



# WELCOME HOME ALLIANCE FOR VETERANS

August 2017



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"Service members don't just deserve our support ~ They earned it"



**August 12th, 2017 11:00 JOIN US!**

**FOOD & BEVERAGES, LIVE MUSIC AND CAMARADERIE!!**

**YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT.**

Bring a side dish to share and be sure to thank Veteran Bob Koch for hosting the event.

Click [here](#) for address and directions from the Warrior Resource Center.

## **Assistance comes in all shapes and sizes!!**

Every day we are surrounded by our amazing volunteers who assist our veterans and their families in a wide variety of ways. This time Chewy, a very big-hearted puppy, and our VSO Sheldon Smith, stand readily by to assist in any way necessary.



Sheldon Smith, Veteran Service Officer, with Chewy, our new "Receptionist!"

## **Events and Retreats**



Please stop by and ask about our programs that are offered through the WRC and our partnered business's/retreats available to veterans. There is a wide variety of options ranging from outdoor recreation to fun and games. Point of contact is Nate Allen.



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Your donation is tax deductible

Warrior Resource Center  
11 South Park Avenue  
Montrose, CO 81401  
970-765-2210

## **Coming up in August!**

### **Eagle Head Cane Presentation: 03Aug 1300**

This program is put on by the Woodworkers that make the incredible canes for Veterans and is open to the public. Join the Woodworkers Guild of Western Colorado, the Montrose Area Woodturners, and the Black Canyon Wood Carvers to honor our local veterans at the WRC. If you would like to honor a veteran in this way please pick up an application at the WRC reception desk.

### **West End: 09Aug17 beginning at 1000**

Every month we are given the opportunity to travel over to the West End to assist our veterans on that side of the county and sign them up with the center. We will hold a veterans coffee at the Nucla Airport and will bring our county VSO to help with any questions regarding claims/benefits.

### **Patriot Picnic: 12Aug17 1100-1400**

Our annual Patriot Picnic will once again be hosted by Bob Koch at 14468 Arabian Court, Montrose, CO. Picnic starts at 11:00AM. Please come and bring a side dish to share. Live music will be provided by Paul Chamberlain. Hope to see you all! Questions, please contact the Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans.

### **Spouse Luncheon: 25Aug17 1130-1300**

What's better than a catered meal and good company? Join your fellow military spouses to wrap up August and find a few good laughs. We look forward to seeing you there!

Click [HERE](#) to open our complete events calendar

## **Veterans Claims Assistance Act (VCAA)**

- About Home Loans  
VA helps Servicemembers, Veterans, and eligible surviving spouses become homeowners. As part of our mission to serve you, we provide a home loan



## 22 Push-ups Challenge

The Texas-based veterans organization "22Kill" is asking people to video themselves doing 22 push-ups a day for 22 days and nominate others to do the same. The goal is to reach 22 million push-ups in honor of the 22 U.S. veterans who commit suicide each day, says the organization's website. In honor of the 22 Push-up Challenge, Volunteers and veterans Dave Hale, Ed Uliberi, and Hyrum Jensen lead the Tae Kwon Do class in 22 Push-Up's.



### Reece Wolfe completes Eagle Scout Project!

To become an Eagle Scout, you must develop an original community project. Reece Wolfe chose to help the Veterans of the Healing Waters Project by organizing his troop, securing community donations and getting Vets together to complete this wonderful project. For his project, Reece chose to build cabinets to provide a secure

location for fishing rods and supplies. We had a wonderful turnout to show support and appreciation for this amazing young man and great project. A special thank you to Reece and all the volunteers of his troop, community members, and Veterans.



Ron Corley accepting his quilt from the Quilts of Valor representative, Cynthia Garrity

### Quilt of Valor Presented to Ron Corley

The mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing quilts of valor. Cynthia Garrity of the Spokane, Washington Chapter and friend of Ron and Joyce, flew in to present Ron with a beautiful Quilt of Valor. The Quilts of Valor program is a nationally based program. Their intentions are to individually recognize veterans with a tangible thank you for their service.



VSO Sheddon Smith

guaranty themself, and other housing-related programs to help you buy, build, repair, retain, or adapt a home for your own personal occupancy. VA Home Loans are provided by private lenders, such as banks and mortgage companies. VA guarantees a portion of the loan, enabling the lender to provide you with more favorable terms. Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance (S-DVI) What is S-DVI?

The Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance (S-DVI) program was established in 1951 to meet the insurance needs of certain veterans with service connected disabilities. S-DVI is available in a variety of permanent plans as well as term insurance. Policies are issued for a maximum face amount of \$10,000.

Who Can Apply for S-DVI?

You can apply for S-DVI if you meet the following 4 criteria:

You were released from active duty under other than dishonorable conditions on or after April 25, 1951

You were rated for a service-connected disability (even if only 0%)

You are in good health except for any service-connected conditions

You apply within 2 years from the date VA grants your new service-connected disability.

Note: An increase in an existing service-connected disability or the granting of individual unemployability of a previous rated condition does not entitle a veteran to this insurance.

Waiver of Premiums for Totally Disabled Veterans

Under certain conditions, the basic S-DVI policy provides for a waiver of premiums in case of total disability. Policyholders who carry the basic S-DVI coverage and who become eligible for a waiver of premiums due to total disability can apply for and be granted additional Supplemental S-DVI of up to \$30,000.

Supplemental S-DVI

The Veterans' Benefits Act of 2010, provided for \$30,000 of supplemental coverage to S-DVI policyholders. Premiums may not be waived on this supplemental coverage. S-DVI policyholders are eligible for this supplemental coverage if:

They are eligible for a waiver of premiums.

They apply for the coverage within one year from notice of the grant of waiver and must be under the age of 65.

### From the Executive Director - Harry Alfred



I have the pleasure of occupying this position until we find the candidate who will become the long term replacement for Emily Smith. Melanie and Emily have set the bar high for the next Executive Director.

As a Veteran, I have participated in many programs the WHAFV offers. Attending Thursday morning coffee is a event I have enjoyed for the past 3 years. Last year, I received my Eagle Cane, which I cherish. This year I completed the Healing Waters Program, learning to tie flies and build a Fly Rod.

In the past two years I served on the Board of Directors, learning the history, operations and vision for the future of this

great organization.

My mission is to maintain the direction of WHAFV by supporting the staff, volunteers and our Veterans. Working with the Board of Directors, our goal is to find that long term, dedicated, qualified candidate to captain this ship.

Your support is needed and greatly appreciated! Stop by anytime to say hello and share your thoughts. A Veteran survey will be available soon to help us serve the Veterans better.

As a Viet Nam Veteran, I lived through lack of recognition and support. We are so blessed to be supported and appreciated here in Montrose. On behalf of all the Veterans, we wish to thank the Community for their support.

### Merchandise



**NEW**



## American Army Soldier Yarn

Fifty-one years ago, Herman James, a North Carolina mountain man, was drafted by the Army.

On his first day in basic training, the Army issued him a comb. That afternoon the Army barber sheared off all his hair.

On his second day, the Army issued Herman a toothbrush. That afternoon the Army dentist yanked seven of his teeth.

On the third day, the Army issued him a jock strap. The Army has been looking for Herman for 51 years.

To submit your story, please email directly to Nate Allen at [nate.allen@whafv.org](mailto:nate.allen@whafv.org)

### Online Exchange Coming Soon for Veterans

**Attention Veterans:** Military Exchange Shopping (formerly called the PX, AAFES, Nexcom, MCX, or CGX) could be a nice benefit and save money shopping. Benefits include exclusive military pricing on name brand products, tax free shopping, exclusive credit options, free shipping options, and much more. Think Amazon, but much cheaper.

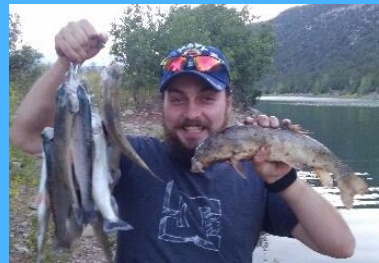


The Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy, Coast Guard, Military Reserves, and National Guard exchanges will **start allowing "all honorably discharged veterans" to shop online.** The target **start date for this is Veterans Day, November 11, 2017.** However, you must register first. **Registration begins June 1, 2017.** Call **1-844-868-8672** to register or visit [www.vetverify.org](http://www.vetverify.org) to begin the verification process.

merchandise now available  
at the  
Warrior Resource Center!



### From the WHAFV Manager - Nate Allen



WHAFV Manager and Veteran Nate Allen, holds a full limits catch after a successful day of fishing.

Hello everyone. Here is some information on the month of August. Enjoy the rest of your summer.

August 4- US Coast Guard Birthday

August 7- Purple Heart Day

August 8- VJ (Victory over Japan) Day (1945)

August 29- Marine Forces Reserve Birthday

## Business Window Sticker Program

### BUSINESSES:

Sign up to support our troops locally and show YOUR patriotism [HERE](#) or contact Judi Newland at 970-765-2210

### VETERANS:

Take a look at the updated list of participating businesses [HERE](#).

### NEW BUSINESSES LISTED!

Stop by the WRC for a list that includes offers businesses are giving to you and your family this holiday season.

THANK YOU!

## Our 2017 Annual Sponsors!

Click the links above each logo to learn more about these supportive and patriotic local Western Slope businesses If you are interested in becoming an annual sponsor (which includes exposure at everything WHAFV hosts or participates in) and would like more details, please contact Judi Newland at 970-765-2210 or [judi.newland@whafv.org](mailto:judi.newland@whafv.org)

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*Setting the standard in serving those who stepped up to serve all of us. By strengthening services, identifying and filling gaps, creating programs and removing barriers, we prepare a place where any veteran can connect and feel supported by their community.*

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