, its professional loan officers are available to guide Service Members and their Families through the loan process, ensuring a smooth and hassle-free experience.

Advantages of a VA loan:

- No down payment
- No PMI (private mortgage insurance)
- Competitive interest rates
- Guaranteed by US government
- May be assumable with VA approval

Who is eligible?

- Current active military
- Honorably discharged Veterans
- Reservists with at least 6 years of service
- Surviving spouse of a Veteran who died during service

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WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT

Wounded Warrior Project provides free programs and services focused on the 4 pillars:

- Mind
- Body
- Economic Empowerment
- Engagement

In addition to engaging the Service Member, Wounded

Warrior Project supports the family members who are facing these challenges along with their Service Member.

Some of the programs available include the following:

- Combat Stress Recovery
- Warrior Care Network
- Soldier Ride

- Transition Training Academy
- Warriors to Work
- Sky Sox engagements
- Resource Center

Eligibility requirements:

- Post 9-11
- Honorable Discharge
- VA rating (can be 0%)

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JULY'S PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTS

VALOR BRIDGE

Valor Bridge offers post-military leadership development. This is accomplished through three essential channels:

- Education and curriculum focused transition skills
- Continuous pairing in a mentoring relationship
- Ongoing community of fellow Veterans and non-Veterans

These facets delivered through three phases provide an unparalleled opportunity for Veterans to thrive.

Valor Bridge originated as an initiative of several local business leaders who identified one-on-one mentorship as an im-

portant and relevant way to serve our Veterans. This non-profit offers these services free of charge to motivated Veterans in the Denver area.

MISSION

To honor our Veterans through a continuous program of education, community, and mentorship that develops motivated individuals into long-lasting, impactful, and significant leaders in the private sector.

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STURM CENTER @ UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

The Sturm Center was developed by the Sturm Family Foundation and the Graduate School of Professional Psychology at the University of Denver. The Center offers counseling for the following concerns:

- Readjustment
- Post-traumatic stress
- Depression, anxiety
- Family, relationships

- Occupational, educational problems
- Everyday life stressors

These services are available to the following populations:

- Individuals
- Couples
- Groups

In addition, the Sturm Center offers psychological assessments and resource referrals.

Who is eligible?

- Veterans
- Active Service Members, including National Guard & Reserves
- Family Members
- No discharge limitations

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Interested in presenting your organization to JCF?

Slots are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Contact **Suzanne Buemi** by **September 15** to present at our October 19 meeting.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

ADAPTIVE ADVENTURES

VISIT [HTTPS://ADAPTIVEADVENTURES.ORG](https://ADAPTIVEADVENTURES.ORG) TO REGISTER



Summer Sailing—Learn to Sail or Learn to Race, All Abilities Welcome

Cherry Creek State Park 5-8pm, Mondays: June 20, July 18, August 1, August 15

Chatfield State Park 5-8pm, Thursdays: June 16, June 30, July 14, July 28, August 4, August 18, September 1, September 15, September 29, October 13

Race Nights @ Chatfield State Park 5-8pm, Tuesdays through August 30 (except July 5)

Contact Colin Macdonald for more information: 720-205-2617 or colin@adaptiveadventures.org

Cycling Clinic—Fridays 9am-1pm: August 5, 19, 26 & September 2, 9, 16

Adaptive Adventures HQ—1315 Nelson St, Unit 1, Lakewood, CO 80215

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Military Multisport and Family Day—Tuesday, August 9 from 11am-3pm

Cycling, climbing, kayaking, paddleboarding, fly-casting, and a BBQ lunch

Cheyenne VA Medical Center—2360 E Pershing Blvd, Cheyenne WY 82001



Adaptive Adventures seeks to provide progressive outdoor sports opportunities to improve quality of life for children, adults, and veterans with physical disabilities and their families.

HEALING WARRIORS

VISIT [HTTP://HEALINGWARRIORSPROGRAM.ORG](http://HEALINGWARRIORSPROGRAM.ORG) FOR MORE INFORMATION

In partnership with VFW Post 1, Healing Warriors is offering a free monthly clinic providing non-narcotic therapy for pain and post-traumatic stress, open to all Service Members and Families.

9am-1pm, 2nd Saturday of each month—August 13, September 10, October 8...

VFW Post 1—841 Santa Fe Drive, Denver, CO 80204

Refreshments are provided

Acupuncture

Cranio-Sacral Therapy

Healing Touch Therapy



MT CARMEL CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE

RSVP TO CCHAPMAN@MTCARMELCENTER.ORG

You are cordially invited to the Grand Opening of Mt Carmel Center for Excellence—A Beacon for Support

When—Friday, July 29 from 3pm-5pm

Where—530 Communication Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Attire—Business Casual



UPCOMING EVENTS

**MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING
COLORADO VNA & JEFFERSON CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH**

Active military, Veterans, and their families, as well as professionals who work with this population are invited to a Mental Health First Aid—MVF Course.

- Tuesday, July 26 and Wednesday, July 27, 1230-1630 at the American Legion Post 178, 1655 Simms St, Lakewood, CO 80215
- Monday, August 8 and Wednesday, August 10, 1230-1630 at the American Legion Post 17, 1901 Harlan St, Edgewater, CO 80214



To RSVP, contact Eliza Fernie at 303-698-6367 or mentalhealthfirstaid@cnacolorado.org

**JOINING COMMUNITY FORCES
NETWORKING SERIES DATES AND LOCATIONS**

August 11: Cedar Springs—Colorado Springs

2135 Southgate Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 80906

August 25: Residence Inn—Loveland

5450 McWhinney Blvd, Loveland, CO 80538

September 15: Embassy Suites—Denver Southeast

7525 E Hampden Ave, Denver, CO 80231

November 17: Colorado Springs Location

Exact location TBD

**Please be sure to watch for an email, at least 1 week prior, for details.*

*All Networking Series events will be held from 9am-noon in their respective locations.**



JOINING FORCES
TAKING ACTION TO SERVE
AMERICA'S MILITARY FAMILIES

**JOINING COMMUNITY FORCES
QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULE 2016-2017**

October 19, 2016

January 18, 2017

April 19, 2017

July 19, 2017

October 18, 2017



All quarterly JCF meetings are currently held at the Holiday Inn Express—Castle Rock.

JCF ATTENDANCE ROSTER

Thank you to all who attended July's JCF Meeting!

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JCF ATTENDANCE ROSTER

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