

# JOINING COMMUNITY FORCES 2023 RESOURCE GUIDE



Colorado's Directory of Resources for Military  
Service Members, Veterans, and their Families

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**TAKING ACTION TO SERVE  
AMERICA'S MILITARY  
FAMILIES**





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Joining Community Forces is an entity of the Colorado National Guard Family Program Office

Joining Community Forces is a voluntary military and community cooperative partnership organized to allow service providers to engage in a multi-service networking to assist with connecting Service Members and Families to local military or community resources.

### **MISSION**

The mission of JCF is to maximize the impact of civilian and military resources to Service Members, Families, and Veterans in order to build resilience and foster a community network that is both sustainable and relevant.

### **VISION**

JCF's vision is to present a single entry point for resources and service providers interested in collaborating with other national and local civic-minded entities in support of Veterans, Military Members, and their Families (VMFs) in their communities.

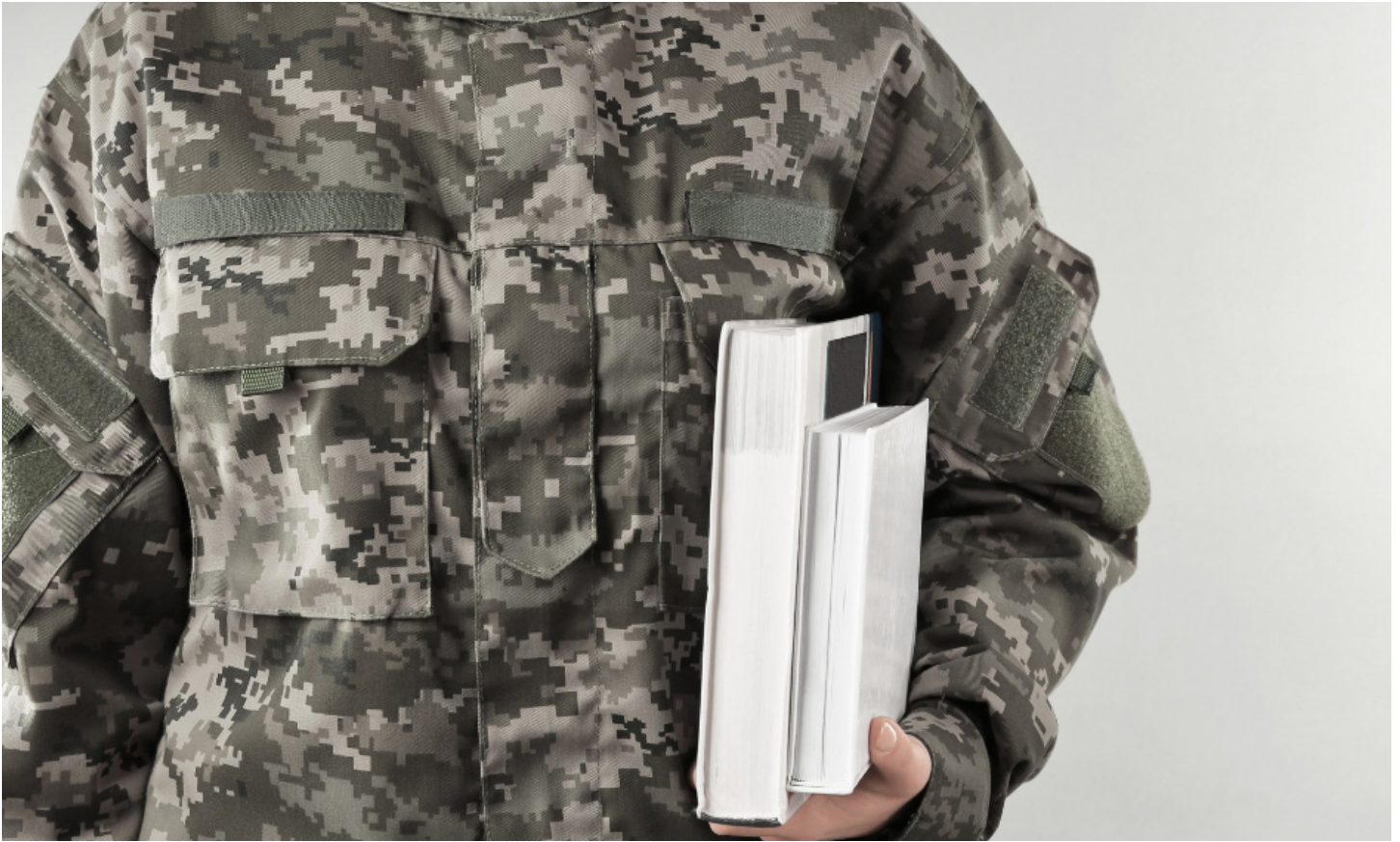
### **END STATE**

Ultimately, Joining Community Forces endeavors to strengthen preexisting ISFACs (Inter-Service Family Assistance Centers) across the United States through a comprehensive strategic communications plan that leverages state-generated content, best practices, and the training materials to raise public JCF collaboration and promote the initiative among prospective partner agencies and organizations. Additionally, the JCF initiative's mission includes guiding and informing community leaders and local commanders across America on how to establish and sustain collaborative community, state, and regional JCF teams. By building community capacity from the ground up, JCF will enable proactive and effective assistance right where Veterans, Service Members, and their families live.



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## Education Tuition Assistance

### POST 9/11 GI BILL

The Post 9/11 GI Bill provides financial support for education and housing to honorably discharged veterans with at least 90 days of aggregate service on Title 10 Active Duty or Title 32 Active Guard Reserve Duty after September 10, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. The Post 9/11 GI Bill will pay eligible individuals full tuition and fees directly to the school for all public school in-state students, attending classes at a greater than part-time rate. A Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) based on the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) for an E-5 with dependents is also provided. Distance learning enrollee's housing allowance is equal to half the national average BAH for an E-5 with dependents. An annual books and supplies stipend is paid proportionately based on years of active duty service.

[GIBill.va.gov](http://GIBill.va.gov)

**GI Bill Hotline**  
**(888) 442-4551**



### What is MyVolEdPath?

Get the education you need for the advancement you want – no matter where you are.

With the MyVolEdPath mobile app, you have a wealth of military education resources in the palm of your hand. You can maximize use of your military education benefits and create a customized path to education and advancement – anytime, anywhere.

Have you ever looked at all the available information about military education benefits and wondered, “Where do I even start?” If so, MyVolEdPath is exactly the answer you need.

With user-friendly design, comprehensive checklists, and step-by-step processes already laid out, MyVolEdPath provides a clear path to follow for military advancement, a college degree, or a civilian career.

MyVolEdPath makes it easy to get started and map out a plan to reach your goals.



## **Federal Tuition Assistance**

### **What Is It?**

Federal Tuition Assistance (FTA) is a financial assistance provided for voluntary off-duty education programs in support of a Soldier's professional and personal self-development goals. How Do I Qualify?

#### **Tier 1:**

- Be currently serving in the ARNG and completed AIT, WOBC, or BOLC.
- Have not attained a bachelor's degree and wish to pursue an undergraduate academic certificate, associate's or bachelor's degree or
- Have attained a bachelor's degree and wish to pursue a graduate or undergraduate academic certificate or
- Have attained a bachelor's degree w/out FTA and wish to pursue a master's degree.

#### **Tier 2:**

- Be currently serving in the ARNG and completed either ALC, WOAC, CCC, or equivalent.
  - Have attained a bachelor's degree w/ FTA and wish to pursue a master's degree.
- Service Requirement/Obligation:
- Enlisted: Have an ETS or MRD after completion of FTA funded course(s).
  - Officers and Warrant Officers: Subject to a two-year active service obligation (ADSO) or four-year RC obligation (RDSO).

### **What Do I Get?**

- Up to \$250 per semester hour, up to 16 SHs per fiscal year.
- Lifetime limit of 130 undergraduate semester hours and 39 graduate semester hours.
- Up to 21 additional SHs towards an academic certificate.
- CAN be used simultaneously with Chapter 1606/ MGIB-SR for the same course, when attending half-time or more.

### **How Do I Apply?**

- Go to [www.armyignited.com](http://www.armyignited.com) and establish an account by clicking "Get Started."
- Request an Education Path (select your school and degree program).
- Enroll in courses at your School•Return to ArmyIgnitED and request TA for the courses you want to use TA for.

### **For More Information:**

- Contact the Education Support Center: 866-ARNGEDU (276-4338).
- Visit Us Online: [www.nationalguard.com/education](http://www.nationalguard.com/education).
- Contact your State Education Services Office: CPT Nicole Jackson at [nicole.e.jackson2.mil@army.mil](mailto:nicole.e.jackson2.mil@army.mil) or 720-250-1325.

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## **Education Resources**

### **Better Business Bureau**

#### **Denver metro:**

303-758-2100

[info@denver.bbb.org](mailto:info@denver.bbb.org)

3801 E Florida Ave #350 Denver, CO 80210

#### **Southern Colorado:**

719-636-1155

[info@bbbco.org](mailto:info@bbbco.org)

[www.bbbco.org](http://www.bbbco.org)

25 N Wahsatch Ave #100, CO Springs, CO 80903

#### **Northern Colorado/Wyoming:**

970-488-1348

[info@wynco.bbb.org](mailto:info@wynco.bbb.org)

8020 S County Road 5 #100, Fort Collins, CO 80528

#### **Main Website:** [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org)

BBB's mission is to be the leader in advancing marketplace trust. BBB is a nonprofit, business-supported organization that sets and upholds high standards for fair and honest business behavior. All BBB services to consumers are free of charge. BBB provides objective advice, free BBB Business Profiles on more than 5.3 million businesses, 11,000 Charity Reviews, dispute resolution services, alerts, and educational information on topics affecting marketplace trust. We do this by setting standards for marketplace trust, encouraging and supporting best practices by engaging and educating consumers and businesses, celebrating marketplace role models, and calling out and addressing sub-standard marketplace behaviors.

**Eligibility:** All consumers

### **Castle Rock Art Cooperative**

(303) 910-6522

<https://castlerockartcoop.com>

6228 Leilani Ln

Castle Rock, CO 80108

Castle Rock Artist Cooperative (CRAC) is an artist nonprofit serving the community of Castle Rock. We offer Veterans Art Therapy, which is a joint program between the CRAC and the Douglas County Veterans Monument Foundation (DCVMF) — both Colorado-based 501(c)(3)'s — to assist local veterans who suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress. The program is designed to use the healing qualities of art to help veterans battling PTS. Since the program's inception in November of 2020, we have expanded our offerings of instruction in oil painting to also encompass photography, sculpture, watercolor and more. We are actively recruiting both veterans as well as artists/instructors to teach

the courses.

**Eligibility:** US Military Veteran.

### **Colorado Humanities & Center for the Book**

303-894-7951

[info@coloradohumanities.org](mailto:info@coloradohumanities.org)

[www.coloradohumanities.org](http://www.coloradohumanities.org)

7935 E. Prentice Ave Suite 450

Greenwood Village, CO 80111

*Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00AM-5:00PM*

The Colorado Center for the Book is an affiliate of the Library of Congress Center for the Book. As a department of Colorado Humanities, its mission is to encourage a love of reading among people of all ages through diverse cultural activities.

Colorado Humanities inspires the people of Colorado to explore ideas and appreciate our diverse cultural heritage. Passing on the knowledge of the past, the inspiration of the present, and the hope for the future, we envision a Colorado that celebrates its heritage and its diversity; that reads, embraces cultural activities, participates in critical discussions, and listens, teaches, and learns; where communities, families, individuals, and especially our youth, apply the humanities in their everyday lives. Colorado Humanities strives to bring the humanities to life in Colorado.

### **Colorado Department of Law- Consumer Protection Section**

720-508-6006

[stopfraud@coag.gov](mailto:stopfraud@coag.gov)

[www.stopfraudcolorado.gov](http://www.stopfraudcolorado.gov)

1300 Broadway, 7th Floor

Denver, CO 80203

The Colorado Attorney General is dedicated to protecting Colorado consumers and businesses against fraud by upholding the various laws designed to maintain a fair and competitive business environment while protecting consumers from being targets of fraud. Whether scammers are attempting to concoct elaborate investment schemes, to bait and switch advertising, or to lender and elderly fraud, the various Criminal and Civil Units within the office are devoted to keeping Coloradans safe.

**Eligibility:** All consumers

## Colorado Springs Military Newspaper Group

(719) 329-5220

[www.csmng.com](http://www.csmng.com)

235 S. Nevada Ave.

Colorado Springs, CO 80903

We are the publishers of the papers that go to Ft. Carson Army Post, Peterson/Schriever SFB. The papers are delivered weekly through rack distribution and on-line. The Ft. Carson Paper is the Mountaineer and the Peterson/Schriever papers is called the Space Orbital

**Eligibility:** N/A

## Grand Canyon University

(800) 800-9776

[www.gcu.edu](http://www.gcu.edu)

Grand Canyon University is an exceptional university that prides itself on the abilities of full service counselors. We are a proud supporter of our military - and prepared to walk students through various steps associated with tuition assistance, benefits at VA.gov, FAFSA. Military specific scholarships for service members, veterans, and their spouses. Call today to meet your LOCAL Aurora GCU representative to help answer all of your online education questions and scholarship details.

**Eligibility:** Any current or prior service member, spouses and children.

## Onward To Opportunity

(719) 231-5353

[fortcarsono2o@syrr.edu](mailto:fortcarsono2o@syrr.edu)

<https://ivmf.syracuse.edu/programs/career-training/>

Onward to Opportunity (O2O) is a free career training program that provides professional certification and employee support services to transitioning service members, veterans and military spouses. O2O combines industry-validated curricula, strong partnerships with leading veteran service organizations and private sector companies, and comprehensive career coaching services to prepare and match you with your next career.

**Eligibility:** Active Duty Military (US Army, USMC, US Air Force, US Navy, and USCG) – Any transitioning active duty service member who will transition from military service to the civilian workforce in the next 6 months with an “honorable” discharge status.

Veterans – Any veteran who has already separated or retired from the military with at

least 180 days of active duty service and a “honorable” discharge status.

National Guard and Reserves – currently in part-time status. If the service member is on active duty in the National Guard or Reserves, they may be subject to the active duty eligibility as stated above.

Spouses – Spouses of eligible veterans, as well as spouses of all active duty service members and Selected Reserve members (regardless of the expected date of separation), are eligible to apply to the program. (Spouses who have also served and currently serving will be subject to criteria listed above).

## The Center for Relationship Education

720-488-8888

[info@myrelationshipcenter.org](mailto:info@myrelationshipcenter.org)

[www.myrelationshipcenter.org](http://www.myrelationshipcenter.org)

8101 East Bellevue, Unit G

Denver, CO 80237

The Center for Relationship Education's exists to equip individuals of all ages with the healthy relationship development skills necessary to be in positive relationships with their friends, family, co-workers, and romantic partners

**Eligibility:** Active duty Military, Veterans, National Guard and Reservists are all eligible to receive no-cost services from The Center for Relationship Education.

## Pikes Peak Small Business Development Center

719-667-3803

[sbdc@elpasoco.com](mailto:sbdc@elpasoco.com)

[www.pikespeaksbdc.org](http://www.pikespeaksbdc.org)

559 East Pikes Peak Avenue Suite 101

Colorado Springs, CO 80903

The Pikes Peak Small Business Development Center offers free business consulting, practical training, and business resources that maximize the economic potential of entrepreneurs within the Pikes Peak region. Our mission is to help existing and new businesses grow and prosper. Our goal at the Pikes Peak SBDC is to help emerging and existing entrepreneurs gain control of their business operations. Let us help you maximize your business potential.

**Eligibility:** Any entrepreneurs, aspiring small business owners, and existing business owners. Veterans, Active Duty, Separated, and Retired individuals would be eligible to meet with our Lead Veterans Program consultant and take part in additional veterans only educational events.

## Regis University

303-964-5786

[www.regis.edu/about/regis-in-the-community/center-for-counseling-family-therapy/index](http://www.regis.edu/about/regis-in-the-community/center-for-counseling-family-therapy/index)

500 E. 84th St. B-12



Thornton, CO 80229

The Regis Centers for Counseling and Family Therapy have been set up to provide low to no-cost counseling services for our surrounding communities. Master's level therapists

**Eligibility:** Individual, family, couple, and children/adolescent outpatient mental health counseling services provided for any discharge status, any era, and any affiliation. (Active/Guard/Reserve/Veteran).

### **SCLHealth Lutheran Hospice**

303-425-8000

[www.sclhealth.org/locations/lutheran-hospice/services/hospice](http://www.sclhealth.org/locations/lutheran-hospice/services/hospice)

3210 Lutheran Parkway  
Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

Lutheran Hospice is a community hospice located in Wheat Ridge, Colorado. We accept most insurances for palliative care and hospice services and have a current contract with the VA to provide Veteran-centric hospice care. We offer inpatient, home care, and other community level support of patients in hospice care.

**Eligibility:** N/A

### **Veterans Services-Colorado Mesa University**

970-248-1739

[veterans@coloradomesa.edu](mailto:veterans@coloradomesa.edu)  
[www.coloradomesa.edu/veterans](http://www.coloradomesa.edu/veterans)

1100 North Avenue  
Grand Junction, CO 81506

Colorado Mesa University proudly complies with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Principles of Excellence and is committed to supporting those who have served our country. Veterans and their eligible dependents can count on CMU for the current information they need to receive education benefits through the VA.

**Eligibility:** Interested in attending or are attending college.

### **VA Rocky Mountain MIRECC for Suicide Prevention**

[RockyMountainMIRECC@va.gov](mailto:RockyMountainMIRECC@va.gov)  
[www.mirecc.va.gov/vsn19](http://www.mirecc.va.gov/vsn19)

1700 N Wheeling St.  
Aurora, CO 80045

The mission of the Rocky Mountain MIRECC is to study suicide with the goal of reducing suicidal ideation and behaviors in the Veteran population. The work of the Rocky Mountain MIRECC is focused on: promising clinical interventions, the cognitive and neuro-biological underpinnings of

suicidal thoughts, and behaviors that may lead to innovative prevention strategies. The vision of the Rocky Mountain MIRECC is: Veterans, their families, and the VHA will have increased information and options to make health decisions aimed at decreasing suicide risk.

**Eligibility:** Variable - depends on research study



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## **Food Pantries**

### **Billie Spielman Community Center**

719-344-8994

1616 West Bijou Street

Colorado Springs, CO 80904

Staff and volunteers distribute free food, meals, groceries, call 719-344-8994, and be sure to select option 2 and, maybe most importantly, referrals and information.

### **Care and Share Food Bank**

(719) 528-1247

2605 Preamble Pt

Colorado Springs, CO 80915

At Care and Share Food Bank, we believe that no one should go or Southern Colorado Colorado Springs hungry. Every day we provide food to partner agencies across Southern Colorado.

### **Colorado Pet Pantry**

For locations of pet food pop- up pantries, visit the link [CLICK HERE FOR LOCATIONS](#)

You are eligible to receive pet food from the Colorado Pet Pantry every two months no matter the location. (You can only go to one location every two months).

### **Colorado Springs Food Pantry**

1930 W Colorado Ave.

Colorado Springs, CO 80904

The Springs Food Pantry has been serving the southern Colorado and surrounding areas for over 26 years. We are the only no boundaries pantry in southern Colorado. This means we will serve anyone who comes to our pantry. Our customers range from single moms with children, the elderly, the homeless, to families and people who can't afford food. We currently serve 300 families a month.

### **CommUNITY Food Pantry**

3219 S. Academy Blvd.

Colorado Springs, CO 80916

Weekly: Tuesdays and Fridays 2pm-6pm

Monthly: Drive-thru food distribution!! \*Second Friday of every month. Additional Information Necessary for Pick-Up: Please bring your own bags if you can. (pick your own items with limits) They also have dry dog food, just ask for it.

### **Family Christian Center**

(719) 636-2191

3018 Virginia Ave.

Colorado Springs, CO 80907

Volunteers and social workers strive to address hun-

ger. Children, the disabled, homeless, and indigent may all get groceries and more from the food bank.

### **Fellow Bible Church**

719-533-2433

4159 Centennial Blvd

Colorado Springs, CO 80907

Provides groceries, meals, and support in El Paso County.

### **Good Shepherd United Methodist Church**

(719) 392-5782

1201 Leta Dr.

Colorado Springs, CO 80911

Mostly canned goods and bags of food are offered at the church pantry.

### **God's Pantry Ministry**

(719) 382-0643

102 North Main Street

Fountain, CO 80817

Emergency boxes of good, female products, hygiene Fountain goods, and other support is given. There may also be clothes for the homeless.

### **Living Hope Church**

719) 473-9436

640 Manitou Blvd.

Colorado Springs, CO 80904

Some of what is offered includes perishable items (fruits, meats, eggs), canned goods including pasta, or maybe baby formula. Call for hours or an appointment.

### **Mercy's Gate – Holiday Meal Kit**

(719) 277-7470

4360 Montebello Drive Suite #300

Colorado Springs, CO 80918

If you are a neighbor in need to assistance, go to Mercy's Gate to pick up a Holiday Meal Kit during open ministry sessions from Nov. 14-Dec. 23. On whichever available date you choose, you'll come to Mercy's Gate and receive a meal and a Holiday Meal Kit. As a reminder, each kit will contain classics like turkey, sweet potatoes and dinner rolls ready to be cooked and enjoyed with your loved ones.

LEARN MORE HERE!

**St. John's Baptist Church**

(719) 633-7017

902 S Prospect Street

Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Some of what may be offered includes basic needs such as clothing, canned food, fresh fruits, and volunteers may serve a hot meal.

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**

1-855-855-4626

Apply Online at: Colorado PEAK website

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) helps low- income households in Colorado purchase food. It provides a monthly benefit that helps families and individuals buy the food they need for good health.



## **Emergency Resources**

### **American Red Cross - Service to the Armed Forces**

877-272-7337

[www.redcross.org/colorado](http://www.redcross.org/colorado)

444 Sherman St.

Denver, CO 80203

The American Red Cross has been tasked by federal charter with supporting our nation's military members. Today, we are the number a military family calls when they need to reach their service person in an emergency. We are the smiling faces making the rounds at military hospitals, providing personal care items and encouraging words. And we are the respectful visitors paying tribute to veterans as they near the end of the journey. This important work is done by dedicated volunteers across the country and on American military installations worldwide.

**Eligibility:** Military (Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard), Veterans, Retirees, Family Members.

### **CONG SHARP/SAPR**

Office: 720-250-1561

Cell: 720-315-9119

12200 East Briarwood Ave #240

Centennial, CO 80112

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response

**Eligibility:** Guardsmen, Technician, Spouse, Dependents over 18

### **Home Front Military Network**

(719) 577-7417

<https://homefrontmilitarynetwork.org/>

[info@homefrontmilitarynetwork.org](mailto:info@homefrontmilitarynetwork.org)

120 N. Circle Drive Suite 230

Colorado Springs, CO 80909

HFMN connects military service members, veterans and their families throughout Colorado to essential resources, including financial assistance provided by HFMN and our partners, in order to meet the full range of needs of individuals and families. HFMN can also be reached through our online contact form (accessible 24/7):

<https://pikespeak.co.networkofcare.org/veterans/content.aspx?id=6533>

**Eligibility:** For general assistance, HFMN assists anyone who is military- or veteran-connected.

For financial assistance, eligibility varies; contact us so we can determine eligibility based on

individual/family needs.

### **Wish for our Heroes- Rocky Mountain Chapter**

[www.wishforourheroes.org](http://www.wishforourheroes.org)

A volunteer, nationwide, 501(c)(3), CFC non-profit dedicated to helping Military Families in times of need and hardship by granting wishes. W4OH has only one paid employee - every other team member is a volunteer, keeping our efficiency rating at 96%.

**Eligibility:** Military Families in times of hardship (some grants available for Veterans).



## American Red Cross Message Process (877)-272-7337

When a military family experiences a crisis, the American Red Cross is there to help. Wherever their military service takes them, service members can rest assured that the Red Cross will deliver notification of an emergency such as the death or serious illness of an immediate family member, as well as the good news of the birth of a service member's child or grandchild.

Twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year, the Red Cross relays urgent messages containing accurate, factual, complete and verified descriptions of the emergency to service members stationed anywhere in the world, including on ships at sea and at embassies and remote locations.

Even if the service member receives an email or phone call from home, Red Cross-verified information assists the member and his/her commanding officers with making a decision regarding emergency leave.

When initiating Red Cross message be prepared to provide as much of the following information about the service member as is known:

- Full legal name
- Rank/rating
- Branch of service (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard)
- Social Security number
- Date of birth
- Military unit address
- Nature of the emergency
- Where the emergency can be verified( hospital, doctors, office, funeral home)
- Name of contact for immediate family member experiencing the emergency

### Red Cross process video:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=kC-lweHS5qo&t=1s&spfreload=10](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kC-lweHS5qo&t=1s&spfreload=10)



Download the FREE Hero Care App

Access vital emergency and non-emergency resources for military members, veterans and military families.



Or text: "GETHEROCARE" to 90999



SERVICE TO THE  
ARMED FORCES

To contact your service member regarding an emergency, call 1-877-272-7337.  
Be ready to give the following information. (Keep in a safe place.)

Full Legal Name \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security # (last 4 digits) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Branch \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Duty Status \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Military Unit Address \_\_\_\_\_

Service Member's Telephone/Cell/Military (duty) #s \_\_\_\_\_

Local Red Cross Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Eligibility for Veteran Readiness and Employment**

Learn about eligibility requirements for Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E)—formerly called Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment. If you're a service member or Veteran and have a disability that was caused—or made worse—by your active-duty service and that limits your ability to work or prevents you from working, you may be able to get employment support or services to help you live as independently as possible.

### **If I'm a Veteran, am I eligible for Veteran Readiness and Employment?**

You're eligible to apply for VR&E benefits and services if you meet both of the requirements listed here: All of these must be true:

- You didn't receive a dishonorable discharge, and
- You have a service-connected disability rating of at least 10% from VA

When we receive your VR&E application, we'll schedule your initial evaluation with a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (VRC). The VRC will determine if you're entitled to receive VR&E benefits and services.

If you were discharged from active duty before January 1, 2013, your basic period of eligibility ends 12 years from one of these dates, whichever comes later:

- The date you received notice of your date of separation from active duty, or
- The date you received your first VA service-connected disability rating

The basic period of eligibility may be extended if a VRC finds that you have a serious employment handicap (SEH). Having an SEH means your service-connected disability significantly limits your ability to prepare for, obtain, and maintain suitable employment (a job that doesn't make your disability worse, is stable, and matches your abilities, aptitudes, and interests).

If you were discharged from active duty on or after January 1, 2013, the 12-year basic period of eligibility doesn't apply to you. There's no time limit on your eligibility.

If I'm still on active duty, am I eligible for Veteran Readiness and Employment?

You may be eligible for VR&E benefits and services if you're a service member and you meet at least one of the requirements listed below.

At least one of these must be true:

- You have a 20% or higher pre-discharge disability rating (memorandum rating) and will soon leave the military, or
- You're waiting to be discharged because of a severe illness or injury that occurred while you were on active duty.

Note: Severely injured active-duty service members can automatically receive VR&E benefits before VA issues a disability rating. This is according to Sec. 1631(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act (PL 110-181).

Benefits Delivery at Discharge (BDD): If you have an illness or injury that you believe was caused—or made worse—by your active-duty service, you can file a claim for disability benefits through the BDD program 180 to 90 days before you leave active duty. This may help speed up the claim decision process so you can get your benefits sooner.

### **Career Fairs and Job Openings**

For an updated list of current job openings in the community and career fairs in Colorado please visit the JCF Website: [coloradojcf.org/employment](http://coloradojcf.org/employment)

## **Employment Resources**

### **Army Reserve Readiness**

303-365-3178

[www.usar.army.mil/p3](http://www.usar.army.mil/p3)

13137 E 23rd Ave

Aurora, CO 80045

Job Assistance for Army Reserve, Spouses, and Veterans to include resume review, interviewing techniques, and placement assistance.

**Eligibility:** Army Reserve Soldier, Veteran, or spouse of the Soldier or Veteran

### **Carlos Gonzalez State Farm Insurance Agency**

719-900-7431

[www.guardianofthecommunity.com](http://www.guardianofthecommunity.com)

1710 South Circle Dr.

Colorado Springs, CO 80910

Carlos is a retired Colorado Army National Guardsman who understands your needs. This agency sells insurance and financial service products. We offer life insurance, car insurance, homeowners insurance, renters insurance, and health insurance. Additionally, the agent is licensed to discuss and sell securities (mutual funds).

**Eligibility:** N/A

### **Colorado National Guard Employment Program**

720-250-2185

[www.coloradojcf.org/employment](http://www.coloradojcf.org/employment)

The Colorado National Guard Employment Program prepares and connects service members with education and career readiness services, in an effort to enhance readiness and boost resilience. The mission is to maintain a ready and resilient force capable of accomplishing State and Federal missions by connecting ARNG Soldiers, Dependents, Veterans and Retirees with financial and career education plus employment opportunities throughout the Soldier's Life Cycle.

**Eligibility:** ARNG Soldiers, Dependents, Veterans and Retirees

### **CWT/ Vocational Employment Services**

720-857-5068

[dawn.murphy4@va.gov](mailto:dawn.murphy4@va.gov)

1700 N. Wheeling St.

Aurora, CO 80045

Monday-Friday 8AM-4:30PM

VA sponsored recovery-oriented program for Veterans with severe mental illness wishing to

obtain competitive employment.

**Eligibility:** Must be a Veteran who is eligible for VA services, referred by a VA PCP or VA Mental Health Provider, has a severe mental illness diagnosis and be willing to pursue competitive employment.

### **Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)**

800-336-4590

[osd.userra@mail.mil](mailto:osd.userra@mail.mil)

[www.esgr.mil](http://www.esgr.mil)

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, and educational opportunities that increase awareness of applicable laws and resolves employment conflicts between the Service Members and their employers.

**Eligibility:** All employers, all uniformed Service Members, and Families of affected Service Members.

### **Fort Carson ACS Employment Readiness Program**

(719) 526-0452

<https://carson.armymwr.com/programs/employment-readiness>

[usarmy.carson.imcom-fmwrc.list.dfmwr-w-acs-employment-readiness@army.mil](mailto:usarmy.carson.imcom-fmwrc.list.dfmwr-w-acs-employment-readiness@army.mil)

6303 Wetzel Avenue, Bldg 1526

Fort Carson, CO 80913

The Employment Readiness Program (ERP) offers resources to help with your career plan and job search. Whether you're a military spouse or Family member who just moved to a new installation, retiree, DoD Civilian looking for new opportunities, or active duty military, Active Reserve, National Guard member, or Wounded Warrior, we're here to help.

Our services include:

- Up-to-date information on local, national, and international employment opportunities, job market trends and education, and volunteer resources
- Information on job fairs (in person and virtual) and other hiring events
- Assistance with employment applications
- Career counseling and individual career assessments
- Resume critiques
- Classes and seminars on self-assessment and career exploration, resume writing, interviewing techniques, dressing for success, networking, and entrepreneurship
- Information on spouse licensure reimbursement



(re-licensing at a new duty station can be costly)

**Eligibility:** Active Duty SM, Military Spouse, Retiree, Family Member Dependent, DoD Civilian (basically anyone with a DoD ID Card)

### **Goodwill of Colorado**

(719) 635-4483

[www.goodwillcolorado.org](http://www.goodwillcolorado.org)

1460 Garden of the Gods Road

Colorado Springs, CO 80907

Monday-Friday 8AM-5PM

Goodwill of Colorado offers a variety of community programs including job training programs, employment services, home care, community transpiration, and energy bill assistance. Eligibility: Varies by service.

### **Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP)**

303-318-8827

<https://www.dol.gov/agencies/vets/programs/hvrp>

This is an employment focused competitive grant program of the Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DOL-VETS), the only federal grant to focus exclusively on competitive employment for homeless veterans. HVRP has two core objectives, which are to provide services to assist in reintegrating homeless veterans into meaningful employment within the labor force and to stimulate the development of effective service delivery systems that will address the complex problems facing homeless veterans.

**Eligibility:** HVRP serves three different categories of veteran populations:

- Homeless female veterans and veterans with children
- Incarcerated veterans
- Homeless veterans.

Currently, Colorado has 2 grant recipients who can receive referrals: The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (Denver) & Hire Heroes USA (Colorado Springs).

### **Mesa County Workforce Center**

970-248-0871

[jobservice@mesacounty.us](mailto:jobservice@mesacounty.us)

<https://mcwfc.us>

512 29 1/2 Road

Grand Junction, CO 81504

We are the Mesa County Workforce Center, a One-Stop Shop designed to efficiently serve the needs of businesses and job seekers in an effort to promote economic development and vitality. Our no-cost services, which include assessments,

workshops, recruitment assistance, business services and much more, continue to propel our community into the future with education, training and resources invaluable in making our community prosperous and globally competitive. Our exceptional collaboration with local education establishments, businesses and other resources, dedicated to economic development and growth, make us a fundamental link between businesses and prospective employees.

**Eligibility:** Varies by program. To be eligible for Veteran Priority of Service = 1 day active duty, any discharge other than dishonorable.

### **Project: Return to Work, INC**

720-359-1541

[www.return2work.org](http://www.return2work.org)

Project: Return to Work Inc. (R2W), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 1998, provides personalized employment service to Veterans, their Spouses, and Americans with disabilities.

**Eligibility:** Veterans (any), their Spouses and disabled Americans.

### **Service Source Inc.**

719-579-5700

[www.servicesource.org](http://www.servicesource.org)

Service Source is a non-profit agency helping people with all ranges of disabilities obtain a job at the dining facilities on Ft. Carson doing janitorial support services for the military. Through supports and accommodations we help people with disabilities thrive in a non-competitive work environment.

**Eligibility:** Must be 18 years of age. Must be able to pass a background and drug screen. Must have documentation of disability. Must be flexible to working weekends and holidays. Must have reliable transportation (City bus is not considered reliable)

### **USO Pathfinder**

(719) 338-9322

<https://www.uso.org/programs/uso-pathfinder-transition-program>

1638 Elwell St

Fort Carson, CO 80913

The USO Pathfinder® Transition Program extends professional development services throughout the duration of the service member or military spouse's career, as well as when they transition out of the military and settle into their new communities.

The USO Pathfinder Transition Program works with strategic partners to connect service members and military spouses to resources through a holistic approach, focusing on: Employment, Education, Financial readiness, Mentorship, Increased

access to relevant veterans' benefits in their communities

**Eligibility:** The USO Pathfinder® Transition Program extends the USO experience to active duty, Veterans, Reserve, National Guard and Military Spouses.

### **Warriors4Wireless**

855-949-5627

[www.warriors4wireless.org](http://www.warriors4wireless.org)

This non-profit attempts to bridge the gap between the demand for trained and deployable communication infrastructure technicians and the thousands of qualified service men and women eager to transfer the skills they've learned in the military. Provides training, advanced certification and transitional support, giving Veterans the building blocks they need for an exciting and fulfilling career in this rapidly growing industry. Warriors4Wireless seeks to place qualified Veterans into open job positions.

**Eligibility:** Currently or previously served in the military.

### **Wounded Warrior Project®**

**Warriors to Work®**

719-419-3057

[www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org)

1 S Nevada Ave #205

Colorado Springs, CO 80903

The Wounded Warrior Project® is a Veteran employment program that provides career guidance and support services to Wounded Warriors and their Families as well as caregivers interested in transitioning to the civilian workforce. We match your skills and experience to the needs of hiring managers. These services are also open if you are registered with Family Support.

**Eligibility:** Wounded Warrior Project® (WWP) serves Veterans and Service Members who incurred a physical or mental injury, illness, or wound, coincident to their military service on or after September 11, 2001.

### **Workforce Centers**

[www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdle/wfc](http://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdle/wfc)

Workforce Centers provide a variety of free services to assist employers and job seekers. These include job listings, computer and internet access, and career counseling and training. Veterans receive additional support with their job search.

**Eligibility:** Anyone can utilize the services at county Workforce Centers. Veterans receive

priority of service in all federally funded programs at the workforce center. If applicable in order to qualify for the Disabled Veterans' Outreach Program (DVOP), the Veteran must first meet with an employment specialist at the workforce center. If appropriate, intensive services for Veterans with significant barriers to employment will be provided.



# FAMILY AND YOUTH SUPPORT



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## FAMILY AND YOUTH SUPPORT RESOURCES



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### **Army Community Services-Fort Carson**

<https://carson.armymwr.com/programs/army-community-service>

6303 Wetzel Ave, Bldg. 1526, Fort Carson

Regardless of what stage of life you and your family are in, Army Community Service has services and programs to make your Army life more successful. If you are new to the Fort Carson Colorado area, make sure to stop in and pick up a welcome packet, get maps and directions about the local area, and meet our professional staff. ACS offers monthly classes on parenting, finances, relationships, volunteerism, exceptional family members, and much more, all designed to improve the quality of your life. Our mission at ACS is to prepare and empower our Total Military Family to meet the challenges of military life by providing essential programs, resources, and services that enhance knowledge, life skills, well-being, quality of life, and retention. ACS supports the Commanders' ability to sustain mission readiness to fight and win on any battlefield.

**Eligibility:** Active duty and retired service members, spouses, DA Civilians

### **Airman & Family Readiness Center- CO Air National Guard 140th Wing**

720-847-9116

<https://co.ng.mil/Family/Airman-Family-Readiness-Program/>

18860 E Breckenridge Ave, Bldg 801, Room N-259

Buckley AFB, Aurora, CO 80011

The A&FRP provides targeted support services contributing to mission readiness and the well being of the Air Force community.

**Eligibility:** Military members both active or retired, any branch of service.

### **Airman & Family Readiness Center- Peterson AFB**

719-556-6141

[21fss.fsfr@us.af.mil](mailto:21fss.fsfr@us.af.mil)

<https://www.21fss.com/>

135 Dover St #1203

Peterson AFB, CO 80914

Provide targeted Airman and Family support and services, contributing to the mission readiness, resiliency, and well-being of the Air Force community.

**Eligibility:** Active Duty Military, Retirees, and DoD-

connected Civilians.

### **Airman & Family Readiness Center- Schriever AFB**

719-567-3920

<https://www.schriever.spaceforce.mil/AandFRC/>

101 Falcon Pkwy

Schriever AFB, CO 80912

This Family Support Center offers transition training including deployment support, personal financial management, personal and work life skills development, relocation assistance, employment assistance, volunteer resources, military child education information, exceptional family member support, transition assistance, wounded, ill and injured support services, and support to the community during disaster crisis/evacuation situations.

**Eligibility:** DoD military, AFR, ANG, DoD civilians and their eligible Family Members

### **Airman & Family Readiness Center- USAFA**

719-333-3444/3445

[www.usafasupport.com](http://www.usafasupport.com)

6248 W Pine Loop

USAF Academy, CO 80840

The Airman and Family Readiness Center (A&FRC) serves as a one-stop information and referral center and is the cornerstone of the Air Force Academy's family support system, helping Airmen and their Families enhance their readiness and quality of life.

The A&FRC offers proactive, preventive, and remedial services that foster self-sufficiency and sustain the personal and family readiness of the Total Force.

**Eligibility:** We serve Active duty military members from all services, Guard and Reserve members, retired military members and Department of Defense civilians and their family members.

### **Blue Star Families**

844-202-7827

[www.bluestarfam.org](http://www.bluestarfam.org)

Blue Star Families builds communities that support military Families by connecting research and data to programs and solutions, including career development tools, local community events for families, and caregiver support. Since its inception in 2009 Blue Star Families has engaged tens of thousands of volunteers and serves more than 1.5 million Military Family members.

**Eligibility:** Active duty, National Guard, Reserve, care-giver, and transitioning Service Members and their Families from all ranks and services, as well as Veterans.

## **Buckley AFB Community Support**

720-847-6881

510 S Aspen St. #250E

Aurora, CO 80011

Supports Service Members and Families by being a cross-organizational liaison between on- and off-base resources/services. Provides installation resiliency training.

**Eligibility:** We serve Active Duty Military Members, Guard and Reserve members, Retired Military Members, and Department of Defense Civilians. We also serve their Family Members.

## **Colorado National Guard Family Assistance**

866-333-8844

Buckley AFB: 720-250-1963

Centennial: 720-250-1186

Colorado Springs: 720-250-4885

Denver: 720-250-2771

Grand Junction: 720-250-5771

Recruit Sustainment Program: 720-250-2773

<https://co.ng.mil/family>

The mission of the Family Assistance Team is to provide support and resources to Service Members and their Families regardless of their location, deployment status, branch of service, or duty status (active, reserve, retired). We are here to provide the six essential services in addition to a multitude of other necessary resources; Legal resource and referral, financial resource and referral, TRICARE resource and referral, ID Cards/DEERS information, Crisis Intervention and referral and Community Information/Outreach.

**Eligibility:** Service Members and their Families regardless of their location, deployment status, branch of service, or duty status (active, reserve, retired).

## **CPCD-Giving Children a Head Start**

(719) 635-1536

[www.cpcdheadstart.org](http://www.cpcdheadstart.org)

2330 Robinson St.

Colorado Springs, CO 80904

CPCD is the tuition free preschool for families with children ages birth to five years old. CPCD's two-generation programming supports children and/or parents and caregivers in the following areas: Education, Economic Supports, Health and wellness, and Social Capital.

**Eligibility:** Income based or developmental concerns.

## **Dogs on Deployment**

619-800-3631

[info@dogsondeployment.org](mailto:info@dogsondeployment.org)

[www.dogsondeployment.org](http://www.dogsondeployment.org)

Dogs On Deployment is a 501(c)(3) national non-profit which provides an online network for Service Members to search for volunteers who are willing to board their pets during their owner's service commitments. Dogs on Deployment promotes responsible, life-long pet ownership by military pet owners by advocating for military pet owner rights, providing educational resources, and granting financial assistance for military pet owners during times of emergency.

**Eligibility:** Military member in need of assistance with pet concerns.

## **Flying Horse Foundation**

303-660-3583

[www.flyinghorsefoundation.org](http://www.flyinghorsefoundation.org)

9663 E. Palmer Divide

Larkspur, CO 80118

We offer three separate programs. A weekday Equine-assisted learning program during the week (2 hours curriculum based life skills), a weekend respite program for kids who have experienced trauma (ages 7-17), and a senior program visiting with our mini donkeys. All programs are detailed on our website and are free of charge.

**Eligibility:** Detailed on website.

## **Guided Hope**

(303) 717-8372

[www.guidedhope.org](http://www.guidedhope.org)

[info@guidedhope.org](mailto:info@guidedhope.org)

1028 N County Road 21

Berthoud, CO 80513

Come to learn, work, and have fun in the country! We desire to mentor children, strengthen families, share hope, and inspire service. ==Free of charge. All ages are welcome. Our Roundup program schedule and registration information may be found on our website.

**Eligibility:** N/A

## **Military OneSource**

800-342-9647

[www.militaryonesource.mil](http://www.militaryonesource.mil)

At Military OneSource, we have one mission-to connect you to your best MilLife.

**Eligibility:** Active Duty, Military Spouse, dependent, surviving spouses and dependents, Veterans up to 180 days after separation.

## **Mt Carmel Veterans Service Center**

719-772-7000

[frontdesk@mtcarmelcenter.org](mailto:frontdesk@mtcarmelcenter.org)

[www.veteranscenter.org](http://www.veteranscenter.org)

530 Communication Circle

Colorado Springs, CO 80905

To provide best practices for our military, veterans, and their families through accessible programs, integrated resources, and collaborative partnerships that empower lives and strengthen our community. Mt. Carmel provides transition and employment assistance, behavioral health and wellness, supportive services, connection to community resources, and event space.

**Eligibility:** Services are confidential and open to military, veterans, of all era regardless of discharge status, and their families.

## **Regis Centers for Counseling & Family Therapy**

### **Regis University**

[https://www.regis.edu/RHCHP/Schools/](https://www.regis.edu/RHCHP/Schools/Counseling-and-Family-Therapy/Counseling-Family-Therapy-Labs.aspx)

[Counseling-and-Family-Therapy/Counseling-](https://www.regis.edu/RHCHP/Schools/Counseling-and-Family-Therapy/Counseling-Family-Therapy-Labs.aspx)

[Family-Therapy-Labs.aspx](https://www.regis.edu/RHCHP/Schools/Counseling-and-Family-Therapy/Counseling-Family-Therapy-Labs.aspx)

Thornton Campus

303-964-6295

500 E. 84th Ave.

Thornton, CO 80229

Colorado Springs Campus

719-264-7027

7450 Campus Drive, Suite 100

Colorado Springs CO 80920

The Regis Centers for Counseling and Family Therapy have been set up to provide low to no-cost counseling services for our surrounding communities. Master's Level therapists-in-training will meet with you once per week for an average of 14 weeks per semester. You will have a consistent counselor over those 14 weeks, and your appointment will be at the same time each week. Many students are Veterans or Spouses and/or have advanced training in our Counseling Military Families Certificate program. We do ask that those receiving therapy agree to be video recorded, as this provides real-time feedback for the therapist to evaluate their skills along with their supervisor. You can look forward to an authentic and growth-oriented relationship with your therapist, as well as to the development of your own base of life-skills derived from the latest research and best practices offered in the field.

**Eligibility:** Individual, family, couple, and children/adolescent outpatient mental health counseling services provided for any discharge status, any

era, and any affiliation (Active/Guard/Reserve/Veteran).

## **Operation Home Front**

719-358-7127

[colorado@operationhomefront.org](mailto:colorado@operationhomefront.org)

[www.operationhomefront.org](http://www.operationhomefront.org)

3726 E. Pikes Peak Ave

Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Operation Homefront is a national 501(c)(3) non-profit whose mission is to build strong, stable, and secure Military Families so they can thrive — not simply struggle to get by — in the communities they have worked so hard to protect. For over fifteen years, we have provided programs that offer: RELIEF (through Critical Financial Assistance and transitional housing programs), RESILIENCY (through permanent housing and caregiver support services) and RECURRING FAMILY SUPPORT programs and services throughout the year that help military families overcome the short-term bumps in the road so they don't become long-term chronic problems.

**Eligibility:** Currently serving Active Duty ranks E1-E6, wounded, ill, or injured Service Members or Veterans who have received honorable discharge within the past 7 years.

## **Peak View Behavioral Health**

720-444-8484

[www.peakviewbh.com](http://www.peakviewbh.com)

7353 Sisters Grove

Colorado Springs, CO 80923

Peak View Behavioral Health is 112-bed inpatient psychiatric hospital providing care for youth, adults, and seniors struggling with mental health and/or substance abuse issues. We also offer outpatient services for all populations.

**Eligibility:** Accepts all major insurances including TRICARE, Medicaid, and Medicare.

## **ViewPointe Senior Living**

719-528-8000 ext. 2

[www.viewpointeco.com](http://www.viewpointeco.com)

555 S Rockrimmon Blvd

Colorado Springs, CO 80919

Faith-based, non-profit for senior living to include, Independent, Assisted Living and Memory Care

**Eligibility:** Private pay. Accepts long term care insurance. Aid & Attendance.

## **Warriors of Faith Military Ministries Inc.**

(970) 201-1144

[WOFMinistryCO@gmail.com](mailto:WOFMinistryCO@gmail.com)

P.O. Box 336

Clifton, CO 81520

Veterans Families resource programs. Outreach and



community services. Resource information.

Spiritual Leadership and Counseling.

**Eligibility:** Must have a DD-214 or Red Report. Verification through local VA or DEERS OFFICER. Active or Retired Duty.

Assistance for Veteran, Spouse, & children of said Veteran, are eligible.

### **Welcome Home Warrior-Regis University**

719-264-7032

[whw@regis.edu](mailto:whw@regis.edu)

[www.whwarrior.org](http://www.whwarrior.org)

7450 Campus Dr. Suite 100

Colorado Springs, CO 80920

Welcome Home Warrior hosts free couple and family retreats for Veterans and Active Duty Soldiers. We collaborate with community organizations who donate time and money for these retreats. The purpose of the retreats is to help couples and families reconnect, with quality time together in a quiet, stress free place. We provide child care and supervised activities for children and teens. There are daily optional activities for everyone for fun and specialized groups and classes for couples wanting some help to deal with problems.

**Eligibility:** Two, 3-day family retreats are offered yearly, one in Spring and one in Fall, and are open for any discharge status, any era, and any affiliation (Active/Guard/Reserve/Veteran)



# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



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## **Financial Assistance Resources**

### **Greenpath Financial Wellness**

800-550-1961

[www.greenpath.org](http://www.greenpath.org)

Offices are located in the Denver and Fort Collins areas and counseling by phone is available state-wide. Regain control over your finances or housing decisions so you can pay bills on time, pay off debt, build a financial cushion, and enjoy life without financial stress. Financial counseling and guidance that empowers people to live financially healthy lives.

**Eligibility:** Anyone interested in regaining control of their finances.

### **New York Life & NYLIFE Securities LLC**

303-910-3716

[www.newyorklifecolorado.com](http://www.newyorklifecolorado.com)

3200 Cherry Creek S Dr, Suite 700  
Denver, CO 80209

Insurance, investments, and financial planning for individuals, businesses, and non-profits. Career opportunities are available.

**Eligibility:** EOE M/F/D/V/SO

### **Office of Financial Readiness- Personal Financial Counseling**

Denver Metro: 803-323-9871 or [p](mailto:fc.co.ng@zeiders.com)

[fc.co.ng@zeiders.com](mailto:fc.co.ng@zeiders.com)

Colorado Springs: 719-600-9835 or

[pfc4.co.ng@zeiders.com](mailto:pfc4.co.ng@zeiders.com)

Grand Junction: 970-975-0215 or

[pfc3.co.ng@zeiders.com](mailto:pfc3.co.ng@zeiders.com)

Greely: 970-616-2315 or [pfc.co.ng@zeiders.com](mailto:pfc.co.ng@zeiders.com)

Personal Financial Counselors provide free and confidential financial counseling, including everything from budgeting to retirement planning.

**Eligibility:** Support any branch of Service Members who are Support Active Duty, Active Reserve, Dependents of Active Duty/ Reserve, Gold Star Eligible Dependents, and Retired Service Members for the first 180 days of retirement.

### **Operation Homefront**

(719) 358-7127

[www.operationhomefront.org](http://www.operationhomefront.org)

3726 Pikes Peak Ave.

Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Operation Homefront builds strong, stable and secure military families so they can thrive, not simply struggle to get by, in the communities they've worked so hard to protect.

**Eligibility:** Military families.

### **YMCA of the Pikes Peak Region**

719-471-9790

[ppymca.org](http://ppymca.org)

207 N Nevada Ave.

Colorado Springs, CO 80903

The Y is a cause-driven organization that is for youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. Our programs, services, and initiatives welcome and embrace newcomers, enable kids to realize their potential, help prepare teens for college, offer ways for families to connect and spend time together, and provide a broader community for seniors to be healthy in mind, body, and spirit. The Y is community centered. We listen and respond to challenges that keep individuals and the community from reaching their full potential. The Y responds with services and support that help people become self-reliant, productive, and connected. Some of our critical focus areas include military outreach, teen development, swimming, water safety, and child care.

**Eligibility:** Call for eligibility requirements





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## **Veteran Medicare Resources**

### **What Every Medicare Eligible Veteran Should Know**

1. When are Veterans Medicare Eligible?

Generally, when they turn 65 or are under 65 and entitled to Social Security disability benefits for 24 months.

2. Enroll in Medicare when Medicare Eligible. Not enrolling may result in a financial penalty.

3. Veterans have PAID INTO and are ENTITLED to all the benefits of the Medicare system.

4. Enrolling in Original Medicare, a Medicare Advantage Plan, or a Prescription Drug Plan does not affect entitlement or eligibility to Veteran Benefits or TRICARE For Life.

5. Medicare Eligible Veterans who are not TRICARE for Life or enrolled in the VA Health Care System need a prescription drug plan. Failure to do so may result in a financial penalty.

6. For free assistance in determining the best option or to have questions answered, contact Rich Lewis, 719-339-1835.

### **VA Health Benefits and Medicare**

VA benefits and Medicare do not work together to coordinate your care. The VA recommends that you enroll in Medicare Part B as soon as you are eligible. Failure to do so will result in a Part B premium penalty when you enroll at a later date. Having both VA and Medicare gives Veterans options and control of their health care. VETS.GOV states:

- We don't know if Congress will provide enough funding in future years for us to provide care for all Veterans who are signed up for VA health care. If you're in one of the lower priority groups, you could lose your VA health care benefits in the future.

- Having Medicare means you're covered if you need to go to a non-VA hospital or doctor—so you have more options to choose from.

- If you delay signing up for Medicare Part B (coverage for doctors and outpatient services) and then need to sign up later because you lose your VA health care benefits or need more choice in care options, you'll pay a penalty. This penalty gets bigger each year you delay signing up—and you'll pay it every year for the rest of your life.

- If you sign up for Medicare Part D (coverage for prescription drugs), you'll be able to use it to get medicine from non-VA doctors and fill your prescriptions at your local pharmacy instead of through the VA mail-order service. But you should know that VA prescription drug coverage is better than Medicare coverage—and there's no penalty for delaying Medicare Part D.

# **Veteran Suicide Resources**

## **Facts about Veteran Suicide**

- 18% of all deaths by suicide among U.S. Adults were Veterans.
- There were more than 6,000 Veteran suicides each year from 2008 to 2016.
- In 2016, the suicide rate was 1.5 times greater for Veterans than non-Veteran adults, after adjusting for age & gender.
- 17 Veterans die by suicide each day, 5 active duty each day (total of 22 per day). This highlights the importance of collaboration between DOD, VA, and community partners. "It takes a village."
- 25% of Veteran suicides have a history of previous suicide attempts.
- Veterans are more likely than the general public to use firearms (the most lethal means) for suicide.
- Specific higher risk groups: Younger/Newly separated/transitioning, Older Veterans (with extensive health issues such as chronic pain), Women Veterans.

## **What is being done to combat Veteran suicide?**

- VA working in multiple areas:
- Improving access to care (within VA system & education, partnership with community resources & supportive organizations.)
- Collaboration with Federal, State & Local government agencies (Governor's Challenge, DOD/VA Collaboration) & building community partnerships.
- Lethal Means Safety (partnering with firearm community to support shared safety messaging & resources.)
- Peer Support (Deploying suicide prevention education & training about resources for community agencies/ organizations & developing a workforce of Peers with lived experience in health care organizations, adding peer support specialists to the Veterans Crisis Line.)
- Resource Collaboration & collection (Statewide resources listings for Veteran-specific community resources via 211, various projects such as interactive online portal.)
- Ongoing Research regarding at-risk populations to continuously improve strategies including awareness & intersectionality.
- Expanding VA Suicide Prevention Team to improve services, enhance current roles & provide more comprehensive care & connections. (Community outreach-100% position).



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs  
Veterans Health Administration  
Eastern Colorado Health Care System

## **How can I help, as an individual?**

**START THE CONVERSATION**

"It worries me to hear you talking like this. Let's talk to someone about it."

"I've noticed that you haven't been acting like yourself lately. Is something going on?"

"I've noticed you're [sleeping more, eating less, etc.], is everything ok today?"

**OFFER SUPPORT**

"I really want to help, what can I do to help you right now?"

"Would you like me to go with you to a hospital, grocery or a meeting? Or you need a ride to any of your appointments?"

Let's sit down together and look for places to get help. I can go with you too.

BE PATIENT, UNDERSTANDING AND PROVIDE HOPE.

Your friend may feel alone; check in regularly and include your friend in your plans

Learn more about mental health conditions

Avoid saying things like "you'll get over it," "toughen up" or "you're fine"

Tell your friend that having a mental health condition does not change the way you feel about them

Tell your friend it gets better; help and support are out there

**Veterans Crisis Line** **Military Crisis Line**

1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1



## How can I help, as an organization or agency?

- Educate your personnel/members about Veteran mental health & Suicide Prevention.
  - Training by VA staff is available for your organization/agency. (see next slide).
  - Community Resources (final slide).
- Know the warning signs/what to look for.
- End stigma & encourage openness.
- Display/distribute resources (Veterans Crisis line cards/materials, etc.)
- Invite VA to attend events held by your organization to provide outreach/education/awareness to attendees.
- Have a plan for crisis intervention.
- Encourage/host healthy activities/events for building community & support among Veterans.

**“Suicide Prevention is everyone’s business”**



**1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1**

• • • • Confidential chat at **VeteransCrisisLine.net** or text to **838255** • • • •

- Veterans
- Service members
- Family members
- Friends



## Health And Wellness Resources

### **Adaptive Adventures**

303-679-2770

[info@adaptiveadventures.org](mailto:info@adaptiveadventures.org)

[www.adaptiveadventures.org](http://www.adaptiveadventures.org)

1215 Nelson St #1

Lakewood, CO 80215

The adaptive sports program mission is to provide progressive adults and veterans with physical disabilities.

**Eligibility:** Youth, adults, or veterans who are injured or have a disability.

### **Alzheimer's Association**

800-272-3900

[alz.org/co](http://alz.org/co)

The Alzheimer's Association Colorado Chapter is the premier source of information and support for Coloradans living with dementia and their families and caregivers. Through our statewide network of eight offices, the Alzheimer's Association offers a broad range of free programs and services, funding for Alzheimer's and dementia research, and advocacy efforts on behalf of Coloradans.

**Eligibility:** Free care and support services to people living with dementia and their care givers.

### **Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado**

303-355-9969

[info@biacolorado.org](mailto:info@biacolorado.org)

<http://biacolorado.org>

1325 S. Colorado Blvd Suite B300

Denver, CO 80222

The Brain Injury Alliance of Colorado is the go-to resource for help and services for survivors of an injury to the brain, their families, and providers.

**Eligibility:** Self-reported brain injury

### **Brookdale Hospice Center of Denver**

303-771-3304

[www.brookdale.com](http://www.brookdale.com)

5600 S. Quebec St. Suite 375C

Greenwood Village, CO 80111

We provide end of life care to the terminally ill and their families. We accept VA benefits. We also connect community Veterans to dying Veterans throughout Denver and Colorado Springs through a special Vet 2 Vet volunteer program.

**Eligibility:** Anyone can call for information on receiving hospice care or volunteering. Must receive a physician order to evaluate hospice eligibility. To volunteer, one must apply, pass a background check, drug screen, and complete

training.

### **Bruce McCandless Veterans Community Living Center**

719-784-6331

[www.colorado.gov/cdhs/veteranshomes](http://www.colorado.gov/cdhs/veteranshomes)

903 Moore Drive

Florence, CO 81226

Long-Term Care State Veterans Nursing Facility

**Eligibility:** Veteran, Spouse of Veteran, Widow/Widower of Veteran

### **Cambium Counseling**

970-235-0913

[www.cambiumcounseling.com](http://www.cambiumcounseling.com)

410 9th St

Golden, CO 80401

Cambium offers counseling services that utilize a creative and solution-focused approach for emerging adults, couples, and families impacted by significant stress and addiction.

**Eligibility:** Out-of-network provider with reduced fee options upon request and based on availability.

### **Cedar Springs Hospital**

(719) 633-4114

[www.cedarspringsbhs.com](http://www.cedarspringsbhs.com)

2135 Southgate Road

Colorado Springs, CO 80906

As a progressive organization, Cedar Springs is always working to improve access, convenience and quality of care through innovation, research and training. We provide acute inpatient and residential psychiatric treatment as well as partial hospitalization and intensive outpatient programs for children, adolescents and adults. From assessment to discharge planning, all services are individualized to address patients' needs. Cedar Springs Hospital has qualified, behavioral health professionals available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to assist patients, family members and referring professionals. We are always standing by to facilitate mental health assessments, discuss treatment options, provide crisis intervention and assist in determining the appropriate level of care for your loved one or patient. We also accept direct referrals.

**Eligibility:** None.

## Center for People with Disabilities- Veterans Independence Program

303-442-8662

[info@cpwd.org](mailto:info@cpwd.org)

[www.cpwd.org](http://www.cpwd.org)

1675 Range St.

Boulder, CO 80301

CPWD's Veterans Independence Program (VIP) is a Veteran-Directed Care program for eligible Veterans to help them remain in their homes and community.

It allows Veterans to direct their own programs and to receive services in their homes and community.

Veterans decide what goods and services they need and who they want to perform those services.

VIP helps Veterans with non-medical supports and services, assistance with activities of daily living (such as bathing and getting dressed), and other important activities (such as fixing meals and taking medications).

**Eligibility:** Veterans must be enrolled in the VA healthcare system and meet eligibility requirements for the program according to the VA. For other CPWD services, to be eligible, an individual needs to self-identify as someone with a disability and be willing to work with CPWD staff to develop a goal towards independence.

## Colorado Discover Ability

970-257-1222

[office@cdagj.org](mailto:office@cdagj.org)

[www.cdagj.org](http://www.cdagj.org)

601 Struthers Ave

Grand Junction, CO 81501

CDA provides outdoor recreation programs for people with disabilities, their families, and friends including adaptive cycling, river rafting, kayaking, and skiing. Many of the programs are free of charge to Veterans thanks to a VA Adaptive Sports Grant.

**Eligibility:** Participants must be a Veteran with a disability to qualify for funding under the VA Adaptive Sports Grant.

## Colorado Springs Vet Center

719-471-9992

[www.va.gov/colorado-springs-vet-center/](http://www.va.gov/colorado-springs-vet-center/)

3920 N. Union Blvd. Ste. 310

Colorado Springs, CO 90907

We offer confidential help for Veterans, service members, and their families at no cost in a non-medical setting. Our services include counseling for needs such as depression, post traumatic

stress disorder (PTSD), and the psychological effects of military sexual trauma. We can also connect you with more support in the VA and community.

**Eligibility:** You do not need to be registered for care at the VA or receiving any form of VA benefits. On your first visit we will look for one or more of the following:

- Discharge documents such as a DD214
- Receipt of certain awards
- Deployment orders

If these documents are not readily available before you visit, we can assist you in the process of obtaining these documents.

## Comfort Keepers

970-241-8818

[www.comfortkeepers.com](http://www.comfortkeepers.com)

514 28 1/4 Rd Ste 5

Grand Junction, CO 81501

Comfort Keepers provides in-home care and is an excellent resource for individuals who wish to remain in their home. We offer care-giving and nursing care. We also hire care-givers and CNA's to help with the needs of our clients.

**Eligibility:** Our eligibility is simple, having a need to stay in their home while we tend to their everyday care personal as well as home care. We accept private pay as well as VA, Medicaid and insurance.

## Community Reach Center

303-853-3500

[communityreachcenter.org](http://communityreachcenter.org)

Community Reach Center provides mental health and substance use treatment throughout Adams County, Colorado. Services include individual, family, group therapy. We have a 24/7 social detox and other programs, including crisis. Please visit our website-[communityreachcenter.org](http://communityreachcenter.org) for more information and accessing our intake program.

**Eligibility:** We accept private insurance, self-pay, Medicaid, Medicare. We are currently out-of-network with TRICARE. We accept VA authorizations.

## Create Awareness...Change Lives, Inc.

<https://abigailgmanning.com>

Abigail G. Manning is an Awareness Creator, Culture Builder & Unhealthy Behavior Ender. She is an innovative voice in professional and personal development. She helps clients build healthy workplace cultures through workshops, keynotes and strategic partnerships through her workplace wellness programs.

Specializing in the military and veteran communities, her unique content prevents toxic culture including sexual harassment, unhealthy behaviors and the Adverse Spiral (stress, unworthiness, depression, addiction,

cycles of abuse, PTS and thoughts of suicide) while building life skills to create resilient and empowered people and trusting and prosperous cultures.

ENLIGHTEN. EMPOWER. END.

**Eligibility:** N/A.

### **Dynamic Warriors**

310-902-0991

Whether you are Active Duty, Veteran; a survivor of disease, addiction, mental or physical disability; the silent professional that stands for a greater good of themselves and society; Dynamic Warriors is a symbol, a lifestyle, for you and other like-minded individuals who stand united to progress themselves and society for positive advancement.

**Eligibility:** Open and available to all.

### **Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center (DVBIC)**

800-870-9244

[info@dvbic.org](mailto:info@dvbic.org)  
[health.mil/About-MHS/OASDHA/Defense-Health-Agency/Research-and-Development/Traumatic-Brain-Injury-Center-of-Excellence](https://health.mil/About-MHS/OASDHA/Defense-Health-Agency/Research-and-Development/Traumatic-Brain-Injury-Center-of-Excellence)

DVBIC was established by Congress to serve Active Duty Military (Reserve, Guard, All Branches), their beneficiaries and Veterans with traumatic brain injuries through clinical care, recovery support, research and education.

**Eligibility:** Open and available to all.

### **Denver Hospice**

303-321-2828

[www.thedenverhospice.org](http://www.thedenverhospice.org)

8289 Lowry Blvd

Denver, CO 80230

The Denver Hospice is the region's leading, largest and most trusted not-for-profit provider of life-enhancing hospice and palliative care. We offer more expertise, more resources and a more complete continuum of compassionate care to patients facing life-limiting illnesses and end-of-life transition.

#### **Eligibility:**

All insurances are accepted including Medicare, Medicare Health Maintenance Organization (HMO), Colorado Medicaid, private insurances and self-pay. The Denver Hospice is an independent, community-based, not-for-profit healthcare provider. We offer hospice services to those that do not have the resources to pay or

are not eligible for insurance.

### **Denver Regional Council of Governments - Area Agency on Aging**

303-480-6700

[AreaAgencyonAging@drcog.org](mailto:AreaAgencyonAging@drcog.org)

[drcog.org/programs/area-agency-aging](http://drcog.org/programs/area-agency-aging)

1001 17th St. Suite 700

Denver, CO 80202

The Area Agency on Aging offers the Veteran Directed Care program for eligible veterans to help them remain in their homes and community. It allows veterans to direct their own program and to receive services in their homes and community. Veterans decide what goods and services they need and who they want to perform those services. VDC helps veterans with non-medical supports and services, assistance with activities of daily living (such as bathing and getting dressed), and other important activities (such as fixing meals and taking medications).

**Eligibility:** Veterans must be enrolled in the VA healthcare system and meet eligibility requirements for the program according to the VA. For other AAA services, individuals 18 yo and older with a disability or adults over 60 yo, living in: Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Gilpin, or Jefferson counties, can call the Information and Assistance line.

### **Director of Psychological Health-140th ANG Wing at BAFB**

Office: 720-847-9438

Cell: 303-358-9728

140 S Aspen St Bldg 706

Buckley AFB, CO 80011

The primary role of the Director of Psychological Health is to support the mental health resiliency of our military members and their families, by providing assessment, brief interventions, and referrals to sustainable resources within the community.

**Eligibility:** Services available to Traditional, AGR, Technician, Title 5, DSG, and dependents of the CO Air National Guard.

### **Eagle's Nest Ranch**

303-596-2784

[eaglesnestranch501@gmail.com](mailto:eaglesnestranch501@gmail.com)

[www.eaglesnestranch.org](http://www.eaglesnestranch.org)

36997 Timer Dr.

Elizabeth, CO 80107

We provide interactive sessions free of charge with horses to help with the invisible wounds of life. We exist to provide a place of hope, trust and growth for people and horse so they can soar above the adversities of life.

**Eligibility:** Active duty and Veteran Service Members,



their spouses and children are eligible.

### **Family Care Center**

(888) 374-5066

[fccinfo@fccsprings.com](mailto:fccinfo@fccsprings.com)

[www.fccwellbeing.com](http://www.fccwellbeing.com)

2860 S. Circle Dr. Ste 109

Colorado Springs, CO 80906

The Family Care Center is a leader in comprehensive outpatient behavioral health services. We offer traditional talk therapy for those dealing with depression, anxiety, trauma, a mood disorders and co-occurring substance use disorders. We provide family therapy, marriage counseling and child play therapy. We have certified DBT therapists who provide group therapy for adults, middle school and high school aged populations. Each clinic is staffed with board certified psychiatrists, psychiatric nurse practitioners or physicians assistants who offer psychiatric services for those needing medications. Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) is offered for those suffering with major depression. Family Care Center was founded with the mission of taking care of military families and Veterans. We are culturally competent and understand the challenges of military life.

**Eligibility:** All commercial insurances accepted; all military insurances accepted

### **FirstLight Home Care**

970-639-2048

[www.firstlighthomecare.com](http://www.firstlighthomecare.com)

1048 Independent Ave #A119

Grand Junction, CO 81505

FirstLight offers non-medical home care services.

**Eligibility:** The Home Connections Program is available through VA referral and payment or private pay.

### **Footprints to Recovery**

(720) 955-3241

[www.footprintstorecovery.com](http://www.footprintstorecovery.com)

6505 S Paris Street

Centennial, CO 80111

Located in Centennial, CO, Footprints to Recovery offers primary Substance Use Disorder treatment services designed to support adults throughout their recovery journey.

We offer Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP), Intensive Outpatient Programs (IOP) and traditional outpatient (OP)/aftercare services, and Evening IOP on Mon/Tues/Thurs evenings from

5:30-8:30PM. We also offer Virtual IOP and Enhanced OP (one- 90 minute group per week on Thursday evenings from 7:00PM-8:30PM). In addition to our levels of care that we offer, we work with community partners who provide sober living housing and we transport to and from our treatment center. We are in-network with TRICARE and Triwest

**Eligibility:** Adults, SUD primary treatment

### **Freedom Service Dogs**

303-922-6231

[info@freedom servicedogs.org](mailto:info@freedom servicedogs.org)

[www.freedom servicedogs.org](http://www.freedom servicedogs.org)

FSD rescues dogs from shelters in Colorado and the surrounding states and trains them to be service dogs for people with disabilities.

### **Give an Hour**

[www.giveanhour.org](http://www.giveanhour.org)

[info@giveanhour.org](mailto:info@giveanhour.org)

Give an Hour offers no cost mental health care to Military Veterans and their loved ones.

Give an Hour serves all Military, Veterans and their loved ones regardless of discharge and deployment status.

Give an Hour serves all branches and all service eras.

To find a provider near you please visit our website and click "Get Help."

**Eligibility:** Must be a Veteran with PTSD or a Veteran or civilian with a mobility disability.

### **Harmony Acres Equestrian Center**

970-261-5899

[info@harmonyacresec.org](mailto:info@harmonyacresec.org)

[www.harmonyacresec.org](http://www.harmonyacresec.org)

Equine Assisted Psychotherapy, Therapeutic Riding, providing services for Veterans and other specific groups of various ages.

**Eligibility:** Call for information.

### **Harmony's Heart Coaching-The Wind Rider Project**

720-585-9828

<http://thewindriderproject.com>

[glenn@harmonysheartcoaching.com](mailto:glenn@harmonysheartcoaching.com)

At Harmony's Heart Coaching™ we offer a safe and nurturing environment allowing Veterans, Active Duty Military and first responders to explore your inner journey with PTS and learn how to heal those wounds, leading to a fuller, more enriched life with your loved ones, your friends, and most importantly, yourself.

**Eligibility:** None

## Healing Warriors Program

970-776-8387

[info@healingwarriorsprogram.org](mailto:info@healingwarriorsprogram.org)

[www.healingwarriorsprogram.org](http://www.healingwarriorsprogram.org)

1044 West Drake Road, Ste 202

Fort Collins, CO 80525

Healing Warriors Program (HWP) provides non-narcotic treatment including Acupuncture, CranioSacral therapy and Healing Touch therapy in conjunction with Guided Imagery for Pain, PTS, Sleep disturbance, interpersonal trauma, detox, cancer support and more. Additionally, HWP provides care coordination services and telehealth options.

**Eligibility:** Service members from any branch of service, any era of service, with an other than dishonorable discharge, as well as their spouse/partner and parent are entitled to care.

## Health Net Federal Services

844-866-9378

[www.tricare-west.com](http://www.tricare-west.com)

TRICARE-health insurance for Military- Active and Retired

**Eligibility:** Active Duty Service Member/Family Members, Retirees, Guard and Reserve Family and Service Members.

## Hearts and Horses Therapeutic Riding Center

970-663-4200

[info@heartsandhorses.org](mailto:info@heartsandhorses.org)

[www.heartsandhorses.org](http://www.heartsandhorses.org)

163 N County Rd 29

Loveland, CO 80537

Therapeutic riding & horsemanship for Veterans, adults, and children with physical or cognitive disabilities, at risk youth, OT/PT/SLP services, Alzheimer's and Dementia.

**Eligibility:** For our riding programs, 210 or less pounds.

Unlimited for our ground program. Any age/era of Veteran eligible. Medical release is required.

## Help Heal Veterans

970-424-0499

[grandjunction@healvets.org](mailto:grandjunction@healvets.org)

[www.healvets.org](http://www.healvets.org)

2500 North Ave

Grand Junction, CO 81501

Help Heal Veterans provides therapeutic craft kits to Veterans at no charge.

**Eligibility:** Proof of Veteran Status.

## Horsebuds, Inc.

970-396-4181

[www.horsebudstrc.org](http://www.horsebudstrc.org)

16696 County Rd. 70

Greeley, CO 80631

Wild About Veterans is a free program for veterans and their families. Schedule a visit to a quiet 80 acre horse farm to relax and be in the moment with animals. Inclusive of all-abilities, we offer non-riding equine activities, fun and games, horsemanship, and entertainment with horse tricks.

**Eligibility:** Veterans and their families

## How to Life Consultants, LLC

970-216-5753

[www.howtolife.com](http://www.howtolife.com)

800 A St

Delta, CO 81416

How to Life provides counseling and coaching services for relationship issues, pain management, disability adjustments, career decisions and more. How to Life also offers TBI general mental health counseling and rehabilitation counseling.

**Eligibility:** Provide services for Military OneSource referrals, VA Vocational Rehab through Sterling Medical Contract, TRICARE health benefits, and other major insurance companies including Medicaid (but not Medicare).

## Huts for Vets

970-776-8387

[hutsforvets@gmail.com](mailto:hutsforvets@gmail.com)

[www.hutsforvets.org](http://www.hutsforvets.org)

PO Box 3598

Basalt, CO 81621

Huts for Vets takes Veterans who have experienced trauma as a result of their service into the wilderness for healing opportunities at the 10th Mountain Huts System of Aspen. We cover all expenses including transportation.

**Eligibility:** Any Veteran who has experienced trauma as a result of their service. We hike above 11,000 feet, so a strong measure of physical fitness is a requirement.

## The Independence Center

(719) 471-8181

[www.theindependencecenter.org](http://www.theindependencecenter.org)

[info@the-ic.org](mailto:info@the-ic.org)

729 S Tejon St.

Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Veteran Directed Care at The Independence Center.

The Veteran In Charge (VIC) Program is a partnership

between the Department of Veterans Affairs and The IC. The VIC program allows eligible Veterans of any age to remain in the home and community with appropriate services and supports. (No disability rating needed, no financial eligibility requirement, does not interfere with pension benefits.) VIC serves 20 counties within Colorado.

Contact your VA social worker or primary care team for a referral for Veteran Directed Care. The Independence Center offers other free services: assistive technology, benefits assistance (SSI/SSDI/Medicaid/Medicare), independent living skills classes, peer support, deaf/hard of hearing, blind/low vision, housing vouchers, information & referral, and individual & systems advocacy. An individual need only self-identify as someone with a disability to access these services.

**Eligibility:** Veterans must be enrolled in the VA healthcare system and meet eligibility requirements for the program according to the VA.

### **Jefferson Center for Mental Health-Veteran and Military Services**

303-425-0300

[veteran\\_services@jcmh.org](mailto:veteran_services@jcmh.org)

[www.jcmh.org](http://www.jcmh.org)

4851 Independence St. #100

Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

The Veteran and Military Families Team serves Veterans, their Families, and loved ones who face unique challenges that impact their lives. This team offers confidential counseling, group support, linking clients to community resources and encourages empowerment of all clients to find solutions to their unique challenges as military families.

**Eligibility:** Veterans, their Families and loved ones, regardless of discharge status, are eligible for a consultation to determine the best level of services for their needs. We primarily serve residents of Jefferson, Clear Creek, and Gilpin Counties; however we can take referral from other areas on a space-available basis. We are also glad to assist any Veteran or Family Member find resources in their area.

### **LiveWellColorado Adult Day Services**

303-478-8115

[rick@livewellcoloradoads.com](mailto:rick@livewellcoloradoads.com)

[www.livewellcoloradoads.com](http://www.livewellcoloradoads.com)

1200 South Abilene St., Unit C

Aurora, CO 80012

Adult Day Services.

**Eligibility:** Health First Colorado HCBS waivers, Veterans Administration

### **Mount Moriah Stables**

303-667-1883

[www.mtmoriahstables.com](http://www.mtmoriahstables.com)

1990 W 150th Ave

Broomfield, CO 80023

Provides equine facilitated mental health activities for therapy and learning in a peaceful and private setting.

**Eligibility:** Willingness to interact with horses.

### **Mountain Voice Health**

720-352-7891

[www.mountainvoicehealth.com](http://www.mountainvoicehealth.com)

4667 16th Street

Boulder, CO 80304

*Hours: Tues-Friday by Appointment*

Individual and couples counseling for Veterans and their Families.

**Eligibility:** None

### **Marcus Institute for Brain Health**

303-724-4824

<https://medschool.cuanschutz.edu/mibh>

[marcusinstitute@ucdenver.edu](mailto:marcusinstitute@ucdenver.edu)

12348 E. Montview Blvd

Aurora, CO 80045

The primary focus of the MIBH is to care for former military personnel with mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI) and co-occurring psychological health (PH) conditions who have separated from active duty or serve in the Reserves or National Guard.

The MIBH offers intensive outpatient care with detailed diagnostic and treatment services that combines conventional medicine with integrative medicine. MIBH provides a 3-day evaluation and 3-week intensive outpatient program (IOP) for eligible candidates. During IOP, patients and families will receive extensive education regarding the nature of co-occurring mTBI and PH conditions designed to enhance self-management of symptoms aimed at improving quality of life.

**Eligibility:** Military Veteran - NG and Reserves accepted  
All eras accepted

Dishonorable accepted

Combat and non-combat accepted

### **Medicare Mentors**

[medicarementorsllc@gmail.com](mailto:medicarementorsllc@gmail.com)

<https://www.medicarementorsllc.com>

Medicare Mentors NO COST Consultation VIRTUALLY or in person. We are licensed health insurance agents who can answer your Medicare insurance

questions and assist you with your Medicare insurance quote and enrollment. Calling this number will connect you with a licensed Medicare Mentor Insurance broker.

**Eligibility:** N/A

### **National Alliance on Mental Illness**

719-473-8477

<https://www.namicoloradosprings.org>

1615 S. Murray Blvd.

Colorado Springs, CO 80916

NAMI Colorado Springs is an affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the United States' largest grassroots organization dedicated to improving the lives of people with mental illness. As such, we enjoy access to nationally developed and vetted programs and educational materials while operating as a fully independent and locally run 501c3 nonprofit organization. Our programs and support groups are peer-led and always free to the community. NAMI offers free resources, classes and support groups to people living with mental health conditions (including military members and veterans), to their families, and to community members and groups

**Eligibility:** NAMI offers Homefront, a six-week educational course for family members and friends of military members and veterans who are experiencing mental health concerns.

### **No Barriers Warriors**

970-484-3633

[info@nobarriersusa.org](mailto:info@nobarriersusa.org)

<https://nobarriersusa.org/>

312 Stover St.

Fort Collins, CO 80521

No Barriers Warriors improves the lives of Veterans with disabilities through curriculum-based expeditions in challenging environments.

**Eligibility:** We serve Veterans with service-connected disabilities. Proof of service (DD214) and proof of service-connected disability (VA letter) are needed to apply.

### **Operation EQUINE**

720-588-3035

[www.operationequine.com](http://www.operationequine.com)

PO Box 3343

Broomfield, CO 80223

Equine assisted services & coaching for Military Service Members, Veterans, First Responders and their families, caregivers, and supporters. Serving individuals, couples, families, and groups.

Also serving organizations and teams for team building and leadership opportunities.

Sessions are a suggested donation of \$25, and are "pay what you can" and pay it forward to the Sponsorship Fund.

### **Eligibility:**

Any active military service member, veteran, or emergency responder, including spouses/partners, children, and family members of any branch.

### **Operation Revamp, Inc.**

970-462-3126

[info@operationrevamp.org](mailto:info@operationrevamp.org)

[www.operationrevamp.org](http://www.operationrevamp.org)

307 S 12th St.

Grand Junction, CO 81501

Veterans Art Center provides supplies, equipment, studios and training on-site for Veterans and Families at no charge.

**Eligibility:** Veteran or Family Member of a Veteran.

### **Operation TBI Freedom: A Program of Craig Hospital**

303-789-8836/855-355-6824

[otf@craighospital.org](mailto:otf@craighospital.org)

[www.craighospital.org/otf](http://www.craighospital.org/otf)

565 Communications Cir #100

Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Operation TBI Freedom (OTF) is a program of Craig Hospital that provides support for Veterans and Active Duty Military personnel with traumatic brain injuries (TBI). OTF provides long-term continuity of care/case management/direct service assistance to Veterans and Service Members who have suffered a TBI and who meet eligibility criteria.

**Eligibility:** Served in any branch or component of the Military at least one day on or after 9/11/01. Residing in Colorado. Evidence or history of traumatic brain injury event(s). TBI must have occurred after start of Military Service, whether Active, Reserve, or Veteran status.

### **Peak Mind Consulting**

719-357-6462

[www.peakmindconsulting.com](http://www.peakmindconsulting.com)

2860 S. Circle Dr. Ste 409

Colorado Springs, CO 80906

*Hours: Monday-Saturday by Appointment*

Dr. Rademan and the other therapists at Peak Mind Consulting approach mental health with a progressive and unique approach. Seeking to improve mental health includes mind performance and does not necessarily mean a mental illness. Her strengths lie in anyone dealing with grief/loss, anxiety, trauma, and depression. **Eligibility:** Not a non-profit, but takes TRICARE



## **The Phoenix**

[info@thephoenix.org](mailto:info@thephoenix.org)

[www.thephoenix.org](http://www.thephoenix.org)

Denver:

720-440-9175

2239 Champa St

Denver, CO 80205

Colorado Springs:

719-434-3387

216 W Colorado Ave

Colorado Springs, CO 80904

The Phoenix is a sober active community that offers substance use disorder recovery support services to those that have 48 hours of continuous sobriety and who are choosing to live a sober lifestyle. The Phoenix utilizes exercise to create a fellowship that can help the individual achieve long term sobriety.

**Eligibility:** 48 hours clean and sober directly before their first event. All events are free to the individual.

## **Project Angel Heart**

303-830-0202

[refer@projectangelheart.org](mailto:refer@projectangelheart.org)

[www.projectangelheart.org](http://www.projectangelheart.org)

4950 Washington St

Denver, CO 80216

Project Angel Heart's mission is to improve health and well-being for people with life-threatening illnesses by preparing and delivering medically tailored meals and promoting the power of food as medicine. Each week, our professional chefs and registered dietitians prepare fresh, healthy meals, and tailor them to meet the medical and dietary needs of neighbors living with cancer, kidney disease, HIV/AIDS, and other serious illnesses. Loving volunteers deliver the meals, free of charge, to clients' homes in metro Denver and Colorado Springs. In 2019, the agency will provide more than 490,000 meals to 3,025 critically ill Coloradans.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible for services, individuals must have a life-threatening illness and limited mobility inhibiting food preparation. Other extenuating circumstances may also qualify an individual for services. Dependents of eligible clients may also receive meals, free of charge. "Life-threatening illness": Conditions such as HIV/AIDS, cancer, end stage renal disease, congestive heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, multiple sclerosis, and others will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Eligibility is determined by the level of

immobility caused by the condition, its treatment, or by accompanying conditions. Application required - available online.

## **Project Healing Waters**

303-370-1428

[www.projecthealingwaters.org](http://www.projecthealingwaters.org)

7800 E Orchard Rd #400

Greenwood Village, CO 80111

Dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and disabled Veterans, our participants, through fly fishing and associated activities including education and outings.

**Eligibility:** VA Disability rating

## **PTSD Foundation of America**

719-375-4647

[www.ptsdusa.org](http://www.ptsdusa.org)

Camp Hope

9724 Derrington Rd.

Houston, TX 77064

The Mission of the PTSD foundation is to combat PTSD, give back to those who have given themselves so selflessly, and to increase public awareness about PTSD.

**Eligibility:** Combat Veterans with PTSD; 832-912-4429

## **Rocky Mountain Regional VA Medical Center**

(303) 399-8020

<https://www.gerischolars.org/mod/page/view.php?id=1555>

1700 N Wheeling St. #122

Aurora, CO 80045

VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System

**Eligibility:** Tele-geriatrics/dementia

Age 70 and older

Questions about major neuro-cognitive disorder (dementia) and need for diagnostic evaluation (after a brief cognitive test) completed and PACT provider ruled out reversible causes; brain imaging is not needed)

Questions about polypharmacy and de-prescribing

Questions about geriatric syndromes

Help with management of behaviors-

Tele-palliative care:

No age requirement

Diagnosis of chronic progressive diagnosis, end stage disease, terminal diagnosis heart failure, chronic pulmonary disease, cancer, dementia, ALS.

Questions about goals of care, advanced care planning

Questions about symptom management, prognosis

Needing hospice evaluation

### **River Deep Foundation**

(303) 881-0400

[riverdeepfoundation.org](http://riverdeepfoundation.org)

12550 W Colfax Ave #109

Lakewood, CO 80215

We provide outings such as art classes, fishing, archery, fencing, camping, hunting, wild game cooking, scuba, and many more for wounded vets, family members, and individuals with disabilities.

Our mission is to help with the healing process.

**Eligibility:** Active duty injured, wounded vets, individuals with disabilities.

### **Salvation Army Harbor Lights Program**

(720) 305-5672

2136 Champa Street

Denver, CO 80205

Veterans Treatment.

**Eligibility:** N/A

### **Sobriety House, Inc**

720-381-4337

[intake@sobrietyhouse.org](mailto:intake@sobrietyhouse.org)

[www.sobrietyhouse.org](http://www.sobrietyhouse.org)

121 Acoma St

Denver, CO 80223

Sobriety House is a nonprofit drug and alcohol treatment center. We offer a 28 day Intensive Residential Treatment (IRT), a Transitional Residential Treatment (TRT) for up to 6 months, and outpatient groups. We have a grant through the VA to help cover treatment for veterans. We also accept Medicaid for all programs, and we have other grants that can help with treatment costs.

**Eligibility:** 18 and older; Males and females; Must have DD214 and something other than Dishonorable Discharge to be eligible for Veterans Grant.

### **Southeast Armed Services YMCA**

719-622-9622/3567

[www.ppymca.org](http://www.ppymca.org)

2190 Jet Wing Drive

Colorado Springs, CO 80916

Youth development, health & wellness, social responsibility and resiliency.

**Eligibility:** Call for eligibility requirements.

### **Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus**

303-724-4255

[info.cohenclinic@ucdenver.edu](mailto:info.cohenclinic@ucdenver.edu)

[www.denvercohenclinic.org](http://www.denvercohenclinic.org)

7800 E. Orchard Rd Ste. 150

Greenwood Village, CO 80111

The Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus provides culturally-competent, confidential, individually-tailored mental health care to post-9/11 Veterans, National Guardsmen, Reservists, and their family members, which includes caregivers and others in the Veteran's immediate support system. Services are available regardless of discharge status, role while in uniform, combat experience, or ability to pay or have insurance, with minimal wait times for initial appointments. As part of the Cohen Veterans Network, our clinic specializes in evidence-based treatments and work with individuals, children, adolescents, couples and families of Veterans who are affected by all phases of deployment and other life stressors. We strive to be the clinic of choice for post-9/11 Veterans and their families, focusing on whole mental health to include not only evidence-based treatments, but also prevention programs, education and training events, military-to-civilian transition assistance, peer support, family fun events, and other mindful awareness services.

**Eligibility:** Post 9/11 Veteran or Family Member of Post 9/11 Veteran.

### **The Sturm Center (Behavioral Health)- University of Denver**

303-871-7942

<https://www.du.edu/gsp/spp/services/sturm/index.html>

10730 E. Bethany Dr. Ste 395

Aurora, CO 80014

The Sturm Center provides individual, group, couples/ family, and child/adolescent therapy services. We also provide a wide variety of types of psychological assessment, including objective medical evidence assessments for VA disability claims and discharge status upgrades.

**Eligibility:** Veterans, no matter discharge status, combat status or era. Service members, including Guard and Reserve. Family members/Supportive others. Kids/ Adolescents. Please call 303-871-7942 to initiate services. No official referral is needed.

### **StableStrides**

719-495-3908

[connect@stablestrides.org](mailto:connect@stablestrides.org)

[stablestrides.org](http://stablestrides.org)

13620 Halleluiah Trail

Elbert, CO 80106

StableStrides equine assisted services help children, adults, seniors, Service Members, and Veterans address

a wide variety of physical, developmental, and mental health disabilities and needs including attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder; post-traumatic stress disorder; depression; substance abuse disorder; attachment disorders; other emotional, behavioral, or mental health challenges; autism; developmental delays; Down syndrome; cerebral palsy; paralysis; amputation and head trauma/brain injury.

**Eligibility:** Vary based on program interest, funding options, etc. Please call or email for details.

### **Stillwater Ranch**

(303) 451-8182

[info@stillwaterranch.org](mailto:info@stillwaterranch.org)

<https://www.stillwaterranch.org/>

8511 Coyote Run

Loveland, CO 80537

We are a nonprofit ranch in the foothills of Loveland for Veterans, Service members, and their families. We get to do a lot of cool things in the ranch environment that promote peace, fun, and healing around our foundational pillars of Comradery, Family Support, Alternative Therapies, Training and Education.

We continue to grow rapidly and provide a variety of formal programs and ranch open hours for people to find their own path to healing. There's just something about fresh air, sunshine, animals, open space, and other Veterans that's good for the soul.

**Eligibility:** Military member, Veteran with any type of discharge, or family member.

### **United Concordia Companies**

844-653-4061

[www.uccitdp.com](http://www.uccitdp.com)

TDP:TRICARE Dental Program: DoD sponsored dental insurance.

**Eligibility:** NG/Reserves and their families; Active Duty family members; IRR and their families

### **VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System**

303-399-8020

[vhaechcommunications@va.gov](mailto:vhaechcommunications@va.gov)

<https://www.denver.va.gov>

1700 N. Wheeling Street

Aurora, CO 80045

Health care provided to eligible U.S. Veterans.

**Eligibility:** U.S. Veterans

### **VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System:**

### **Mental Health Service**

720-723-7327

[https://www.denver.va.gov/service/mental\\_health.asp](https://www.denver.va.gov/service/mental_health.asp)

1700N. Wheeling Street

Aurora, CO 80045

Please see [https://www.denver.va.gov/services/Mental\\_Health.asp](https://www.denver.va.gov/services/Mental_Health.asp) for information about Mental Health services available within VA Eastern CO HCS. To reach the Veterans Crisis Line for support during a mental health crisis, call 1-800-273-8255 + Press 1; text 838255; or chat via [veteranscrisisline.net](https://www.veteranscrisisline.net).

**Eligibility:** Contact 1-888-336-8262, ext. 4 or visit your nearest VA facility to apply/determine your eligibility for VA healthcare and enroll at VA Eastern CO HCS if eligible. To learn more about applying for VA healthcare or to apply online, please go to <https://www.va.gov/health-care/how-to-apply/>

### **VA Western Colorado Health Care System**

970-263-2800

[www.grandjunction.va.gov](http://www.grandjunction.va.gov)

2121 North Avenue

Grand Junction, CO 81501

Health care provided to eligible U.S. Veterans.

**Eligibility:** U.S. Veterans

### **Vet Center**

Boulder

303-440-7306

4999 Pearl East Circle, Suite 106, Boulder, CO

80301

Colorado Springs

719-471-9992

602 S Nevada Ave, Colorado Springs CO 80903

Denver

303-326-0645

7465 E First Ave #B, Denver, CO 80203

Fort Collins

970-221-5176

702 W Drake Bldg C, Fort Collins, CO

80526

Grand Junction

970-245-4156

2472 F Road #16 Grand Junction, CO

81505

877-WAR-VETS (877-927-8387)

[www.vetcenter.va.gov](http://www.vetcenter.va.gov)

We welcome home War Veterans with honor by providing quality re-adjustment counseling in a caring manner. Vet Centers understand and appreciate Veterans' war experiences while assisting them and their family members toward a successful post-war adjustment in or near their community. Vet Centers guide Veterans

and their Families through many of the major adjustments in lifestyle that often occur after a Veteran returns from combat. Services for a Veteran may include individual and group counseling in areas such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), alcohol and drug assessment, and suicide prevention referrals. All services are free of cost and are strictly confidential.

**Eligibility:** Deployment to a combat theater OR military sexual trauma OR loved one of a Service Member that passed away while serving. All discharges. No enrollment in the VA is necessary.

## **Veterans Community Living Centers**

### **Division Office**

303-866-5335

[www.Colorado.gov/cdhs/veteranshomes](http://www.Colorado.gov/cdhs/veteranshomes)

1575 Sherman Street 10th Floor  
Denver, CO 80203

We provide short-term rehabilitation and long-term nursing care. Our team of physicians, nurses, therapists and aides provide a variety of services to meet your health care needs. Depending on location, we provide memory care, hospice and assisted living-type cottage apartments. We have locations throughout the state in Aurora, Florence, Walsenburg, Monte Vista and Rifle.

**Eligibility:** Veterans, Veteran Spouse or widow and Gold Star Parents -DD-214 showing honorable or general discharge -Call the Admission Coordinator at any of our homes to obtain additional information

## **Volunteer Connect Douglas County**

303-688-7737

[info@volunteerconnectdc.org](mailto:info@volunteerconnectdc.org)

[www.VolunteerConnectDC.org](http://www.VolunteerConnectDC.org)

100 S. Wilcox St.  
Castle Rock, CO 80104

Volunteer Connect Douglas County is an online community resource that connects volunteers with organizations in Douglas County. The online resource easily matches individuals, families, and groups with volunteer opportunities that align with their skills, talents and interests.

**Eligibility:** None.

## **Western Colorado Health Care System**

970-263-2800

<https://www.va.gov/directory/guide/facility.asp?id=56>

2121 North Ave  
Grand Junction, CO 81505

Rehabilitation social work provides psychosocial

and care management services to Veterans in 4 specific categories: VIST Program (low vision rehab), Polytrauma Program (recently discharged combat veterans with multiple injuries), Spinal Cord Injury Program (spinal cord injured or impaired veterans) and Transplant Program (pre-eligibility and post-transplant services).

**Eligibility:** Enrolled Veterans who also have diagnoses in the above listed areas.





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## **Housing Assistance Resources**

### **How to Apply and Application Assistance**

Provided below is information and links regarding benefits and services potentially available to you. We strongly recommend, if you are considering requesting services or submitting an application to the VA, that you contact your County Veterans Service Office. Their Service Officers specialize in assisting veterans and their family members with claims, applications, and appeals to the VA.

Please visit our County Veterans Service Offices web page to obtain your County Veterans Service Office's contact information.

### **VA Loans**

VA Loan Eligibility Center

Attn: COE 262

PO Box 100034

Decatur, GA 30031

[www.vba.va.gov](http://www.vba.va.gov)

[www.homeloans.va.gov](http://www.homeloans.va.gov)

Remember, the VA does not give the loan, it guarantees a portion of the loan enabling the lender to provide you with more favorable terms. You must still qualify for the loan.

### **VA Loan Guarantee/Home Loans**

VA Home loan guaranties are issued to help eligible Servicemembers, Veterans, reservists and certain unmarried surviving spouses obtain homes, condominiums, manufactures homes and to refinance loans.

Eligibility: There are service periods and conditions of service requirements, credit rating, sufficient income, a valid Certificate of Eligibility (COE below) and agree to live in the property in order to be approved for a VA home loan.

### **Property Tax**

#### **Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption**

This program is for Disabled Veterans who:

Have established a service-connected disability that has been rated by the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs, The United States Department of Homeland Security, or The Department of the Army, Navy or Air Force as a one hundred percent (100%) permanent disability (Individual Unemployment does not qualify) AND you must have owned and occupied the property since January 1st of the year in which the Veteran is applying.

This exemption is 50% of the first 200,000 value of your home. The exemption is for primary residence only.

If you have questions please feel free to call the Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs at 970-257-3760 or email at [wros@dmva.state.co.us](mailto:wros@dmva.state.co.us).

## Disabled Veteran Tax Exemption Instructions

### Property Tax Deferral Program for Seniors and Active Military Personnel

The Property Tax Deferral program helps military personnel and seniors, many of whom live on a fixed income, continue to afford to living in their home by deferring the payment of their property taxes.

The State Treasurer's office makes tax payments directly to the county on behalf of the participant for the tax amount due. The loan is logged as a lien against the participant's property that does not have to be remitted until the participant no longer qualifies to defer their property taxes. [Click here for a list of outstanding loans by county.](#)

### Requirements for Eligibility

- Applicant must be a senior who is 65 years or older or a person called into military service pursuant to CRS 39-3.5-101 (1.8), on January 1 of the year in which the person files a claim.
- All prior years' property taxes must be paid.
- Applicant must own and occupy the property as their primary residence. The property cannot be income-producing.
- The total value of liens against the property (mortgages, deferrals, and/or deeds of trust) cannot exceed 100% of the assessed market value.
- Mortgage lender agrees that the state's interest in the property would take priority over all other interests.
- If a qualified applicant has a reverse mortgage, the property is only eligible for future deferrals if a subordination agreement from the mortgage lender is submitted with the application.
- The deferral amount must be paid upon sale or transfer of the property. The deferral amount can also be paid any time prior to sale or transfer without affecting future eligibility.

### Procedure

Those who qualify must file an application with their respective county treasurer between January 1st and April 1st of each year. Once approved, the county treasurer will issue a certificate of deferral to the property owner, keeping one copy on record and sending one copy to the state Treasurer's office. (Note: If property taxes are included in your mortgage payment, you should present a copy of your deferral certificate to the mortgage lender for a refund of the property tax monies held in escrow) By April 30, the state Treasurer's office will pay the deferred amount to the county treasurer where the property is located. The state Treasurer's office maintains an account for each tax-deferred property which accrues interest which is credited to the state's General Fund. Call the Treasurer's office for the current interest rate. When the deferred amount is paid to the county treasurer upon sale or transfer of the property, that amount is then transmitted to the state Treasurer's office.

## **Homeless Resources**

### **VA Programs For Homeless Veterans**

VA's specialized programs for homeless Veterans serve hundreds of thousands of homeless and at-risk Veterans each year. Independently and in collaboration with federal and community partners, VA programs provide Veterans with housing solutions, employment opportunities, health care, justice- and reentry-related services and more.

### **Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)**

For very low-income Veterans, SSVF provides case management and supportive services to prevent the imminent loss of a Veteran's home or identify a new, more suitable housing situation for the individual and his or her family; or to rapidly re-house Veterans and their families who are homeless and might remain homeless without this assistance.

### **Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Program**

State, local and tribal governments and nonprofits receive capital grants and per diem payments to develop and operate transitional housing—including short-stay bridge housing—and/or service centers for Veterans who are homeless.

### **U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH)**

This collaborative program between HUD and VA combines HUD housing vouchers with VA supportive services to help Veterans who are homeless and their families find and sustain permanent housing. As of April 8, 2018, HUD has allocated more than 87,000 vouchers to help house Veterans across the country.

Through public housing authorities, HUD provides rental assistance vouchers for privately owned housing to Veterans who are eligible for VA health care services and are experiencing homelessness. VA case managers may connect these Veterans with support services such as health care, mental health treatment and substance use counseling to help them in their recovery process and with their ability to maintain housing in the community. Among VA homeless continuum of care programs, HUD-VASH enrolls the largest number and largest percentage of Veterans who have experienced long-term or repeated homelessness.





## Housing Assistance Resources

### **Center for Independence**

970-241-0315

[info@cfigj.org](mailto:info@cfigj.org)

[www.cfigj.org](http://www.cfigj.org)

740 Gunnison Ave

Grand Junction, CO 81501

Free program for people with disabilities to help with disability benefits, vocational training and placement, assistive technology, housing location and applications, youth with disabilities transition into adult services and support, peer mentoring, advocacy, low-vision and deaf services, computer training lab, information and referrals to other human service providers.

**Eligibility:** Must be a person with a disability willing to participate in their own recovery or goals for self sufficiency.

### **Homes for Heroes/Sellstate Realty Pros**

720-320-1150

[www.homesforheroes.com](http://www.homesforheroes.com)

7400 E. Orchard Road #4045N

Greenwood Village, CO 80111

Homes for Heroes allows real estate service-providers to rebate significant portions of their service fees back to local heroes, including Veterans and Active Military.

**Eligibility:** Must be eligible as one of the five Homes for Heroes categories hero categories, including Military (Active and Veteran), police, fire, healthcare provider, teacher.

### **Rocky Mountain Human Services- Homes for all**

#### **Veterans- SSVF**

855-VETS-HAV (855-838-7428)

[HAVreferrals@rmhumanservices.org](mailto:HAVreferrals@rmhumanservices.org)

[www.rmhumanservices.org/hav](http://www.rmhumanservices.org/hav)

Colorado Springs:

17 S Weber St, Colorado Springs, CO  
80903

Denver:

9900 E Iliff Ave, Denver, CO 80231

Homes for All Veterans (HAV) is a statewide program funded by a specific grant - SSVF (Supportive Services for Veteran Families) awarded to Rocky Mountain Human Services by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA). The SSVF grant is founded on the principle that no Veteran should be forced to live on the streets and every Veteran has a right to safe, permanent

housing. SSVF grantees are dedicated to ending Veteran homelessness by fostering a well-coordinated and efficient local community.

**Eligibility:** US Military Veterans of all branches who have served at least one day of Active Duty for purposes other than training. Living in Colorado. Not dishonorably discharged or court martial (general). Income limits determined by family size and area of residence (low income below 50% Area Medium Income). \* Verified homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

### **Sunshine Home Share Colorado**

303-915-8264

[www.sunshinehomeshare.org](http://www.sunshinehomeshare.org)

3532 North Franklin Street, Suite E2/E3

Denver, CO 80205

Sunshine Home Share Colorado is a nonprofit helping older adults to age in place by trading in-home services such as yard work, meal prep, or nighttime presence for discounted rent. The staff of social workers uses a vetting process to make safe, thoughtful mutually beneficial matches. Home sharing supports the creation of affordable housing while supporting older adults to be able to remain and maintain their homes. Sunshine also offers the opportunity for older adults to work on their Financial Wellness and Empowerment. This program meets one on one with individuals 55 and older to support working on better financial health. This may include budgeting, goal setting, understanding credit, accessing resources, and living on a fixed income.

**Eligibility:** Home Providers 55 and older, home seekers of any age. Clean background, verifiable income. Serving Denver metro and El Paso counties.

### **Veterans Association of Real Estate Professionals**

720-320-1150

[varep.net](http://varep.net)

2020 Newcombe Drive

Lakewood, CO 80215

The Veterans Association of Real Estate Professionals - Denver Chapter- is part of a nationwide network of VAREP chapters dedicated to helping Veterans achieve homeownership. We campaign in DC for Veterans rights, educate Veterans on purchasing a home, educate the real estate community in order to help Veterans' offers on homes be accepted and contribute financially to Veterans for down payments and other homeownership costs.

**Eligibility:** All Military and Family is eligible.

## Veterans Community Living Centers

### **Fitzsimons:**

720-857-6400

[cdhs\\_veteranshome\\_fitzsimons@state.co.us](mailto:cdhs_veteranshome_fitzsimons@state.co.us)

[co.us](http://co.us)

[www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdhs/veteranscommunity-living-center-fitzsimons](http://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdhs/veteranscommunity-living-center-fitzsimons)

1919 Quentin ST, Aurora, CO 80045

Veterans Community Living Center at Fitzsimons provides long-term care, short-term rehabilitation, memory care, and hospice.

### **Homelake:**

719-852-5118

[cdhs\\_csvc\\_homelake@state.co.us](mailto:cdhs_csvc_homelake@state.co.us)

[www.colorado.gov/cdhs/veteranshomeshomelake](http://www.colorado.gov/cdhs/veteranshomeshomelake)

3749 Sherman Ave, Monte Vista, CO 81144

60 bed skilled nursing facility, 48 unit independent living.

### **Rifle:**

970-625-0842

[cdhs\\_veteranshome\\_rifle@state.co.us](mailto:cdhs_veteranshome_rifle@state.co.us)

[www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdhs/veteranscommunity-living-center-rifle](http://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdhs/veteranscommunity-living-center-rifle)

The Veterans Community Living Center at Rifle is an 89-bed nursing home that offers long-term care, memory care (secure unit), short-term rehabilitation, short-term "respite" care, and end of life services.

**Eligibility:** Honorably discharged Veterans, Veterans' spouses or widows, and Gold-Star Parents.

## Veterans Community Project

(720) 727-7102

[www.veteranscommunityproject.org/vcp-coloradooutreachco@vcp.org](http://www.veteranscommunityproject.org/vcp-coloradooutreachco@vcp.org)

1228 Main Street

Longmont, CO 80501

VCP of Longmont does community outreach and provides walk-in services 3 days a week, including resource connection and case management. Appointments can be scheduled outside these hours. Coming Soon: Transitional housing for homeless Veterans with on-site wrap-around case management services.

**Eligibility:** VCP serves anyone who served in the military regardless of length of time served or discharge status.

## Volunteers of America

720-501-3368

[www.voacolorado.org/gethelp-denvermetro-veterans](http://www.voacolorado.org/gethelp-denvermetro-veterans)

VOA Back Home SSVF is a permanent housing program for Veterans and Veteran Families experiencing homelessness.

**Eligibility:** In order to participate in the Back Home SSVF program you must:

- Be a Veteran with a discharge other than dishonorable and have served at least one day of Active Duty Service.
- Earn less than 50% of your area's median income.
- Be homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless.
- Additional eligibility criteria may apply. Final eligibility determinations are based on program guidelines and are determined on a case-by-case basis.



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## **What is Veteran Treatment Court (VTC)?**

The Veteran's treatment court model is based on drug treatment and/or mental health treatment courts. Substance abuse or mental health treatment is offered as an alternative to incarceration. Our mission is to reduce recidivism of Veterans who served in the armed forces, suffering from mental illness (including PTSD and/or TBI), and are involved in the criminal justice system. We promote public safety, ensure participant accountability, and improve quality of life for the justice involved Veterans and their families with a cost effective, integrated continuum of care through community resources. The VTC assists justice involved Veterans in achieving long-term stability to become law-abiding citizens, successful family and community members, and assist and support the Veterans recovery. Critical and proven success of VTC's are veterans who volunteer and serve as Mentors to justice-involved Veterans while in the VTC.

The Veteran Mentor acts as a coach, a guide, a role model, an advocate, and a support for the Veteran participant as they progress through the court process. This includes listening to concerns, making general suggestions, assisting the Veteran in determining his or her needs, and acting as a support for the Veteran, especially when he or she may be feeling isolated.

WarriorNOW.org is a non-profit in direct support of the Colorado VTC's. They recruit and train Veteran mentors, provide recreational therapies and pro-social activities to Veterans struggling with mental illness. They also provide support to the families afflicted.

### **Veteran Treatment Court Locations**

#### **1st Judicial District - Jefferson & Gilpin Counties**

[https://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/District/Index.cfm?District\\_ID=1](https://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/District/Index.cfm?District_ID=1)

Jefferson County Courthouse  
100 Jefferson County Pkwy, Golden, CO 80401

#### **2nd Judicial District - Denver County**

[https://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/District/Index.cfm?District\\_ID=2](https://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/District/Index.cfm?District_ID=2)

Lindsey-Flanigan Courthouse  
520 W Colfax Ave, Denver, CO 80204

#### **4th Judicial District - El Paso County**

[https://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/District/Index.cfm?District\\_ID=4](https://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/District/Index.cfm?District_ID=4)

El Paso County Combined Courts  
270 S Tejon St, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

#### **10th Judicial District - Pueblo County**

[https://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/District/Index.cfm?District\\_ID=10](https://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/District/Index.cfm?District_ID=10)

Pueblo County Courthouse  
215 W 10th St, Pueblo, CO 81003

#### **17th Judicial District - Adams County / Broomfield**

<https://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/District/>

[Index.cfm?District\\_ID=17](https://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/District/Index.cfm?District_ID=17)

Adams County Justice Center  
1100 Judicial Center Dr, Brighton, CO 80601

#### **18th Judicial District – Arapahoe, Douglas, Lincoln & Elbert Counties**

[https://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/District/Index.cfm?District\\_ID=18](https://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/District/Index.cfm?District_ID=18)

Arapahoe County Justice Center  
7325 S Potomac St, Centennial CO 80112

#### **Lakewood Municipal Vet Court**

<https://www.lakewood.org/Government/Departments/Municipal-Court/Probation-Division/Municipal-Court-Veterans-Program>

445 S. Allison Parkway Lakewood, CO

#### **Aurora Armed Forces Treatment Court**

14999 E Alameda Pkwy, Aurora, CO 80012

#### **WarriorNOW (WarriorNOW.org)**

[www.warriornow.org](http://www.warriornow.org)

5013c that provides training for VTC mentors and support for VTC clients, alumni and their families.



## **LEGAL ASSISTANCE RESOURCES**

### **Boesen Law, LLC**

303-999-9999

[admin@boesenlaw.com](mailto:admin@boesenlaw.com)

[www.boesenlaw.com](http://www.boesenlaw.com)

4100 E Mississippi Ave #1900

Denver, CO 80246

We are a Personal Injury law firm that assists Veterans and/or individuals injured through no fault of their own. We focus primarily on Motor Vehicle Accidents, slip and falls, and those who have been injured while working on the job. We also help Veterans and/or individuals who are currently not working or unable to work due to a disability, apply and obtain Social Security Disability Income benefits. We also help those who have been denied benefits in the past and are looking to file an appeal and/or reapply.

**Eligibility:** Anyone who has been injured through no fault of their own, or who are disabled and looking to apply for SSDI benefits should contact us to determine eligibility.

### **Grand Valley Peace & Justice**

970-985-4253

[programcoordinator@gcpeacejustice.org](mailto:programcoordinator@gcpeacejustice.org)

[www.gvpeacejustice.org](http://www.gvpeacejustice.org)

740 Gunnison Ave

Grand Junction, CO 81501

We offer support services to help people become self-sufficient including obtaining Colorado Identification & Birth Certificates.

**Eligibility:** We serve everyone as best we can with the resources we have including homeless, low-income, disabled, and Veterans.

### **Rocky Mountain Veterans Advocacy Project, Inc.**

720-253-0963

[clientservices@rmvap.org](mailto:clientservices@rmvap.org)

<https://www.rmvap.org>

15200 E. Girard Ave. Ste. 3450

Aurora, CO 80014

The Rocky Mountain Veterans Advocacy Project (RMVAP) provides military and veteran legal advocacy services, pairing individual veterans and military service members with licensed attorneys. These teams work on both VA disability benefit compensation cases as well as discharge upgrades. Our goal is to better help veterans and military service members navigate the Veterans Affairs' system and the appeals process, and to assist prior servicemembers in obtaining the

discharge status that they rightfully deserve.

**Eligibility:** Please Submit an Online Application

### **University of Denver Veterans Advocacy Project**

303-660-6421

[vap@law.du.edu](mailto:vap@law.du.edu)

<https://www.law.du.edu/veterans-advocacy-project>

1247 Santa Fe Dr

Denver, CO 80204

VA Disability Compensation Benefit Appeals and Discharge Upgrades

**Eligibility:** Preference for homeless and low income Veterans and Colorado Veterans.

### **U.S. Senator Michael F. Bennet - Military & Veterans**

#### **Constituent Advocate**

719-328-1100

[www.bennet.senate.gov](http://www.bennet.senate.gov)

409 N Tejon St #107

Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Serving as Congressional service to communicate directly with administrations of federal agencies: VA, DOD, DFAS, etc.

**Eligibility:** Colorado Constituent.



# MILITARY COMMUNITY GROUPS



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## MILITARY COMMUNITY GROUPS RESOURCES

## **Military Community Groups Resources**

### **American Legion**

303-366-5201

[member@coloradolegion.org](mailto:member@coloradolegion.org)

[www.coloradolegion.org](http://www.coloradolegion.org)

The American Legion is one of the largest Veteran's Organizations in the world. We are dedicated to helping our Active Duty Service Members and Veterans as well as their families and our communities.

**Eligibility:** Active Duty and Honorably Discharged Veterans who served during specified dates set forth by Congress. Family members are eligible to join the Legion Family through the Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary.

### **Army Community Service**

719-526-0423

<https://carson.armymwr.com/programs/army-community-service>

6303 Wetzel Avenue, Building 1524  
Fort Carson, CO 80913

ACS provides family support services, employment, volunteer opportunities, and financial counseling. EFMP supports families with special needs in educational liaison, respite, resources, and family programing.

**Eligibility:** All DoD ID card holders. Some EFMP support and programing is specific to families enrolled in the EFMP.

### **Colorado Elks Association**

720-272-9584

[www.coloradoelks.org](http://www.coloradoelks.org)

PO Box 43  
Dumont, CO 80436

Elks Lodges bring so much more to their communities than just a building, golf course, or pool. They are places where neighbors come together, families share meals, and children grow up.

Elks invest in their communities through programs that help children grow up healthy and drug-free, meet the needs of today's veterans, and improve the quality of life.

**Eligibility:** Varies by local lodge.

### **Colorado Springs Military Newspaper Group**

719-329-5220

[www.csmng.com](http://www.csmng.com)

235 S. Nevada Ave.

Colorado Springs, CO 80903

We are the publishers for several of the military installations in town: FT. Carson Army Post, Peterson Air Force Base, and Schriever Air Force Base.

**Eligibility:** N/A

### **City of Aurora Veterans Affairs Commission**

720-219-1407

[https://www.auroragov.org/city\\_hall/boards\\_commissions/veterans\\_affairs\\_commission](https://www.auroragov.org/city_hall/boards_commissions/veterans_affairs_commission)

15151 E. Alameda Parkway  
Aurora, CO 80112

To advise city council as to the concerns of veterans relating to transportation, housing, employment, and other areas affecting veterans in the city. Make recommendations to city council of solutions to these issues and concerns. Serve as a source of information regarding resources and services available to veterans in the city. Make recommendations to city council of solutions to these issues and concerns. Serve as a source of information regarding resources and services available to veterans. Exercise other powers and duties as may be assigned by city council

**Eligibility:** Commissioner requirements:

- Must be an Aurora resident
- Registered voter
- Active Duty in a Uniformed Service of the United States or serving as a traditional Guardsman/Reservist or Individual Mobilization Augmentee. Or, honorably discharged from a Uniformed Service of the United States.

### **Colorado Veteran Community Partnership**

303-399-8020

[vhaechcovetcommpartners@va.gov](mailto:vhaechcovetcommpartners@va.gov)

<https://www.va.gov/healthpartnerships/vcp.asp>

1700 N Wheeling St  
Aurora, CO 80045

Veteran Community Partnerships (VCP) are relationships through which local VA facilities connect with state and local community service agencies in an effort to enhance access and quality of care; promote seamless transitions; educate community agencies and VA providers; support caregivers and foster strong relationships between VA and community agencies and providers.

**Eligibility:** Open to interested representatives of community organizations and VA teams.

## **El Paso County Colorado Progressive Veterans**

303-618-6131

[info@EPCCPV.org](mailto:info@EPCCPV.org)

[www.EPCCPV.org](http://www.EPCCPV.org)

3665 Summertime Ct Suite 400

Monument, CO 80132

Veterans helping Veterans, Active Duty Military and their Families in El Paso County.

**Eligibility:** Any Veteran or Active Duty Military and their Families - Primarily living in El Paso County.

## **Military Officers Association of America Western Colorado Chapter**

970-241-8714

<https://www.moaa.org/chapter/westerncolorado/>

851 E 5th Street

Rifle, CO 81650

The VCLC at Rifle is a 24/7 SNF dedicated to Our Nation's Heroes and loved ones. We provide LTC, rehab, hospice, respite and comfort care.

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be honorably discharged US Military Veteran, their spouse, or Gold Star Parent.

## **The Mission Continues CO Springs Platoon**

719-761-8530

[https://missioncontinues.org/service-platoon/CO Springs-1st-platoon](https://missioncontinues.org/service-platoon/CO-Springs-1st-platoon)

The Mission Continues empowers Veterans who are adjusting to life at home to find purpose through community impact. We deploy Veterans on new missions in their communities, so that their actions will inspire future generations to serve.

**Eligibility:** Veteran or currently serving Service Member.

## **Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center**

719-772-7000

[www.veteranscenter.org](http://www.veteranscenter.org)

[frontdesk@mtcarmelcenter.org](mailto:frontdesk@mtcarmelcenter.org)

530 Communication Circle

Colorado Springs, CO 80905

Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center (501(c)3) provides military and veteran community members and their families with critical services to include Transition & Employment, Health & Wellness, and Supportive Services. Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center provides military, veterans, and their families with accessible programs, integrated resources, and collaborative

partnerships to empower lives and strengthen our community.

**Eligibility:** Military-affiliated individuals to include active duty, guard, reserve, veterans, and their family members.

## **Soldiers Angels**

719-650-0797

Local: 720-398-6059

Main Office: 210-629-0020

[www.soldiersangels.org](http://www.soldiersangels.org)

1247 Santa Fe Dr

Denver, CO 80204

Soldiers' Angels provides aid and comfort to the men and women of the United States Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, their families, and a growing veteran population. "May No Soldier Go Unloved" encapsulates the motivation behind Soldiers' Angels. The volunteers of Soldiers' Angels work tirelessly supporting our nation's veterans, wounded heroes, deployed service members and their families.

**Eligibility:** The monthly Mobile Food Distribution is for low-income veterans. All participants must bring with them either their retired ID, VA ID, or dd214 and they must pre-register.

## **Talking With Heroes**

719-310-7814

[www.talkingwithheroes.com](http://www.talkingwithheroes.com)

<http://www.thankyouforyourservice.us>

50 E Cheyenne Road #205

Colorado Springs, CO 80905

We started Talking With Heroes in Dec. 2005. From 2006-2011 we made 5 trips to Iraq and 3 to Afghanistan. Hundreds of raw footage videos are at [www.youtube.com/bobc9246](http://www.youtube.com/bobc9246). Plus we have interviewed over 100 Military Support Groups, Veterans, Caregivers, Companies and more including Joining Community Forces Colorado

**Eligibility:** We will talk with everybody and help who we can.

## **Team RWB**

[www.teamrwb.org](http://www.teamrwb.org)

Team RWB strives to enrich the lives of America's Veterans by connecting them to their community through physical and social activity. Currently, four chapters are active in Colorado: Denver, CO Springs, Fort Collins, and Grand Junction.

**Eligibility:** Anyone who has been affected by military service.

## **USO**

[www.uso.org](http://www.uso.org)

USO Denver



303-342-6880

[denver.uso.org](http://denver.uso.org)

[USOdenver@uso.org](mailto:USOdenver@uso.org)

8400 Pena Blvd

Denver, CO 80249

USO Colorado Springs

719-579-9699

[coloradosprings.uso.org](http://coloradosprings.uso.org)

[USOcoloradosprings@uso.org](mailto:USOcoloradosprings@uso.org)

1625 Ellis St

Fort Carson, CO 80913

The USO strengthens America's Military Service Members by keeping them connected to family, home, and country, throughout their service to the nation.

**Eligibility:** Colorado Active Duty Military and their Dependents. All Military branches.

### **Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)**

303-421-1630

[vfw@vfwcolodept.org](mailto:vfw@vfwcolodept.org)

<http://vfwco.org>

The VFW has a rich tradition of serving Veterans, Military Families, and their local communities. Its vision is to ensure that Veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.

**Eligibility:** U.S. Citizens who have served with the Active Duty, Guard, or Reserve forces-either currently serving or Veterans who have received an other than dishonorable discharge.

### **Veteran Servant Corps Project**

[https://www.rmselca.org/veteran\\_servant\\_corps](https://www.rmselca.org/veteran_servant_corps)

7375 Samuel Drive

Denver, CO 80221

The Rocky Mountain Synod Veteran Servant Corps Project partners with faith communities to recognize and support veterans.

**Eligibility:** N/A

### **Victory Service Dogs**

[www.victorysd.org](http://www.victorysd.org)

[Victoryservicedogsinc@gmail.com](mailto:Victoryservicedogsinc@gmail.com)

770 Wooten Rd. Suite 103

Colorado Springs, CO 80915

Victory Service Dogs is a non-profit organization that provides free service dog training to veterans and first responders. A dog is not required at the time of application. If veteran/first responder is

wanting to use their own dog for service dog training, please contact our offices to first set up a temperament assessment prior to applying. Dog must be under 2 years of age.

**Eligibility:** Veteran or first responder



# TRANSITION SERVICES



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# **About the Transition Assistance Program**

## **Mission Statement**

To provide direction through the maze of programs available to veterans and connection to earned benefits with the compassion of someone who knows what it's like to transition from active duty.

## **Program Vision**

Transition assistance advisors were established in May 2005 when the Chief, National Guard Bureau, LTG H. Steven Blum signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Veterans Affairs. Their principal role is to provide direction to members of the Reserve Component so that they can secure all benefits, entitlements and services earned through their military service.

According to the National Defense Authorization Act 2013, transition assistance advisors “serve as points of contact to assist eligible members of the reserve components in accessing benefits and health care furnished under laws administered by the Secretary of Defense and benefits and health care furnished under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs” (Sec. 513), VOW Act and TAP. This support empowers members of the Reserve Component with the critical knowledge needed to take advantage of the programs and resources, effects of a career change, employment assistance, relocation assistance, education/training, physical and mental health well-being, health and life insurance, finances, disabled veteran benefits, legal assistance, and state and federal benefits available to them.

## **Transition Support**

Have you just returned from deployment? Do you have a service-related injury or health care issue? Perhaps you're about to retire from service and you're looking for someone to show you how to get back into the swing of civilian life. Getting to know your local transition assistance advisor means you'll have reliable, professional support whenever you need it, whatever the circumstance.

## **Your Benefits**

Transition assistance advisors maintain a large number of resources to help you and your family receive services to fulfill your specific needs. Discover what services, benefits and entitlements are available to you through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

## **Health Benefits and More**

VA Health

VA Benefits

If you need access to mental health care during your transition, the Department of Defense in Transition program provides free and confidential specialized coaching. This program is available to all active-duty service members, National Guard members, reservists, veterans and retirees regardless of length of service or discharge status.





## Transition Services Resources

### **CU Denver/Anschutz Medical Campus**

303-315-7299

<https://www.ucdenver.edu/veterans>  
[vmss@cudenver.edu](mailto:vmss@cudenver.edu)

Tivoli Student Union  
900 Auraria Pkwy Room 124  
Denver, CO 80204

The Veteran and Military Student Services office serves all military-connected students at CU Denver/Anschutz Medical Campus. They provide guidance and support with VA educational benefit processing, transitioning into education, employment counseling, and resource navigation.

**Eligibility:** Supportive services are available to all military-connected students to include prospective, current, and alumni of CU Denver/Anschutz Medical Campus. VMSS does not discriminate based on age, race/ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or Veteran status.

### **Caring Transitions of the Grand Valley**

970-822-7087

[www.CaringTransitionsGV.com](http://www.CaringTransitionsGV.com)  
304 North Ave

Grand Junction, CO 81502

We offer complete relocation services - packing, moving, unpacking. We specialize in working with disabled and those with memory issues. We also have basic household items to donate on a regular basis for those in need. We offer military discount and a range of affordable options.

**Eligibility:** None.

### **Mountain Resource Center**

303-838-7552

[www.mrcco.org](http://www.mrcco.org)

11030 Kitty Dr. (PO Box 425)  
Conifer, CO 80433

Mountain Resource Center serves community members in the foothills west of Denver through basic needs assistance (rent/utilities/gas cards), a food pantry, workforce services, financial coaching, public benefits enrollment, parenting, early childhood classes, and more. Our Veteran Support Services program provides access to all agency services plus supports navigating the VA system, dedicated financial assistance for Veterans and community events.

**Eligibility:** All services are open to community members within the Mountain Resource Center Service Area (western Jefferson County and

eastern Park County - call for details); Veteran-specific financial assistance requires valid identification and DD 214 (subject to funding availability).

### **Onward to Opportunity**

719-244-6634

<https://ivmf.syracuse.edu/onward-to-opportunity/>

1638 Elwell Street, Bldg. 6236  
Fort Carson, CO 80913

Onward to Opportunity (O2O) is a free, comprehensive career training, certification and employment program designed to launch you into your next career. Transitioning Service Members, Veterans and Military Families can benefit from this unique military employment pipeline with direct connections to career-path counseling and job-ready training.

**Eligibility:** Active Duty Service Members (to include active guard and reserve) within 6 months of separation or retirement National Guard and Reserve, currently serving in a non-active status, Veteran (retired or separated) with an honorable discharge, Spouses of any active duty service member, Veteran and Active Duty National Guard or Reserve.

### **Project Sanctuary**

720-561-9193

[info@projectsanctuary.us](mailto:info@projectsanctuary.us)  
[www.projectsanctuary.us](http://www.projectsanctuary.us)

As the national leader in military family transition services, Project Sanctuary recognizes that the whole family serves, and believes the best way to “support the troops” is by supporting the family. We work with current and prior Service Members and their Families through our exclusive, three part A.R.T. (Assess, Reconnect, Thrive) program, combining counseling, education, self-development, and recreational therapy to help take military families from battle ready to family ready.

**Eligibility:** Current or prior military service families (includes single Service Members and caregivers).

### **Salute Colorado**

(720) 437-9583

[info@salutecolorado.org](mailto:info@salutecolorado.org)  
[salutecolorado.org](http://salutecolorado.org)

4041 Hanover Ave  
Boulder, CO 80305

Our mission is to support Veterans in their transition from military service through a continuous program of education, mentorship, and community. We empower military leaders to emerge as business and community leaders.



We offer three unique programs throughout the year at no cost to Veterans: Valor Bridge - an 8-10 week, in person comprehensive educational program; Valor Journey - a 2 year mentorship and educational program; and Valor Connect - a program offering continuity and connection through networking and educational events.

**Eligibility:** All of our programs are available at no cost to those who reside or plan to reside in the Front Range / Denver Metro Area (including Ft Collins, Boulder and Colorado Springs). The Valor Bridge and Valor Journey programs are open to those recently separated (within the last 5 years) or preparing to separate from the U.S. Armed Forces with an honorable discharge. Valor Connect is open to all alumni and current participants of Valor Bridge and Valor Journey, their mentors and our supporters.

### **Survivor Outreach Services**

855-707-2769

<https://co.ng.mil/Family/Survivor-Outreach-Services/>

Survivor Outreach Services (SOS) connects you with people and services that can help you cope with your loss and file for benefits.

**Eligibility:** Supports Active, National Guard, and Reserve Families of the Fallen.

### **Transition Assistance - CO Army National Guard**

720-250-1173

<https://co.ng.mil/Transition-Assistance-Program/>

12200 E Briarwood Ave #160  
Centennial, CO 80112

The purpose of the Transition Assistance Advisor (TAA) program is to provide a professional in each state/territory (some states have two TAAs) to serve as the statewide point of contact to assist Service Members in accessing Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care services and benefits.

**Eligibility:** Must have served (or be currently serving) in the military, does not matter if Active Duty or Guard/Reserve, and does not matter status. Will assist any family members or Service Members.

### **USAF Academy Military & Family Readiness Center**

719-333-3444

[10FSS.FSH.AFRC@us.af.mil](mailto:10FSS.FSH.AFRC@us.af.mil)

<https://usafasupport.com/mfrc>

6248 Pine Loop

USAF Academy, CO 80840

Providing programs and services to assist commanders and leaders to identify, assess, and minimize challenges to maintaining unit cohesion; strengthen operational readiness, and enable the development and sustainment of resilient, ready military and family members

**Eligibility:** All DoD card holders

### **USO Pathfinder**

719-338-9322

[www.uso.org/pathfinder](http://www.uso.org/pathfinder)

1638 Elwell St.

Colorado Springs, CO 80913

USO Pathfinder (transition services) helps you and your family create a plan for life after Military Service. Connect with a Pathfinder Scout to develop a personalized Action Plan and discover the resources in your future community that will make your transition successful. Take your action plan with you and connect with your Pathfinder Scout anywhere using the USO's mobile Action Plan app. Seamlessly transfer your action plan as you transition from one location to another.

**Eligibility:** Service and Family members and Veterans.

### **Veterans Compass**

(970) 567-8807

[info@veteranscompass.org](mailto:info@veteranscompass.org)

[www.veteranscompass.org](http://www.veteranscompass.org)

Veteran's Compass of Northern Colorado engages our community by providing personalized connections and resources for service-members, Veterans and their families. We bring together a broad base of resources to create a welcoming environment, assuring Service Members, Veterans and their families' transition into our community so they may thrive and prosper.

**Eligibility:** We are open to veterans of all ages and eras, Active Duty Military, National Guard and

### **WarriorNOW**

(720) 724-5472

[info@warriornow.org](mailto:info@warriornow.org)

[www.warriornow.org](http://www.warriornow.org)

P.O. Box 460699

Aurora, CO 80046

We are committed to eliminating the social, judicial, and economic impacts mental illness, PTSD, TBI, and addiction play on our service men and women. We connect Veterans impacted by a mental health diagnosis, PTSD, and/or addiction to resources, services, and mentorship. We also provide training and support to Peer Mentors so they can better serve our

Veterans impacted by mental health challenges and addiction.

**Eligibility:** We serve ALL veterans, regardless of era served or discharge status.

### **Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans**

970-765-2210

[www.whafv.org](http://www.whafv.org)

4 Hillcrest Plaza Way  
Montrose, CO 81401

We are a one stop resource organization for Veteran support. We have programs and services available to assist Veterans with VA benefits, employment, housing. We provide office space for the county Veteran Service Officer and other regional Veteran agencies that do not have a permanent local presence in Montrose, making it easier for Veterans to connect with services they need. Additionally, alternative therapies are available, recognizing that there is never just one answer to Veteran struggles. Everything is free of charge.

**Eligibility:** DD-214 or other separation papers validating service.

### **Your Weapon is Your Mind**

303-704-9419

[yourweaponisyourmind@gmail.com](mailto:yourweaponisyourmind@gmail.com)

[www.yourweaponisyourmind.com](http://www.yourweaponisyourmind.com)

Free Veteran-run support squad for Combat Vets. It offers a confidential, supportive environment for Combat Vets to find the camaraderie they long for now that they're no longer down range. During war, Service Members rely on each other for protection & support and that shouldn't end after d/c.

**Eligibility:** Combat Veteran of Desert Storm or OIF/OEF/OND. A phone call is required to RSVP and to ensure that the program is a good fit before attending.



# VETERANS AFFAIRS AND BENEFITS



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## **HOW TO FILE A DISABILITY CLAIM**

### **How do I prepare before starting my application?**

- Find out if you're eligible for VA disability compensation
  - Gather any evidence (supporting documents) you'll submit yourself when you file your VA disability claim.
  - Be sure your claim is filled out completely and you have all the supporting documents ready to send in along with your claim. This will help us process your claim quickly.
  - Learn about fully developed claims
  - Find out if you'll need to turn in any additional forms with your claim
- What evidence will I need to provide to support my claim?

### **You can help to support your VA disability claim by providing documents, such as:**

- VA medical records and hospital records that relate to your claimed illnesses or injuries or that show your rated disability has gotten worse
- Private medical records and hospital reports that relate to your claimed illnesses or injuries or that show your disability has gotten worse
- Supporting statements you'd like to provide from family members, friends, clergy members, law enforcement personnel, or those you served with that can tell us more about your claimed condition and how and when it happened or how it got worse
- Depending on the type of claim you file, you may gather supporting documents yourself, or you can ask for our help to gather evidence.

### **Find out what evidence we'll need for your claim:**

We'll also review your discharge papers (DD214 or other separation documents) and service treatment records.

Please note: You don't have to submit any evidence to support your claim, but we may need to schedule a claim exam so we can learn more about your condition.

You should also know that you have up to a year from the date we receive your claim to turn in any evidence. If you start your application and need time to gather more supporting documents, you can save your application and come back later to finish it. We'll recognize the date you started your application as your date of claim as long as you complete it within 365 days.

### **How do I file my claim?**

You can file your disability compensation claim online right now.

### **File a disability compensation claim**

You can also file a disability claim:

#### **By mail**

File your claim by mail using an Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits (VA Form 21-526EZ).

Download VA Form 21-526EZ (PDF)

Print the form, fill it out, and send it to this address:

Department of Veterans Affairs  
Claims Intake Center  
PO Box 4444  
Janesville, WI 53547-4444



### In person

Bring your application to a VA regional office near you.

Find a VA regional office near you

### With the help of a trained professional

You can work with a trained professional called an accredited representative to get help filing a claim for disability compensation.

## **Should I submit an intent to file form?**

If you plan to file for disability compensation using a paper form, you may want to submit an intent to file form first. This can give you the time you need to gather your evidence while avoiding a later potential start date (also called an effective date). When you notify us of your intent to file, you may be able to get retroactive payments (compensation that starts at a point in the past).

**Note:** You don't need to notify us of your intent to file if you file for disability compensation online. This is because your effective date gets set automatically when you start filling out your disability compensation form online—before you submit it.

## **Find out how to submit an intent to file form**

## **What happens after I file my VA disability claim?**

You don't need to do anything while you're waiting unless we send you a letter asking for more information. If we schedule exams for you, be sure not to miss them.

## **Check your VA claim status**

## **How long does it take VA to make a decision?**

142.8 days

Average number of days to complete disability-related claims in September 2021

## **More information about filing disability claims**

- Claim types and when to file.
- Learn about standard claims, supplemental claims, secondary claims, and more.
- Evidence needed for your disability claim.
- Find out what evidence we'll need to support your disability claim.
- Disabilities that appear within 1 year after discharge.
- Find out if you can get disability benefits if you have signs of an illness within a year after being discharged from service.
- Get help filing a claim.
- Find out how to work with a trained professional called an accredited representative to file your claim.

## **Veterans Memorial Cemetery**

The Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado was authorized by the Colorado Legislature in 1999 to honor Colorado veterans. Construction began in June, 2001 and was completed on September 4, 2002. The Cemetery officially opened on September 5, 2002. A total of three interments occurred on that day with the first being that of Aidan J. Quinn, a World War I veteran who was interred in Columbarium 1.

The Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado is located on ~ 22.5 acres at 2830 Riverside Parkway, Grand Junction, Colorado, just east of the Grand Junction Regional Center. It has a capacity of 3,337 units, including 1,758 units for casketed remains and 1,579 units for cremated remains (of which 861 are columbarium wall niches). Additionally, there are 775 memorial garden plots available for veterans whose remains were not recovered or were donated to science or are otherwise unavailable for interment.

The Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado is intended to be a dignified final resting place for Colorado.

There are memorial walks on either side of the creek running northeast to southwest through the Cemetery. These walks pass by each of the five columbaria in front of which are benches for visitors.

There are landscaped areas for in-ground interments that are characterized by thoughtful placement of trees, shrubs, and other plantings. These areas provide additional places for individual reflection.

The Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado conveys the appreciation of the people of Colorado to its veterans for answering the call of duty and faithfully and honorably serving the United States of America and the State of Colorado.

Eligibility for burial in the cemetery is the same as for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) national cemeteries but includes a residency requirement.

The Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado is open from dawn to dusk seven days a week.

Administration office hours are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday except for State holidays.

### **Costs**

There is NO CHARGE for interment in the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado. A gravesite or niche, opening and closing of the gravesite or niche, an upright granite headstone or granite niche marker with authorized inscription(s), concrete vault (grave liner) for most casketed remains, use of Committal Shelter and/or Visitors Center, and perpetual care are provided at no expense to the next-of-kin.

A grave liner (vault, crypt) is a concrete container within a gravesite in which the casket is placed. It is provided at no cost, except in conventional gravesite areas, and is used to reduce the amount of grave sinkage subsequent to interment. Grave liners are neither sealed nor watertight.

Cremated remains are buried or inurned in the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado in the same manner and with the same honors as casketed remains.

### **Burial Flag**

A United States flag is provided, at no cost, to drape the casket or accompany the urn of a deceased veteran who served honorably in the United States Armed Forces. It is normally furnished through a funeral services provider to honor the memory of a veteran.

Eligibility for Former Members of Selected Reserve was added by Section 571 of Public Law 105-261.

Generally, the flag is given to the next-of-kin, as a keepsake, after its use during the funeral service. When

there is no next-of-kin, the flag may be provided to a friend making a request for it. Families may wish to donate the burial flag to the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado to be flown on patriotic holidays.

Application for a burial flag may be made by completing VA Form 21-2008 (90-2008), Application for United States Flag for Burial Purposes. Flags may be obtained at any VA regional office or United States Post Office. Generally, the funeral director will help with this. Upon request, Cemetery staff can assist with an application as well.

The law allows only one flag to be issued for a veteran.

### **Presidential Memorial Certificate**

A Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) is a gold embossed paper certificate inscribed with the veteran's name and signed by the President commemorating the veteran's service.

#### **Presidential Memorial Certificate Request Form**

FAX: The request and all supporting documents should be faxed to (202) 565-8054.

MAIL: The request and all supporting documents should be sent to:

#### **Department of Veterans Affairs**

National Cemetery Administration (402E12)

810 Vermont Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20420-0001

Cemetery staff can assist with this process upon request.

## **Fort Logan National Cemetery**

### **Eligibility**

Burial in a national cemetery is open to all members of the armed forces who have met a minimum active duty service requirement and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. A Veteran's spouse, widow or widower, minor dependent children, and under certain conditions, unmarried adult children with disabilities may also be eligible for burial. Eligible spouses and children may be buried even if they predecease the Veteran. Members of the reserve components of the armed forces who die while on active duty or who die while on training duty, or were eligible for retired pay, may also be eligible for burial. For more information visit our eligibility web page.

### **Hours**

Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Closed federal holidays except Memorial Day.

Visitation Hours: Open daily from sunrise to sunset.

### **To Schedule A Burial**

Fax all discharge documentation to the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at 1-866-900-6417 and follow-up with a phone call to 1-800-535-1117.

For information on scheduled burials in our national cemeteries, please go to the Daily Burial Schedule.

### **For more information:**

<https://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/ftlogan.asp>

## **Veterans Affairs And Benefits Resources**

### **City of Aurora Veterans' Affair Commission** 303-739-7087

[https://www.auroragov.org/city\\_hall/boards\\_commissions/veterans\\_affairs\\_commission](https://www.auroragov.org/city_hall/boards_commissions/veterans_affairs_commission)  
[veterans@aurora.gov](mailto:veterans@aurora.gov)

15151 E. Alameda Parkway  
Aurora, CO 80012

The Aurora Veterans' Affairs Commission is a 12-member commission appointed by the Aurora City Council. Its purpose is to advise city council as to the concerns of Veterans relating to transportation, housing, employment, and other areas affecting Veterans in the city. They then make recommendations to the city council to find solutions to these issues, network to establish strategic partnerships with local Aurora Veterans Organizations and is overseen by the Community Relations Division of the Neighborhood Services Department.

**Eligibility:** Individuals interested in serving on the Veterans' Affairs Commission must be Aurora residents. Monthly meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 6PM, meetings are open to the public.

### **Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs** (303) 914-5832

[cdvainfo@dmva.state.co.us](mailto:cdvainfo@dmva.state.co.us)  
<http://co.gov/dmva>

155 Van Gordon Street, Suite 201  
Lakewood, CO 80228

The mission of the Division is to further prompt and efficient service to all Veterans in the state of Colorado on a uniform basis. Our vision is to earn and maintain the trust and confidence in those we serve; customers and staff feel welcomed, valued, respected and heard. There is an additional administrative office at 482 28 Road, Grand Junction, CO 81501, phone 970-257-3760.

**Eligibility:** U.S. military veterans

### **Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)** 800-827-1000

Denver:

<https://www.benefits.va.gov/denver>  
155 Van Gordon St PO Box 25126  
Denver, CO 80225

Grand Junction:

970-263-2800/970-244-1324  
<https://www.grandjunction.va.gov>  
2121 North Ave  
Grand Junction, CO 81501

Enrollment Office: 970-263-2813

Suicide Prevention: 970-263-2824

Each Regional VA Office processes several Veteran benefits including compensation, pension claims, home loan guarantees, vocational rehabilitation, employment, and counseling on all other Veterans benefits. VA also provides health care services access to national cemeteries to former military personnel and their dependents. Specific services are also available for female Veterans.

**Eligibility:** Generally, Veterans with discharges other than dishonorable may apply to most Veteran benefits. All other claimants may be counseled on what programs and benefits they may be eligible to apply to in VA.

### **Northern Colorado VA CBOC**

970-393-6644

<https://www.va.gov/cheyenne-health-care/locations/northern-colorado-va-clinic/>  
[https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/suicide\\_prevention/](https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/suicide_prevention/)

4575 Byrd Dr.

Loveland, CO 80538

Our Suicide Prevention Community Engagement & Partnerships Coordinators (CEPC) serve as content matter experts for community-based suicide prevention initiatives and help with suicide prevention education throughout the community. CEPC's build community-led coalitions that focus on suicide prevention and education. They can speak to your organization about Suicide Prevention, provide free suicide prevention resources, and training opportunities.

**Eligibility:** Open to all.

### **Summit BHC**

(877) 463-3553

<https://summitbhc.com/>

Summit BHC's Tactical Recovery Program specializes in treating veterans who are struggling with substance use disorder, as well as mental health struggles. We have residential facilities across the country that partner with the veterans home VA and coordinate care throughout treatment to ensure the veteran will have the tools and resources they will need when they return home.

**Eligibility:** Veteran with VA Benefits



# VETERAN SERVICE OFFICERS

## Veteran Service Officers

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/vets/county-veterans-service-offices>

Veteran Service Officers (VSOs) help Veterans write and submit benefit claims to the VA. This free service includes assistance gathering information that supports the claim, tracking the claim through the submission process and filing appeals for denied claims.

**Eligibility:** Veteran interested in pursuing VA benefits.

### Adams

720-523-2770  
11860 Pecos St.  
Westminster, CO 80234

### Alamosa

719-589-1109  
8999 Independence Way  
PO Box 178  
Alamosa, CO 81101

### Arapahoe

303-738-8045  
Arapahoe County Plaza  
1690 West Littleton Blvd  
Ste. 110  
Littleton, CO 80120

### Archuleta

970-264-4013/970-264-4014  
451 Hot Springs Blvd.  
PO Box 1507  
Paragosa Springs, CO 81147

### Baca

719-563-0976  
25500 Hwy 160  
Springfield, CO 81073

### Boulder

303-441-3890  
4999 Pearl East Cr. Ste. 106  
Boulder, CO 80301

### Boulder/Longmont

720-864-6663  
515 Coffman St. Ste. 150  
Longmont, CO 80501

### Broomfield

720-887-2263  
100 Spader Way  
Broomfield, CO 80020

### Chaffee

719-539-3803  
448 East 1st St. Ste. 134  
Salida, CO 81201

### Cheyenne

719-539-3803  
448 East 1st St. Ste. 134  
Salida, CO 81201

### Clear Creek

303-670-7543/720-272-9584  
Clear Creek Resource Center  
Idaho Springs:  
1531 Colorado Blvd.  
PO Box 3669  
Idaho Springs, CO  
80452  
Georgetown:  
405 Argentine Street  
PO Box 2000  
Georgetown, CO 80444

### Conejos

719-376-6725  
12987 Cty Rd. 6  
PO Box 196  
Conejos, CO 81129

### Costilla

719-580-6126  
400 Gaspar St. PO Box 97  
San Luis, CO 81152

### Crowley

719-267-5251  
631 Main St. Ste. 100  
Ordway, CO 81063

### Custer

719-783-9470  
615 Rosita Ave  
Westcliffe, CO 81252

### Delta

970-874-2082/970-234-7283  
501 Palmer St.  
Delta, CO 81428

### Denver

720-944-3500  
1200 Federal  
Denver, CO 80204

### Dolores

970-677-3200/970-570-6847  
VFW Hall  
PO Box 428  
Dove Creek, CO 81324

### Douglas

303-663-6200  
301 Wilcox St.  
Castle Rock, CO 80109

### Eagle

970-328-9674  
551 Broadway PO Box 660  
Eagle, CO 81631

### Elbert

303-520-6088  
PO Box 131  
Elbert, CO 80106

### El Paso

719-520-7750  
5850 Championship View  
Ste. 130  
Colorado Springs, CO 80922

### Fremont

719-276-7400  
615 Macon Ave Ste. LL-8  
Canon City, CO 81212

**Garfield**

970-989-0084  
195 14th St. PO Box 1361  
Room 101  
Rifle, CO 81650

**Gilpin**

303-515-4297  
2960 Dory Hill Rd. Ste. 100  
Blackhawk, CO 80422

**Grand**

970-725-3122/970-509-9024  
PO Box 264  
Hot Sulpher Springs, CO  
80451

**Gunnison**

970-641-7919  
225 N Pine St  
Gunnison, CO 81230

**Hinsdale**

970-944-0191  
PO Box 307  
Lake City, CO 81235

**Huerfano**

719-459-3246  
121 W 6th St.  
Walsenburg, CO 81089

**Jackson**

970-218-9877  
PO Box 322  
Walden, CO 80480

**Jefferson**

303-271-4205/303-271-8375  
3500 Illinois St. Ste. 1600  
Golden, CO 80401

**Kiowa**

719-438-5421  
13344 HWY 287  
Eads, CO 81036

**Kit Carson**

719-691-5445  
2910 Senter Ave PO Box 756  
Burlington, CO 80807

**La Plata**

970-382-6150  
1970 East 3rd Ave Ste. 102  
Durango, CO 81301

**Lake**

719-221-3245  
901 S. HWY 24 Room 105  
PO Box 964  
Leadville, CO 80461

**Larimer**

970-498-7396/970-498-7390  
200 West Oak St. Ste. 5000  
PO Box 1190  
Fort Collins, CO 80522

**Las Animas**

719-846-3940  
200 E First St.  
Room 101  
Trinidad, CO 81082

**Lincoln**

719-743-2250  
PO Box 398  
Hugo, CO 80821

**Logan**

970-520-5876  
315 Main St.  
Sterling, CO 80051

**Mesa**

970-248-2733  
512 29 1/2 Road  
Grand Junction, CO 81502

**Mineral**

719-658-2416 ext. 404  
719-480-3137  
PO Box 70  
Creede, CO 81130

**Moffat**

970-824-0384  
480 Barclay St.  
Craig, CO 81625

**Montezuma**

970-564-2779  
970-565-7155  
<https://montezumacounty.org/veteran-services/>  
107 N. Chestnut Ste. #3  
Cortez, CO 81321

**Montrose**

970-249-2115/970-765-2210  
<https://www.whafv.org/>  
317 S 2nd Ave  
Montrose, CO 81401

**Morgan**

970-542-3552  
800 E. Beaver Ave  
Fort Morgan, CO 80701

**Otero**

719-383-3148  
494 13 W 3rd St.  
Room 110  
La Junta, CO 81050

**Ouray**

970-249-2115  
4 Hillcrest Plaza Way  
Montrose, CO 81401

**Park**

719-836-4132/303-816-9498  
825 Clark St. PO Box 968  
Fairplay, CO 80440

**Phillips**

970-520-1510  
325 W Strohm St.  
Haxtun, CO 80731

**Pitkin**

970-429-6115  
405 Castle Creek Dr. Ste. 102  
Aspen, CO 81611

**Prowers**

719-336-2606  
1001 South Main St.  
Lamar, CO 81052

**Pueblo**

719-583-4058  
1515 Fortino Blvd. Ste. 130  
Pueblo, CO 81008

**Rio Blanco**

970-878-9690  
970-878-9695  
PO Box 559  
Meeker, CO 81641  
17497 State HWY 64 PO Box  
522  
Rangley, CO 81648

**Rio Grande**

719-852-5118  
PO Box 97  
Homelake, CO 81135

**Routt**

970-870-5469  
[www.co.routt.co.us](http://www.co.routt.co.us)  
136 6th Street PO Box 773598  
Steamboat Springs, CO 80487

**Saguache**

719-655-2680  
405 Denver Ave PO Box 325  
Saguache, CO 81149

**San Juan**

970-387-7705  
952 Snowden St.  
Silverton, CO 81433

**San Miguel**

970-728-4501  
PO Box 1014  
Telluride, CO 81435

**Sedgwick**

9770-429-6115  
115 Cedar Street Box 2  
Julesburg, CO 80737

**Summit**

970-509-9024  
360 Peak One Dr. Ste. 230 PO  
Box 679  
Frisco, CO 80443

**Teller**

719-689-3584 ext. 108/719-686-5526  
166 E. Bennet Ave  
Cripple Creek, CO 80813

**Washington**

970-345-6685  
150 Ash Ave Basement 230 Gum Ave (mail)  
Akron, CO 80720

**Weld**

970-400-3444/970-400-3445  
1008 9th Street  
Greely, CO 80631

**Yuma**

950-332-5165  
970-630-2309  
19221 Country Road KK  
Wray, CO 80758

**State Veteran Service Officers**

**DVA Field Veteran Service Officers  
(State VSOs): 303-914-5832**

**Locations**

**Grand Junction  
Pueblo  
VA Regional Office  
Greeley  
Durango  
Denver Metro**

## **Veteran Services Officer FAQ**

### **Where do I go to find out about my benefits?**

Contact the Veteran Service Officer (VSO) for your County:

The VSO can be reached, by telephone, at (970) 249-2115 or (970) 765-2210.

Walk-in visits are encouraged, but it is better to call ahead for an appointment. You may also call the front desk at Warrior Resource Center at (970) 765-2210 for additional information.

Information may also be obtained from Health and Human Services, 851 Main, Nucla CO 81424, (970) 864 -7319

The position of VSO is mandated by the Federal Government to ensure you get the benefits you deserve. There is a VSO representing every county in Colorado.

The purpose of this position is to familiarize you with your benefits, assist with the application process, and advocate for you, as necessary, to acquire benefits.

### **Who do we serve?**

Eligibility for most VA benefits is based upon discharge from active military service, under OTHER than dishonorable conditions. Active service means full-time service, other than active duty for training, as a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or as a commissioned officer of the Public Health Service, Environmental Science Services Administration, or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or its predecessor, the Coast and Geodetic Survey as well as National Guard and Reserve. Illness or Injury that was caused by, or previous illness or injury that was aggravated by, your service may still be considered even if you may not meet the above guidelines.

### **What verification do I need?**

A copy of your service discharge form (DD 214 or DD 215 or, for WW II Vets: a WD Form).

### **Are there fees for the service?**

The County Veteran Service Officer does not charge fees for familiarizing you with your benefits, assisting with the application process, or advocating for you, as necessary.



# MILITARY ID CARD LOCATIONS

## DEERS - RAPIDS

APPOINTMENT SCHEDULER: [HTTPS://RAPIDS-APPOINTMENTS.DMDC.OSD.MIL/](https://RAPIDS-APPOINTMENTS.DMDC.OSD.MIL/)

*Buckley Space Force Base 18401 E. A-Basin Ave BLDG 606 Aurora, CO	MON TUE TH FRI 0800-1500 (walk-in) WED 0800-1200 (walk-in)	720-847-4357 RAPIDS Online Appointment Scheduler link stop 97
Buckley Air Force Base Hanger 801 Room 233 Aurora, CO	TUE-FRI 8:00AM-12:00PM Appointments Preferred (Call for Walk-In Status)	720-847-9295
Buckley Space Force Base 7 N. Snowmass St. Bldg. 1301 #62 Aurora, CO	MON WED 9:00AM-11:00AM (appointment only) TUE THU 0900 AM - 3:00PM (appointment only) FRI 9:00AM-11:00AM (walk-in)	RAPIDS Online Appointment Scheduler Stop 62
COARNG Joint Force Headquarters 6848 South Revere Pkwy 3-story blg first floor Centennial, CO	TUE- FRI 8:30AM - 3:30PM (by appointment only)	720-250-1315
FITZSIMMONS 12963 East 23rd Ave Aurora, CO	MON-FRI 7:30AM-3:00PM (appointments only)	303-365-3060
FORT CARSON 1839 O'Connell BLVD Bldg# 1039 South Entrance Colorado Springs, CO	MON TUE WED FRI 7:30AM - 3:30PM (walk-in) THU: 8:30AM - 3:30PM (closed for lunch daily) Close at 2PM last Friday of month	719-524-3704 RAPIDS Online Appointment
Francis E. Warren AFB 7100 Saber RD Bldg 1284 Rm 230 Cheyenne, WY	MON-FRI 0730-1500 Walk-In Only	307-773-4711
GREELEY 2605 E. 8th St Bldg 100 Rm 130 Greeley, CO	TUE WED FRI 1300-1500 (Appointment only) SAT 1:00PM-4:00PM (Drill) SUN 7:00-10:00PM (Drill)	970-378-5046
KIRTLAND AFB 1451 4th St SE Bldg 20245 Albuquerque, NM	MON-FRI 0730-1500 Appointments Preferred	505-846-2354 RAPIDS Online Appointment Scheduler Kirtland AFB
National Ocean & Atmospheric Administration 325 Broadway SKAGGS RMGB515 Boulder, CO 80305	MON-FRI 0700- 1500 (by appointment only)	303-497-6119 RAPIDS Online Appointment
NM National Guard 47 Bataan Blvd Bldg 10 Rm 229 Santa Fe, NM	MON-FRI 0830-1600 Walk-In's Only	505-407-3417

PETERSON AFB 135 Dover St Bldg350 Suite 1073 Colorado Springs	MON-FRI 0800-1600 Appointments Only	719-556-0008
SCHRIEVER AFB 210 Falcon Pkwy Rm 137B Colorado Springs	MON TUE TH FRI 0800-1600 W - 0800-1400 Appointments Preferred, Call For Walk In Status	719-567-5900 719-567-5901
*US AIR FORCE ACADEMY 5136 Community enter Dr. Bldg 5136 Suite K-102, Colorado Springs	MON TUE THU FRI 0730-1530 WED 0700-1330	719-333-8766 RAPIDS Online Appointment Scheduler link USAFA
Western Region One Source 482 28 Road Grand Junction, CO	MON-FRI 0800-1630 Appointments Only	970-257-3762
*WY National Guard Joint Force Readiness Center (Gate 5, exit) 5410 Bishop Blvd Cheyenne WY	MON – FRI 7:30AM – 4:30PM (By appointment or walk-in)	307-772-5939

## DEERS/RAPIDS Enrollment Frequently Asked Questions

**INITIAL ENROLLMENT OF SPOUSE:** When adding your spouse to DEERS, the sponsor and spouse must be present and provide the following forms of documentation: A valid state or federal government photo ID, original/certified copy of marriage certificate, Social Security Card, and Birth Certificate. If your spouse is a foreign national, you must have the original marriage certificate, valid passport, and birth certificate. All documents need to be certified and translated into English.

**ADDING NEWBORN/CHILDREN TO DEERS:** Sponsor must have the following documents for the child: Original Birth Certificate/Certificate of Live Birth authenticated by attending physician and social security card (if available). If a stepchild is being added, the marriage license is also needed. Required documents for Students 21+ enrolled in college: College students (dependents of Service Member who are full-time students age 21-23): A letter from the Office of Registrar showing date of enrollment and anticipated date of graduation, and identifying the student as a “full-time” student in accordance with the criteria established at the college.

**CHILDREN BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK:** Female Sponsors: Child’s Birth Certificate and Social Security Number. Male sponsors: Court order establishing paternity or State Voluntary Acknowledgement of Paternity Form, Child’s Birth Certificate, SSN & legal documents showing adjudicated paternity.

**ENROLLING DEPENDENT WARD:** You will need to provide a DFAS letter of approval, Court Document placing the child in the member’s household for at least 12 months, Birth Certificate & Social Security card. Please note that all documents must be translated into English and certified.

**PARENT ENROLLMENT:** You will need to pick up a Dependency Determination Application from Finance and apply for ap-proval through DFAS. Provide letter of approval at time of enrollment, service member’s birth certificate and a valid Photo ID of your parent and SSN card.

**POWER OF ATTORNEY (POA):** If your Military Sponsor is at Basic Training, AIT, DEPLOYED or on TDY orders that he/she is unable to accompany you. A valid original “General” or “Special” Power of Attorney that will allow you to conduct DEERS busi-ness on your sponsor’s behalf is required.



### Eastern Slope

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