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I hope that this letter finds you all doing well and enjoying the 2018 spring season. I cannot believe that we are in April already, and, before we know it, we will be in full swing with summer.

I would like to thank all of those who could attend and present at our April JCF meeting. I know that your time is valuable, and I appreciate that you are willing to share your time with us. We met some additional great resources and developed some wonderful new partnerships. April was a very exciting meeting in that we had over 22 new participants who have joined our effort to help take care of our Military Members and their Families! You will find their contact information at the back of this newsletter.

We talked about two of our big 2018 goals. The first being that we want to grow by 30% this year. We have 77 more resources to go! Please be sure to send new contacts my way so I may have a conversation with them and make sure they are a right fit for JCF. As a friendly reminder, we are looking for non-profit organizations who offer no-cost/low-cost services to our Military Members and their loved ones and are military friendly.

As you have seen a couple of times by now, the Colorado National Guard and Volunteers of America are hosting the first annual Military Resource Expo. It will be held on Saturday, June 9, 2018, from 10am-2pm at the Bill Daniels Veterans Services Center. We are looking for community partners who would like to be vendors at the expo. The day is set up as an open house concept. Service Members will be coming and going at their leisure throughout the day. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for the vendors as well. If you are interested in signing up to be a vendor, you may do so by visiting this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018MilitaryResourceExpo>; there is no cost to be a vendor at this event. Should you have any questions or need additional information you may contact Alannah Rice at 720-250-1564 or alannah.m.rice2.ctr@mail.mil

We now have available for your use the JCF 2018 Resource Guide. I have both paper copies and electronic copies. I will be sending out the electronic version following the newsletter. The electronic version can also be found on the JCF website at www.coloradojcf.org. If you are interested in receiving a handful of the paper copies, please let me know, and I will make arrangements to get them to you.

As a friendly reminder, send either me, Laine (Laine.a.dennison.ctr@mail.mil), or Denise (Denise.r.harris10.ctr@mail.mil) your flyers and brochures for upcoming events. We will be sure to distribute that information out to everyone and post it on the website and Facebook page. I like to always say, this program is YOUR program, and I want to make this what YOU want it to be!

Sincerely,
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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Quarterly JCF Meeting

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Holiday Inn Express-Castle Rock, 610 Genoa Way, Castle Rock, CO 80109

All meetings are currently scheduled from 9am-12pm.

APRIL'S PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTS

BOESEN LAW

Boesen Law is willing to represent Veterans who are presenting VA Disability Claims. No out-of-pocket fees are charged; however, a percentage will be paid out of any back-pay received. If a Veteran expects to be out of work for a year or longer, he or she should reach out for advice. The process is expedited for Veterans but can still be lengthy.

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ASSISTANCE WITH VETERAN'S DISABILITY CLAIMS

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18TH JUDICIAL VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

The Veterans Treatment Court strives to offer solutions and provide treatment as an alternative to incarceration for eligible Veterans. The goal is to ensure that participants are held accountable for their actions while gaining the treatment they need to rebuild their lives. Participants in this voluntary program agree to actively engage in treatment

and counseling and make regular court appearances.

PEER MENTORS

- Coaches
- Guides
- Role Models
- Advocates
- Supporters

Peer mentors are an integral part of this program's success. Although the needs of each participant differ, mentors are expected to attend court with the Veterans they are mentoring, connect with them on a regular basis, and establish a basis of connection such as a shared hobby or activity. By sharing personal experiences

and assisting Vets through the judicial process, mentors make a positive difference in the lives of Veterans going through legal proceedings.

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EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE

The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) is a Department of Defense program that was established to promote cooperation and understanding between Guard and Reserve members and their civilian employers. ESGR assists in resolving conflicts arising from an employee's military commitment. Volunteers work as ombudsmen to mediate conflicts, as needed. Ultimately, ESGR desires to ensure that all employers support and value the employment of members of the Guard and Reserve in order to increase the readiness of the United States' Reserve Components. As incentives, ESGR offers Bosslifts and Awards to exemplary employers. Job fairs are also hosted regularly to support employment needs.

MISSION

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve is a Department of Defense program that develops and promotes supportive work environments for Service Members in the Reserve Components through Outreach Recognition Education to increase awareness of applicable laws and resolves employment conflicts between Service Members and their employers.

**WWW.ESGR.MIL
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ESGR goals include the following:

- Gain and maintain support from employers for Guard and Reserve service
- Educate Reserve employees, their Families, and their employers
- Advocate within the DoD for Guard and Reserve employers
- Continually improve the ESGR organization for relevancy, effectiveness, and efficiency
- Increase awareness of ESGR nationwide
- Enhance awareness of the Employment Initiative Program to Guard and Reserve Members and their employers

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THE CENTER FOR RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION

WORKSHOPS & RETREATS

Relationships require attention in order to grow. Refresh yours, and explore new tools in an interactive workshop environment. Engaging experiences are crafted for individuals, couples, and coworkers.

For the military, The Center for Relationship Education provides grants to offer FREE retreats to build healthy relationships. Topics in 2018 for military families include the following:

- Marriage Retreats
- Blended Families Workshops
- From Friendship to Foreplay

CURRICULUM & CERTIFICATION

Unhealthy relationships negatively affect an individual's quality of life. Learn how to give them an edge, and teach relationship essentials. Curriculum is available for teaching people of all ages, beginning in 4th grade and extending through adults.

Skills to do marriage well

In Colorado, REAL Essentials Certification Training is available for the following sessions:

- July 12—REAL Essentials Motherhood
- October 4-5—REAL Essentials Certification

CORPORATE SERVICES

Don't be soft on soft-skills. Investing in employees' relationships pays off. Healthy relationships are essential for life success and a necessary component of a positive company culture.

Invite CRE to your organization to offer a customized workshop to increase its relationship IQ.

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VA HEALTH CARE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In an effort to create and sustain relationships between the VA and its local community, the Veteran Community Partnership (VCP), is offering ongoing Convening Partner Meetings and Access to Care Rounds. At the VCP Meetings, community partners can network with VA Healthcare

MISSION

Creating & Sustaining VA-Community Partnerships to Promote Veteran access to care and support in the VA and the community

Care Rounds are held every other month and allow time for the VA representatives and community partners to discuss complex situations affecting the military population today and work to find solutions.



team members. This provides an excellent forum for community organizations to speak directly with VA representatives about issues of concern to their clients. Access to

Upcoming Events:

April 26—Convening Partners Meeting

May 17—Access to Care Rounds

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QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULE 2018**

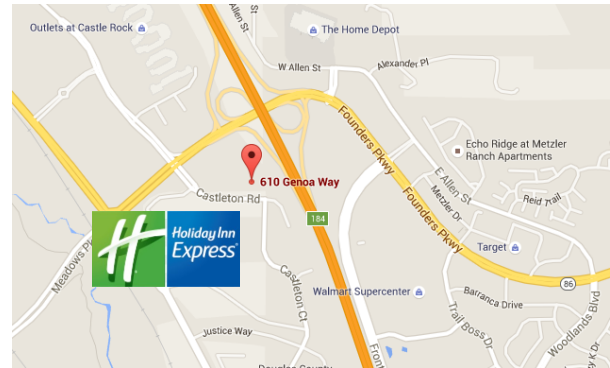
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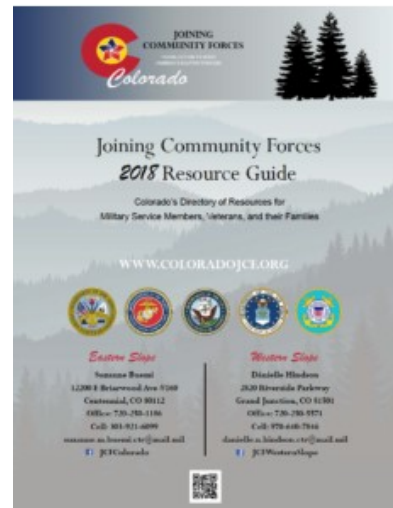


**2018 RESOURCE GUIDE
DIGITAL VERSION**

Looking for a copy of the 2018 Resource Guide? A digital copy can be found online, ready to download as a .pdf.

Visit www.coloradojcf.org, and click on the Resource Guide icon.

The photo to the right is hyperlinked to the .pdf copy, so, if you are viewing this newsletter in a digital format, click to view the full version online.



Interested in presenting your organization to JCF?

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

Contact **Suzanne Buemi** by **June 15** to present at our July meeting.

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VISIT THE JCF WEBSITE

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