



# December Newsletter

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## Where We Have Been & What We've Been Doing In November:

### Presentations - throughout November

As you may have seen reported around the community, we have officially launched our new name and logo. We are also promoting more ways that everyone can get involved. As part of this drive for awareness we have started visiting businesses/groups and presenting to the employees/members. So far, we have had the pleasure of being invited to **OES Chapter #40, Alpine Bank,** and the **Republican Women's Club.** These presentations help explain:

- **the name change**
- **our mission & how we're accomplishing it**
- **why it's so important**
- **how everyone can be part of the success**

If you would like to a presentation at your business or club to learn more about WHAFV, please call us at 970-765-2210

From the Executive Director - Emily Smith

The snow has flown and it's now way below my preferred temperature, although I am looking forward to some added time with our little ones over the upcoming holiday break.



Emily Smith in Vietnam Veteran Mike B's Raspberry Pearl '68 Chevells SuperSport 427, 435 HP, Muncie 4 Speed - Hurst Shifter, Frame Off Restoration

I want to thank everyone that has been so supportive this year. Many of our dedicated volunteers have gone above and beyond - improving programs they're involved with, striving to better understand available resources and options, and giving of their time and expertise.

Our success, working towards accomplishing our mission, is rooted in the grassroots support of our incredible volunteers, our generous donors, and our patriotic community that made the commitment to remove barriers on behalf of America's troops. Five years after the inception, I hope you are proud of the positive difference made so far in our community and ready to continue pushing forward for even greater change in the next five years. I wish you all the best over the holiday season and as we head into the New Year!

## Where We'll Be & What We'll be Doing in December!

### Craft Tables/Flea Market - 19Nov16

A HUGE thank you to our Wives of Warriors group for their hard work coordinating and running the Craft & Flea Market held on the 19th at the Warrior Resource Center.

"We love this place and it doesn't run without paying the bills," said Dennis Smith when she came to the WoW group with the idea, "We can do something to help out and keep it going."

She's done a lot, not only putting on this event but also a successful yard sale earlier this year. It's moving to see that the organization has touched our military families in such a positive way that they want to give back.

### Benefit Fundraiser @ Pavilion - 21Nov16

What an incredibly well done film. The honest glimpse into the struggles and journey post-deployment that many veterans face applied to more than just our most recent returning troops. It was very close to home for many in the audience.

We greatly appreciate Alpine Bank bringing this to our community and so generously giving their support. The donations made that evening, matched by Alpine Bank, will go to continuing our mission and ensuring that we remove barriers in our community, creating a place where veterans can thrive.

### Thanksgiving

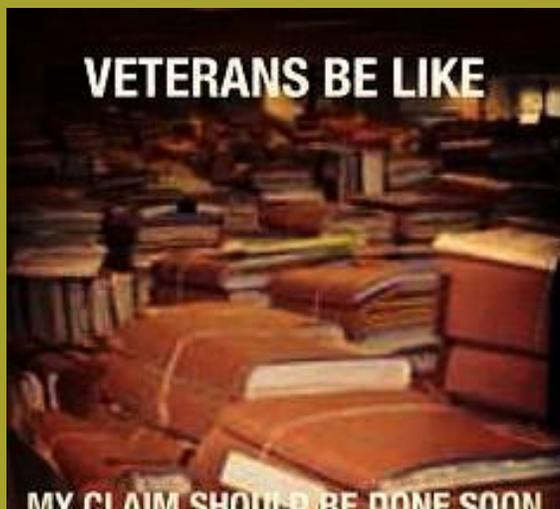
So much community support!

- Veteran's Coffee was held that morning
- Thanksgiving meals were anonymously provided

for two veteran families that really benefited from the extra love this holiday season

- Some local veterans were adopted to celebrated their Thanksgiving with one of our incredibly giving volunteers

## See our new Calendar with all our upcoming events!



### Eagle Head Cane Presentations: 01Dec16 & 14Dec16

Join us at the WRC on the 1st at 1:00pm and on the West End, at the Hopkins Field Airport in Nucla, on the 14th at 2:00pm to wrap up the year of honor for our local veterans with the last presentation of 2016! This presentations are open to the community and a great way to show your support. If you would like to nominate a veteran you know that lives in the Montrose and surrounding areas, please stop by the WRC to pick up an application.

### WRC Closed: 21Dec16 - 04Jan17

The WRC will be closed to allow for time with friends and family over the holidays. Veteran's Coffee will still be held on Thursday mornings to allow our local veterans that have found their family at the WRC to come together as usual.

## Happy Holidays!

In military culture, "I Got Your 6" means "I Got Your Back"



**We've Got Your Six is for our community.**

WE have united together to ensure that **all** our veterans, regardless of branch, era, or ability, have a safe place to turn.

**We're asking you to join us today!**

**1 Veteran: \$6 monthly**

Your monthly contribution ensures that ALL of our services, resources, and programs *continue* to be available at no charge. We are working to help them find their American Dream and thrive in the life they choose. Our veterans have served on our behalf and now is our opportunity to have their back!



Help Hospitalized Veterans (HHV) available at the Warrior Resource Center (WRC)

## Thursdays 0900-1100

Come see what it's all about!

New section of the new website:

## Veteran Stories

We'd love you take a look and consider adding your story...

### "Female Veterans are important too!"

Female veterans are important too. There are times when female veterans experience uncertainty or feel distant from one another. Female veterans may experience a range of different emotions, which are a normal part of readjustment. Female veterans also need someone to talk to, and to meet other fellow female veterans that are going through the same experiences. We invite you to attend our open "Female Veterans Group".

The Grand Junction Vet Center will be holding an open "Female Veterans Group" on Mondays beginning November 28, 2016 from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM at the Montrose Warrior Resource Center. Feel free to have fellow veterans call me to get on the list.

If you are in need of services or know someone that is please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the Vet Center, 2472 F Road Unit 16 or call 970-245-4156 or work cell 970-712-6419.

Sincerely,





Please submit your Humor In Uniform stories at:  
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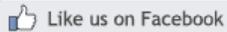


*With the suicide, divorce and unemployment rates so high in our military population, our community means to set the standard in how to serve those who stepped up to serve all of us. By strengthening our services, identifying and filling our gaps, creating programs and removing the barriers, we are preparing a place where any veteran of our armed forces can thrive in the life they choose.*

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