



WELCOME HOME
ALLIANCE FOR VETERANS

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

If you're available on Tuesday, February 14th, Bank of Colorado would love to treat you to a beverage of your choice at Coffee Trader.

For every drink poured from 7:30-10am, they'll be making a donation to Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans, so we hope you can stop by!



Welcome Home
Alliance for Veterans
is 501(c)3 45-4103919
Your donation is tax deductible

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

Where We'll Be & What We'll be Doing in February!

West End: 08Feb17, beginning at 1000

Traveling to the West End allows us to bring resources and support to more veterans in our community. On the 2nd Wednesday of each month we meet at the Hopkins Field Airport with veterans from Nuda, Naturity, Norwood, Redvale, Telluride, Placerville, Paradox, and other small towns. The coffee is hot from Ruth's Toffee and we pick up doughnuts at City Market on the way. Beginning at 1000 it's open to all veterans! On months that Eagle Head Canes are ready for West End recipients there is a presentation at 1400 with family, friends, and neighbors invited.

A Heartfelt Thanks from Bank of Colorado: 14Feb17 0730-1000



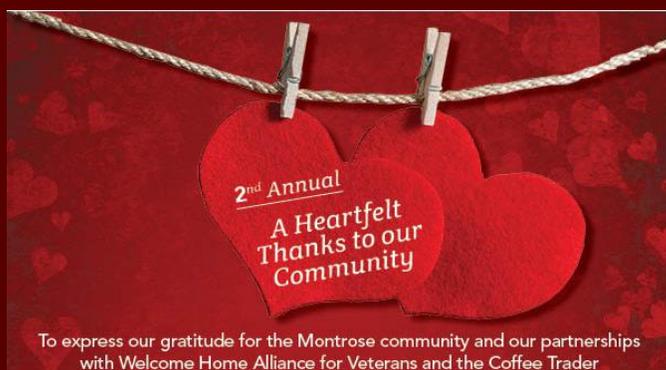
Everyone gets something on Valentine's Day!

Bank of Colorado is showing a Heartfelt Thanks to the Community, Coffee Trader, and Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans. **Everyone** will receive a **FREE** drink of their choice, first 100 also receive a **FREE** insulated drink mug! There will be a chance to win instant cash in their money vault and the more

participants means a larger donation to benefit our local veterans through Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans. What could be better than free coffee and community support? Thank you Bank of Colorado!

C.A.M.O. Retreat: 22-27Feb17

Challenge Aspen Military Operation (CAMO)



To express our gratitude for the Montrose community and our partnerships with Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans and the Coffee Trader

Please join Bank of Colorado on Tuesday

FEBRUARY 14th

7:30am - 10:00am

at THE COFFEE TRADER

845 E. MAIN STREET – MONTROSE, CO

EVERYONE WILL RECEIVE A DRINK OF THEIR CHOICE COMPLIMENTS OF BANK OF COLORADO

The first 100 customers will receive a free insulated drink mug

A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TO BENEFIT WELCOME HOME ALLIANCE FOR VETERANS

Join the fun in our cash money vault for your chance to win instant cash

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has once again set aside a retreat just for disabled veterans in our area! The group that went last year not only thoroughly enjoyed their time on the mountain but bonded closely and have continued to spend time together and offer support to one another after returning. This healing experience of amazing outdoor

recreation and camaraderie is open to veterans with a disability but is limited in slots. If you are interested in participating please come by the WRC and meet with Emily or Nate. BIG thanks to CAMO for everything they do on behalf of those that have served and for being such an invaluable partner!



Please submit your Humor In Uniform stories at: nate.allen@whafv.org

Where We've Been & What We've Been Doing in January!

American Legion Meeting

The American Legion is allowing us time at their January meeting at Friendship Hall to share how our organization has grown and how we serve our local veterans. They have been a priceless partner throughout the years and we are excited to be able to spend the evening with them.

ADRC



WHAFV has been a proud member of the Aging & Disability Resources for Colorado (ADRC) for the past couple of years. This group consists of those around our region that work with and have assistance for those with a disability or that are over the age of

60. During the January meeting we were able to do a presentation that shared more of the specifics of our organization and mission. With a collaborative group like this, having a deeper understanding will allow the other members to better connect veterans and their families with WHAFV. For more information about the ADRC visit the local website [HERE](#)

Veteran's Town Hall

This VA Veteran's Town Hall was coordinated by GJVA public relations representative **Paul Sweeney** and held at the Warrior Resource Center. The Townhall was open to all veterans, military spouses, and community members with an interest in veteran issues. VA and State VA representatives



Ms. Lori Lohar, acting director of the Grand Junction Veterans Health Care System, **Ms. Rebecca Sawyer-Smith**, representing the Denver Regional Veterans Benefits Office, **Ms. Joanne Iglesias**, Director of the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado, **Mr. Sheldon Smith**, Montrose County Veteran Service Officer were in attendance with updates and available to answer questions. The VetCenter team brought down their new mobile VetCenter as well.



New additions on our website:

Veteran Stories

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

From the Executive Director - Emily Smith



Emily Smith with John Lorimer, Orray ELKS Lodge #492

It's my privileged to welcome Nate Allen as our new WRC Manager! He's already made a wonderful addition to the team and is quickly learning all our programs, resources, and partnerships. We're grateful that he has a passion to support his fellow veterans and brings new perspectives to the organization.

The New Year has already consisted of community presentations and planning sessions. After five years, I appreciate that the community continues to be passionate about supporting our mission and want to stay personally updated on our growth and changes. This year will be full of opportunities, ensuring that everyone can be involved, so be sure to watch our website and future newsletters for what speaks to you.

From the WRC Manager - Nate Allen



It is the VETERAN, not the preacher, who has given us the freedom of religion...

It is the VETERAN, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of press...



Over 60 individuals consisting of veterans, their family members, caring community members, public representatives from Montrose County, Congressman Tipton's office, and Senator Gardner's office were in attendance. Experiences were shared with passion and ideas for improvement were put forward. We're grateful for all of those that took time to join in the event, especially with so many traveling longer distances to participate, and for the representatives that are taking time to reach out to those outside of Grand Junction and Denver.



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 it's our opportunity to have their back!



With the suicide, divorce and unemployment rates so high in our military population, our Western Slope 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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Nate Allen, new
WRC Manager

It is the VETERAN, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech...

It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble...

It is the VETERAN, not the politician, who has given us the right to vote...

Our calendar is available HERE !



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

Thursdays 0900-1100

Come see what it's all about!

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Please consider making a donation to support our mission. Click [***here***](#) now.

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