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

Memorial Service

JEFFREY LYNN EMERT
(US Army, Sergeant retired 1961 to 1991)

Friday May 13th, 1000 a.m.
Nazarene Church
705 S 12th St, Montrose, CO 81401

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From the Executive Director - Emily Smith



Emily Smith with JGMS at the CMU E-Day in GJ;
featuring keynote speaker George Gillette

Lately, we have been surrounded with change and growth. These are often scary words that can be associated with difficulty and struggle, however I find they can be even more exciting. Recently, we had the opportunity to welcome some new faces to our Board of Directors and the expertise and enthusiasm they are bringing will greatly benefit the

veterans we serve. We also attended the CMU Entrepreneurship Day event in Grand Junction as guests of JGMS. Speaking to a room filled with people who share our enthusiasm to create something new and change the world around us was an honor. Now we are also looking forward to wrapping up our veteran homelessness project with the state that will continue to benefit our area for a long time to come.

If I've learned anything from the experience of being part of this organization, and there have been many lessons along the way, it's to never fear opportunity. Thank you to each of you that helps us continue to grow and expand into everything we want to be for our Western Slope community.

[Montrose Monitor article on Emily Smith](#)

[more about Emily](#)

From the Executive Assistant - Kirk Shiflett



Many medals of bravery have gone to many Marines, Sailors, Soldiers, and Airmen, as well as their having their names added to monuments, ships and named buildings for them, to honor them for their bravery. But nothing can ever replace the hole left behind by a fallen service member, and no number of medals and ribbons can comfort the

COLORADO WEST GUN CLUB
presents
Veteran's Memorial
2016
Rifle Match

100% of proceeds benefit
Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans
at the
STENDEL RANGE

Safety Clinic:
Saturday, 21 May 2016
1000: Stengel Range Clubhouse

Rifle Match:
Saturday, 04 June 2016

Carbine Open

Saturday, 5 June 2016
0800: Registration/Checkin
0930: Match Opening



Adults \$50
Juniors \$40



More Information & Registration at:
WWW.WELCOMEHOMEMONTROSE.ORG

Where We Have Been & What We've Been Doing In April:

Strategic Planning

With the goal to continue moving forward and strengthening the organization, the Board of Directors had a strategic planning meeting which will included a couple of new board members. We are looking forward to what this year will bring!

Yard/Bake Sale to Benefit the WRC

The Yard Sale season was started off right and supported the WRC at the same time! The sale was a success and the result of a lot of hard work by several volunteers and lead by one of our local military spouses, Denise Smith. We can't thank everyone enough for wanting to support us!

CRAVE 360

Thanks to Amy Eifling who represented the WRC at this event for local community women at Crossroads Victory Church.

CMU Entrepreneurship Day

This is the 10th year that JGMS has sponsored the E-day event at CMU and we were honored to be invited as their guests and speak along side the ESGR State Chair. Creating this program has been rewarding beyond words and to be surrounded by others that are motivated to change our world for the better was moving. A huge thank you goes out to Jerome and his incredible team for including us in this event.

Veteran Dinner by Church 180

Service with a smile and steaks cooked to order, what an incredible way to honor local veterans. This group went out of their way and created a very memorable evening. We are thankful for their thoughtfulness and generosity, it truly touched many hearts.

Veterans and executive assistant Kirk Shiflett with the 1st PHW WRC class.

Or medals and ribbons can comfort the ones left behind. We at the WRC and people throughout our great community remember to

honor and to pay gratitude to those who have served our country. It is so great to see veterans and their families utilize the programs such as Project Healing Waters, Veterans Coffee, Spouses Luncheons, Warrior Wives, Cane Program, Let Freedom Ring and many others. Our volunteers are a great spark in the flame of pride that burns across the WRC today and every day for their selfless hours of great work contributed to our cause. The programs are not a lot, and our budget is small but it's one small way we can honor those who have made sacrifices so that we can live in freedom with quality of life.

We always remember. From those who shivered and starved through the winter at Valley Forge to the highboys crouched in the muddy trenches of France, to the platoon who patrolled the hazy jungles of Vietnam, and the young man or woman patrolling the mountains of Afghanistan, and their spouses; we remember and honor them all. We can never thank the community and volunteers enough for their great support!

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

Eagle Head Cane Presentation

It's on the calendar below but we want to remind you that this program that is put on by the Woodworkers that make the incredible canes is open to the public. Join the Woodworkers Guild of Western Colorado, the Montrose Area Woodturners, and the Black Canyon Wood Carvers in honoring our local veterans at 1:00 pm on Thursday the 5th!

Mother's Day

Coming up fast on Sunday, May 8th!

No Man rides Alone Event

Starting in April 2016 Michael Priddy and David Allison are cycling across the entire United States . Starting in Sacramento, California and ending at Quantico, Virginia, this cross country trek has a twofold purpose. [First, the trip will raise awareness of the struggles our returning warriors and first responders face daily.](#) Second, the trip will serve to raise funds for The Mighty Oaks Outpost sponsored in Rocklin, California by The Eternity Challenge, a nonprofit ministry. Our goal is to raise \$10,000,000 to help veterans, to give them healing, growth and training and point them in a new direction. [They will be stopping at the WRC on May 9th 2016, 3:00 p.m. Come out and show them your support! See their video to learn more \[here\]\(#\)](#)

West End Veteran's Coffee & Eagle Head Cane Presentation

The 2nd Wednesday, 11May, at the Hopkins Field Airport in Nucla, CO. All veterans are welcome! Coffee, doughnuts, resources, and support provided --- special thanks to Ruth's Toffee and City Market for their ongoing support of this event

Yard Sale Benefit Continued!

The amazing McChesneys have graciously decided to extend the benefit yard sale to allow those that didn't brave the rain to still support the WRC!

- 1332 Manchester Drive, Montrose, CO
- Friday & Saturday, 13-14May
- 8:00am-2:00pm both days



You can also deliver donation items for the sale to the above address or, if needed, pick-up is available Tuesday-Thursday prior to the sale by contacting Yvonne McChesney directly at 970-252-1330

Colorado Action Lab Wrap-Up in Denver

We are finalizing our Warrior's Way Home efforts with our amazing community partners on the Western Slope. It will conclude with our presentation mid-May in Denver along with the other 4 communities that were chosen from across Colorado. We're glad that even more of our local homeless veterans have been connected with resources and housing options.

Let Freedom Ring

[Memorial Day](#) is coming up once again and the Let Freedom Ring Chimes are now being crafted by the committee. Individuals that are interested in assisting in assembly can leave their contact information at the WRC reception desk.

FREEDOM FESTIVAL



benefiting local veterans and their families through
WELCOME HOME ALLIANCE FOR VETERANS

At The Bridges
 2500 Bridges Drive
 Montrose, CO

Friday, June 10th, 2016
 5:00-7:00pm
 Silent Auction Cash Bar
 Registration Hors D'oeuvres

Saturday, June 11th, 2016
 Live Radio Broadcast All Day
 7:30am Registration and Check-In
 9:00am 5K Fun Run/Walk
 Golf Tournament
 Motorcycle Poker Run
 11:00am Beer Garden
 Obstacle Course
 Music, Food, and Fun!



Register at www.welcomhomemontrose.org

Event Registrations are OPEN for the Veteran's Memorial Rifle Match and all Freedom Festival Events!
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"Iron Fan"

Created by local veteran Joe Holt, "Iron Fan" has been donated for the upcoming silent auction that will take place at the Freedom Festival. We love that Joe feels strongly about wanting to support the organization and has come up with such a creative way to do so. "Iron Fan" reaches over 8-feet in height, has working lights, and music. Joe has dedicated the sculpture to his grandfather, also a veteran. He said the most difficult part of building it was putting on the Army sticker in honor of his grandfather's service, as he himself is a Marine.

"Iron Fan" has been valued at \$1,000,000 or best offer, reflecting Joe's good humor and the type of energy that he brings in the WRC. There has already been a huge, positive reaction to "Iron Fan" and



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Please support our local businesses that are supporting our troops! They have so many wonderful ways that they can contribute to our community and we are extremely grateful that they have chosen to so generously donate to this event.

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Steeped in Tradition

The military is steeped in tradition and one of those traditions is a formal Mess Night. Everyone is in dress uniform and there are a lot of formalities throughout the entire seven course meal. After all the formalities of the meal of a Mess Night, things loosen up a bit and there is what is called a Commander's Court. These are a lot of fun. A Commander's Court is where anyone, of any rank, can charge anyone else, of any rank, with some stupid little charge. For example: A Cpl. can charge a Major that had to chase his hat across the flight line when the wash from the helicopter blades blew hats away because there is a regulation that hats are not to be worn on the flight line. However, most of the charges were uniform infractions such as having ribbons and/or badges in the wrong order.

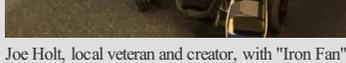
Before entering at Mess Call, my OIC, Capt. Herr, and I checked each other over to ensure that we could not be called on a uniform violation.

During the Commanders Court one of our own troops, a kid we both thought couldn't pour water out of a boot, stood up and charged the Capt. and myself with a uniform violation. When the Commanding Officer asked him to point out the infraction, he pointed at our table and stated, "There is an E-3 sitting at that table with his insignia on backwards and these two Officers, sitting at the same table, had not corrected the young man's mistake." **The charge was up held, and we were each fined \$50 to be put on the bar for drinks after the dinner.**
The little turd! He had us, it was a good call.

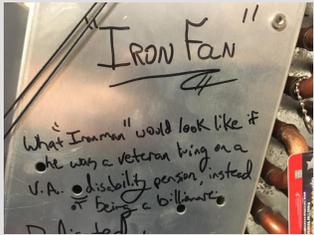
Thanks to Gary Gratton, (Ret CW04) US Marine Corps JULY 1966 - JULY 1972, 1975 - 1996 for providing this month's story.

Please submit your Humor In Uniform stories to Kirk Shiflett at:
kshiflett@welcomhomemontrose.org

he's gaining quite the following. If you would like to see him in person prior to the event, please stop by the Warrior Resource Center.



Joe Holt, local veteran and creator, with "Iron Fan"



A panel on the sculpture reads, "What 'Ironman' would look like if he was a veteran living on a V.A. disability pension, instead of being a billionaire."

We are still accepting donations for the silent auction in June, so please consider joining Joe in the efforts to make this a successful fundraiser.

Thank you to everyone that has already stepped up to donate and volunteer!

Requesting Silent Auction Items for our 2016 Freedom Festival

Please click [here](#) for more information on the auction and how you can donate to the cause. Thank you!

VA's Caregiver Support Line 1-855-260-3274

Assistance is just a quick phone call away. Whether you're in need of immediate assistance or have questions about what services you may be eligible for, the caring licensed professionals who answer the support line can:

- Tell you about the assistance available from VA.
- Help you access services.
- Connect you with the Caregiver Support Coordinator at a VA Medical Center near you.
- Just listen, if that's what you need right now.

If you're just getting started with VA, calling the Caregiver Support Line is a great first step to take to learn more about the support that's available to you.

Supply Tent

WHM & WRC merchandise available at the Warrior Resource Center
[Click Here To View Prices & Sizes!](#)

WE HAVE BIG MUGS,
AND WE CAN NOT LIE!
20% Discount on Mugs for Veterans!



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!

American Legion Riders
charity
Poker Run
benefiting local veterans & their families through
Welcome Home Alliance for Veterans

Saturday, June 11th

start at the
Warrior Resource Center
9:00am - First Bike Out

Prizes:
best hand
worst hand
raffle

\$20 1st hand
\$5 each
additional hand

Register at WelcomeHomeMontrose.org



With the suicide, divorce and unemployment rates so high in our military population, the Montrose 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 in our community, we are preparing a place where any veteran of our armed forces can thrive in the life they choose.

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