

**NORTHERN COLORADO VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS and RESOURCES**  
**2015 (first edition)**

**VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS**

**American Legion**

- Mission – Mentoring youth, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting strong national security and continued devotion to fellow service members and veterans.
- Eligibility – Anyone who served honorably during WWII, Korean War, Vietnam, Lebanon/Grenada, Panama, Gulf War/War on Terrorism.
- Nation’s largest wartime veterans service organization. About 2.4 million members.
- Contacts:

**Berthoud 67**

Justin Bauer Memorial Post 67  
Box 1804, Berthoud 80513

**Eaton 26**

Norman Hutchinson Post 26  
12 Cottonwood Ave., Eaton 80615

**Estes Park 119**

Joseph J. Duncan, Jr. Post 119  
Box 127, Estes Park 80517  
(970)586-6118

<http://estespost119.org/>

**Fort Collins 4**

George Beach Post 4  
Box 966, Laporte 80535  
(970)484-0418

<http://www.gbeach4.org/index.htm>

**Fort Collins 187**

Alonzo Martinez Post 187  
Box 2373, Fort Collins 80522

**Greeley 18**

Victor Candlin Post 18  
Box 613, Greeley 80632  
(970)356-0180

**Johnstown 70**

Lester March Post 70  
104 S.E. 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
(970)587-4500

**Loveland 15**

305 N. Cleveland Ave.  
Mail: PO Box 7055, Loveland, CO 80537  
(970)667-4722

<http://www.post15.coamlegion.org/>

**Loveland Post 2000**

<http://www.post2000.coamlegion.org/>

**Windsor, 109**

Forbes-McKay Post 109  
624 Ash St.  
PO Box 836, Windsor, CO 80550  
(970)686-9966

**Coast Guard Auxiliary**

- Mission – Uniformed volunteer component of the U.S. Coast Guard. Supports Coast Guard in all missions except military and law enforcement actions. Priority: Public boating safety education.
- Eligibility – U.S. citizens 17 or older who pass basic background check.
- Contact : Jay Adams  
**Flotilla 1-6 District 8w**  
northsyracuse@yahoo.com

**Disabled American Veterans** (Chap. 5)

- We are dedicated to a single purpose: empowering veterans to lead high-quality lives with respect and dignity. We accomplish this by ensuring that veterans and their families can access the full range of benefits available to them; fighting for the interests of America’s injured heroes on Capitol Hill; and educating the public about the great sacrifices and needs of veterans transitioning back to civilian life.
- Providing free, professional assistance to veterans and their families in obtaining benefits and services earned through military service and provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and other agencies of government.
- Providing outreach concerning its program services to the American people generally, and to disabled veterans and their families specifically.
- Representing the interests of disabled veterans, their families, their widowed spouses and their orphans before Congress, the White House and the Judicial Branch, as well as state and local government.
- Extending DAV’s mission of hope into the communities where these veterans and their families live through a network of state-level Departments and local chapters.
- Providing a structure through which disabled veterans can express their compassion for their fellow veterans through a variety of volunteer programs.  
Meets at Resthaven Memorial Gardens  
8426 S. College, Fort Collins  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. at 7 p.m.  
970-484-1795  
<http://www.dav.org/veterans/>

### **Marine Corps League**

- Mission – Preserve traditions and promote interests of the U.S. Marine Corps. Promote ideals of American freedom and democracy. Aid all Marines and their widows and orphans.
- Eligibility – All active, reserve, and honorably discharged Marine veterans and qualified Fleet Marine Force Navy corpsmen.
- Membership – About 76,000.
- Contacts:

#### **Fort Collins**

Detachment 785

#### **Greeley**

Union Colony Detachment

#### **Loveland**

Detachment 1250

Box 7861, Loveland 80537,

[www.mcl.loveland.1250.com](http://www.mcl.loveland.1250.com)

### **Military Officers Association of America**

- Mission – Dedicated to maintaining a strong national defense and to preserving the earned entitlements of members of the uniformed services and their families and survivors.
- Eligibility –Open to those who hold or have ever held a warrant or commission in any component of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, or NOAA and their surviving spouses.
- Membership – About 325,000.
- Contact:

#### **Arleigh Burke Chapter**

[rsmit10@comcast.net](mailto:rsmit10@comcast.net)

### **Student Veterans of America**

Student Veterans of America envisions a nation where all student veterans succeed in post-secondary programs and contribute to civilian society in meaningful ways. SVA provides the resources and support to do so through five major initiatives. We maintain a commitment to [Support Chapters](#) through leadership training, grants, and networking opportunities that facilitate the development of successful student-run organizations. An essential component of chapter work is advocating for supportive campus services and programs. At the national level, SVA's Advocacy efforts ensure policies are not only supportive for veterans in their transition to school and employment, but also for the entire military community. To best serve this large community, SVA Develops Partnerships with other organizations to provide scholarships, mentorships, employment, and benefits counselling. Yet, our support doesn't end at graduation. Student Veterans of America is developing a networking program that will Connect Alumni veterans with even more professional opportunities. These initiatives are designed to bring veterans closer to their degrees, yet little data exists on student veterans academic performance. By

Investing in Research, SVA hopes to fill that void and showcase student veteran success.

Adult Learner and Veteran Services Office

Room 195, Lory Student Center, CSU

970-491-3977, [alvs-staff@mail.colostate.edu](mailto:alvs-staff@mail.colostate.edu)

New Start for Student Veterans

Cathy Schelly, Director

Fort Collins, CO 80523

970-491-5930

[contactccp@colostate.edu](mailto:contactccp@colostate.edu)

<http://www.studentveterans.org/>

### **Veterans of Foreign Wars**

- Mission – Works on behalf of American veterans by lobbying Congress for better veterans' health care and benefits.
- Eligibility – Any U.S. citizen with an honorable discharge or currently serving in the U.S. military who also has military service overseas during a period of armed conflict.
- Membership – About 1,5 million. Contacts:

#### **Ault**

Harold Huck Hensley Post 4334

<http://aultvfw.com/>

#### **Fort Collins**

Rocky Mountain Post 1781

603 Lesser Dr., Fort Collins 80524

970-493-9909

[vfwpost1781@hotmail.com](mailto:vfwpost1781@hotmail.com)

#### **Greeley**

Pioneer Post 2121

2514 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., Greeley 80631

#### **Johnstown**

Johnstown-Milliken Post 2585

104E S. 1<sup>st</sup> Pl., Johnstown 80534

#### **Loveland**

Loveland Post 41

305 N. Cleveland Ave., Loveland 80537

## EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

### Colorado Department of Labor and Employment

We assist veterans, transitioning service members, and spouses with the resources and services to meet labor-market demands through employment and training opportunities. We ensure early priority on all job listings, job fairs and events, and other services for veterans.

970-353-3800

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDLE-Main/CDLE/1240336821467>

Tom Stiller

(970)667-4261

[stilletp@co.larimer.co.us](mailto:stilletp@co.larimer.co.us)

### Employment Support of the Guard and Reserve

Colorado Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (COESGR) is a Department of Defense office, led and operated by dedicated volunteers and staff whose mission is to gain and maintain employer support for Guard and Reserve service by recognizing outstanding support, increasing awareness of USERRA, resolving conflicts through mediation and developing initiatives to increase employment opportunities for military service members and veterans.

Northern Colorado District

Ralph Trenary

970-231-9224

[trenaryR3@gmail.com](mailto:trenaryR3@gmail.com)

<http://www.esgr.mil/>

### Larimer County Workforce Center

Provides employment and training services to residents of Larimer County through partnerships with county, state, and local agencies. The partnership is designed to enhance the employability of individuals competing in the labor force, to reduce duplication of services, to establish a working partnership with the business community, and to maintain a qualified workforce.

970-498-6651

<http://larimerworkforce.org/>

### ReHire Colorado

ReHire Colorado provides funding for employment assistance to Veterans, all along the Front Range, who are unemployed or underemployed.

Contact: [303-636-3765](tel:303-636-3765) or

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

<http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDHS-ColoradoWorks/CCW/1251649623147>

## SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS FOR VETERANS

### 40s Forever Event

Remembering History and Honoring our veterans.  
[www.40sForever.com](http://www.40sForever.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/40sFlyIn>

### American Military Family

American Military Family provides emergency financial aid, therapeutic mental health relief, reintegration assistance and peer support to our troops and their families, while also providing emotional support, working collaboratively with other nonprofit organizations and volunteers who together strive to assist those serving and those who have served in their time of need.

<http://www.amf100.org/#>

### Cheyenne VA Medical / Regional Benefit Office Center

2360 E. Pershing Blvd.

Cheyenne WY 82001

Phone: 800-827-1000

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

### The Christopher Birdwell Memorial Honker Down for Wounded Veterans

Goose hunting for wounded veterans in northern Colorado.

<http://fieldofdreamsinc.org/category/events/honker-down/>

### Colorado AgrAbility

Part of a national effort to help farmer and ranchers affected by an injury or long-term illness. Our goal is to help people (including veterans) remain involved in agricultural work by providing assistance and education.

Dr. Robert Fetsch

Project Director, (970)491-5648

Candiss Leathers, M.A., CVRT

Project Manager (720)539-4435

[www.agrability.chhs.colostate.edu](http://www.agrability.chhs.colostate.edu)

### Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs

The Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs (CVA) is a state agency mandated by state statute. We offer advocacy to Colorado Veterans, family members and survivors in securing benefits they may be entitled to through their military service by providing the highest level of customer care and service with our specially trained service officers.

CVA serves as a central source of information on veterans benefits, rights and issues. We accomplish this by directing, training and assisting the county veterans service officers (CVSO) who comprise the local veterans assistance agencies in each of Colorado's Counties. The CVSOs are there to assist you with your claim. We strongly recommend regular contact with your CVSO throughout the claims process.

[http://vets.dmva.state.co.us:8000/?page\\_id=98](http://vets.dmva.state.co.us:8000/?page_id=98)

303-284-6077 Denver or 303-914-5832 Lakewood

## **Colorado Resource Portal For Veterans**

Colorado Veteran's Resource Portal was built with veterans in mind by both veterans and civilians working together. The idea, main design, and execution can be credited to the hard work of the volunteers at Veteran's Passport To Hope (VP2H). Guidance and input from veterans was taken into account and we've created this site, which, we hope, will help veterans in the state of Colorado.

The reason we have created this portal is to help veterans in Colorado find all of the free resources available to them. When Shane Schmutz, a three-time Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran and the Founder of VP2H began organizing a large veteran based fund-raising event in 2011, he began networking within the Colorado veteran community. What he and his team found through networking was that a lot of people and organizations existed solely to help veterans. As a veteran himself, Shane was surprised that he was unaware of the multiple resources available. Shane and his board members wanted all veterans to know about ALL of the resources without having to spend thousands of hours networking. They wanted the information easily available and accessible at veteran's fingertips. Shane's team did additional research and discovered that many individuals within the state, the Colorado state government, and veteran focused donors also wanted to create a way to compile all of the available information and resources.

- This website focuses on listing resources that are available to veterans 100% free of charge.
- This website focuses primarily on resources which are available through non-profits who are Colorado based or have a Colorado based office.
- Every resource listed can be rated by actual veterans who have utilized services of the organizations listed on this portal. We encourage you to submit a rating (1-5 stars) as well as leave comments to support your star-rating. We at VP2H have done our best to ensure that only honest, hard-working, and caring resources have been listed; although, we're not perfect. We believe that the best way to vet-out available resources is by veterans themselves rating the organizations and by sharing their experiences (both positive and negative) via the "star rating" and "comment" option.
- Every decision that is made in regard to this website is done with the veteran in mind. We at VP2H believe that the veteran ALWAYS comes first and we make all of our decisions based off of that single philosophy.
- At VP2H, we strive to utilize donations in the most efficient manner possible. We make every spending decision with a frugal thought process, keeping both the donor's intent and the veteran

in mind. We do our best to ensure that, where possible; all work, talent, effort, and input utilized to create and maintain this website be done free of charge by volunteers, businesses, and professionals.

We have a 2013 Colorado Veteran's Resource Guide (Booklet) available for download via PDF at this link: <http://www.veteranspassport2hope.org/veterans-resources/>

## **Colorado Therapy Horses and the Wounded Human Project**

Richard McMahon, MA, CRC, CACIII  
"Horses Healing the Human Heart"  
970-302-5204  
[richard@mysporthorses.com](mailto:richard@mysporthorses.com)

## **Colorado Traumatic Brain Injury Trust Fund**

The TBI Trust Fund strives to support all people in Colorado affected by traumatic brain injury through services, research, and education.  
Judy Dettmer  
303-866-4085  
[www.tbicolorado.org](http://www.tbicolorado.org)

## **DOGS On Deployment**

Promotes responsible pet ownership by providing an online resource for military members to search for volunteers willing to board their pets while they're on deployment.  
[www.dogsondeployment.org](http://www.dogsondeployment.org)

## **Fort Collins, Colorado MSOC**

The Fort Collins VA Clinic, an outpatient clinic managed from the Cheyenne VA Medical Center, at nearly 10,000 square feet, fosters the ability for veterans in the northern portions of Colorado to continue to receive high quality VA clinical services.  
2509 Research Blvd.  
Fort Collins, CO 80526-8108  
970-224-1550 Or 970-224-1550

## **City of Fort Collins Recreation Department**

We provide equal and quality recreation for community members with disabilities. Adaptive Recreation Opportunities (ARO) strives to ensure that people with disabilities have the necessary Accommodations or support to participate in any recreation program at their highest level of independence. Specialized programming is also offered for veterans to increase opportunities and meet unique needs of individuals.  
Ph:(970) 221-6655  
E-mail: [recreation@fcgov.com](mailto:recreation@fcgov.com)  
<http://www.fcgov.com/aro/>

### **Goodwill Industries**

Goodwill provides education, career development and employment opportunities to help Coloradans in need achieve self-sufficiency, dignity, and hope through the Power of Work.

#### **Goodwill Fort Collins**

315 Pavilion Lane  
Ft. Collins, CO 80525  
(970) 223-1042

#### **Goodwill Greeley**

2510 47th Ave.  
Greeley, CO 80634  
970.576.3175

#### **Goodwill Loveland**

935 E. Eisenhower  
Loveland, CO 80537  
970.593.1032

### **Healing Warriors Program**

Our mission is to advance individual wellbeing for Veterans and their families through evidence-based complementary care services and education. In our clinic we provide free Acupuncture, CranioSacral and Healing Touch therapies to veterans to help reduce pain, anxiety and symptoms of post-traumatic stress and traumatic brain injury.

Stuart Professional Park, 1136 E. Stuart Street,  
Building 4, Suite 4202, Fort Collins, CO 80525

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

970-776-8387

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

### **Hearts and Horses (for Heroes)**

“Appreciating the power of the horse to change lives is our goal,” said PATH Intl. Past President Dr. Paul Spiers, “and PATH Intl. wants to provide positive change for these very special lives. Our service personnel have fought to preserve our freedom, and, for many, at a very dear cost. We must be certain that if our wounded service personnel and veterans need and want this kind of help, they will get the best PATH Intl. has to offer.”

Therapeutic Riding Center

970-663-3891

<http://www.heartsandhorses.org/>

### **History and Heroes**

The mission of History and Heroes is to save historic places and provide safe healing environments for wounded warriors, veterans and their families in order to successfully transition them back into society, aiding our Heroes through training and education to help them rebuild self-esteem and enrich their lives.

453 E Wonderview Ave, Suite 244

Estes Park, CO 80517

970-682-9985

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

### **Homes for Heroes**

Homes for Heroes® is a company that affiliates with Realtors®, lenders and other real estate-related service providers who offer substantial rebates and discounts to the Heroes who serve our nation and its communities every day. Our Heroes include military personnel, firefighters, law enforcement officers, Education and Medical Employees who make our communities a better place to live.

<http://www.homesforheroes.com/>

Dawn Mathis: 970-481-5263 Cell

### **Hunting With Heroes**

This is a Wyoming based organization that helps disabled veterans obtain licenses and also sponsors group hunts. To learn more or to volunteer visit;

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

Or call Colton Sasser at 307-258-9193 or Dan Currah at 307-258-5880.

### **Justice for Vets / Veterans Treatment Court**

Veterans Treatment Courts make use of the camaraderie that exists among all veterans. Veteran Mentors volunteer their time and energy to assist their fellow veterans with peer support, housing, employment linkages, job training, education, transportation, disability compensation claims, discharge status and other linkages available at the local, state and federal level.

Ms. Jessica Binning, 6101 Yellowstone Rd.

Suite 220, Cheyenne, WY 82009

307-777-6885

Ms. Brenidy Rice, 101 W. Colfax, Suite 500

Denver, CO 80202

303-837-3678

### **Larimer County Office On Aging**

The Larimer County Office on Aging (LCOA), which is located in the Department of Human Services, is the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) for Larimer County. As one of sixteen AAA's in Colorado, LCOA receives funding from the Federal Older Americans Act and the Older Coloradans Fund to provide services to Larimer County residents who are 60 and older, and to serve as the lead agency for planning and coordinating those services. Included in the LCOA service area are the communities of Berthoud, Estes Park, Fort Collins, LaPorte, Loveland and Wellington, as well as the rural areas of the county.

The LCOA distributes approximately \$500,000 year in funding to agencies that provide services for seniors in Larimer County, including congregate meals, transportation, legal assistance and many more.

These agencies are referred to as our funded community partners. In addition, the LCOA staff provides direct services and programs to older adults.

2601 Midpoint Dr., Suite 112

Fort Collins 80525

(970) 497-7750

<http://www.larimer.org/seniors/index.cfm>

### **Larimer County Veteran Services**

The Larimer County Veterans' Service Office provides services to veterans and their families. We provide assistance with:

Filing for and obtaining benefits

Claim counseling, developing, and representation

We are advocates for veterans, their families and survivors.

200 West Oak St., 5<sup>th</sup> floor

Fort Collins 80522

970-498-7390

[dpierson@larimer.org](mailto:dpierson@larimer.org)

<http://www.larimer.org/veterans/>

### **Northern Colorado Honor Flight**

Honor Flight Northern Colorado sends World War II, Korean and Vietnam veterans to Washington, D.C., to see the national war memorials as a thank you.

Veterans from other conflicts may also qualify.

PO Box 363

Ault, CO

<http://www.honorflightnortherncolorado.org/>

### **Operation TBI Freedom**

Operation TBI Freedom (OTF) assists Veterans and active duty military personnel with traumatic brain injuries (TBI) that occurred on, or after, September 11, 2001. Our program tailors a unique plan for each client that promotes optimum independence, productivity and successful reintegration into civilian life. Services are provided state-wide in Colorado.

Contact: [1-855-355-6824](tel:1-855-355-6824) or

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

### **Pathways Hospice**

Pathways Hospice is pleased to offer Larimer and Western Weld County military veterans a new program focused on providing respectful, compassionate care, recognition of their service and specialized support for their families. With approximately 23,000 veterans residing in Larimer County (2009, [www.co.larimer.co.us](http://www.co.larimer.co.us)) who may experience unique challenges at end of life as a result of their military involvement, we are improving our service to those who have served us.

305 Carpenter Rd., Fort Collins 80525

970-663-3500

<http://pathways-care.org/honoring-veterans/honoring-veterans-program/>

### **Project Healing Waters**

Bringing wounded vets fly-fishing to heal their mind and soul

Jordan Cable-Student Liaison

970-443-8985

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

### **Project Welcome Home Troops-Bringing Peace of Mind to Veterans**

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for returning veterans and their families. We provide safe and effective techniques for stress relief, greater health and well-being, and empowerment.

719-357-6108

[Jim.warner@pwht.org](mailto:Jim.warner@pwht.org)

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

### **RMHS Rocky Mountain Human Services -Military & Veteran Programs**

Under the best of circumstances, the transition from a military career to civilian life can be challenging. The Military & Veteran Programs offered by Rocky Mountain Human Services (RMHS) are designed to ease that transition through services to help our nation's heroes, along with their families, reconnect with family and friends and pursue fulfilling, meaningful lives.

RMHS offers several distinct programs to those who have served in the military. Through generous funding from the Veterans Administration, the U.S. Department of Labor, the Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, businesses, foundations and individuals, RMHS assists active duty military personnel and Veterans with a variety of services to enhance their physical and mental well-being, ease their transition to civilian life, and restore their pride.

<http://www.rmhumanservices.org/program/military-veteran-programs>

### **Salvation Army**

3901 S. Mason St.

Fort Collins 80525

970-207-4472

### **Saving-Our-Soldiers Inc.**

Emergency Assistance for Soldiers

970-545-2191

[saving-our-soldiers@hotmail.com](mailto:saving-our-soldiers@hotmail.com)

[www.Saving-Our-Soldiers.org/](http://www.Saving-Our-Soldiers.org/)

### **Soldiers to Summits**

Climb higher. Go further. Dig deeper.

Soldiers to Summits (S2S) empowers veterans to overcome barriers and reclaim lives. In this program, mountains serve as both metaphor and training ground for wounded soldiers as they stretch goals, build world-class teams, innovate through adversity, and step up to lead and serve others. Integrated with the rehab process, S2S helps soldiers restructure how they approach their past and future.

JASON ECKMAN | Director

420 S Howes, Suite B300, Fort Collins, CO 80521

OFFICE: 970.484.3633 FAX: 970.672.1073

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

### **Soldiers Who Salsa**

A program that was started at the Naval Hospital in San Diego.

Sandra Newlin

(970)988-3168

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

### **Suicide Prevention**

Cheyenne VA Medical Center

Tiah Terranova, Psy.D.,LP

Acting Suicide Prevention Coordinator

307-778-7550 x7341

Email: [Tiah.Terranova@va.gov](mailto:Tiah.Terranova@va.gov)

<http://www.cheyenne.va.gov>

Veteran Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255 (press 1)

<http://www.va.gov/>

### **They Said Yes**

They served. Some fought. They knew their service would mean tremendous personal sacrifice during the years they served. When given an order, they simply got the job done. As new civilians, Fort Collins wants to ensure these brave men and women are able to complete their education now that they are home. The GI Bill can provide as much as 36 months of benefits to student-veterans, but this is often not enough. The Finish Line Scholarship will help those within one year of degree completion. Our intention is to endow the scholarship so it will live in perpetuity and help our student-veterans.

Email: [TheySaidYes@outlook.com](mailto:TheySaidYes@outlook.com)

<https://advancing.colostate.edu/FINISHLINE>

<http://www.theysaidyes.org>

### **Treetop Yoga Therapy**

Help with anxiety, depression, PTSD, chronic conditions, injury/surgery rehabilitation.

19 Old Town Square, #238

Fort Collins, CO 80524

970-484-0828

### **United Veterans Committee**

The United Veterans Committee of Colorado (UVC) is a non-profit coalition of 50 chartered and federally recognized veterans service organizations and affiliates established in 1972.

UVC's vision is a productive advocate for Colorado veterans and their families.

UVC's mission is to activate and represent member organizations, speaking with one united voice in Colorado; work with public policy makers to ensure proper support for veteran issues and concerns; and inform/educate Colorado about veteran needs.

P.O. Box 31261

Aurora, CO 80041-1261

UVC President: Steven A. Rylant 970-669-1832

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

### **Veterans Administration**

2013 Benefits book (online)

[http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits\\_book.asp](http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits_book.asp)

### **VBON - Veterans Benefiting Our Nation**

Veterans Benefiting Our Nation (VBON) is an all-volunteer organization which raises funds needed to help Veterans in need through donations and events offered throughout the year.

<http://www.vbon.us/>

### **Vet Center** (U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs)

Readjustment counseling services for combat theater veterans, military sexual trauma, and bereavement counseling. Services free to veterans and their families.

702 W. Drake, Bldg.C

Fort Collins 80526

970-221-5176

### **Veterans Helping Veterans Now**

Providing free services to veterans and their families

Office: 600 Terry Street, Longmont, CO

Phone: [303-772-9777](tel:303-772-9777)

Email: [info@vhvnow.org](mailto:info@vhvnow.org)

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

### **Veterans Passport to Hope (VP2H)**

VP2H's mission consists of three main focus areas:

Awareness, Fund Raising, and Cooperation.

**AWARENESS:** VP2H's Primary mission is to raise awareness within the Colorado area about the issues Veterans face: Multiple tours in combat zones, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), high unemployment rate, high homelessness rate, high divorce rate, and a record high suicide rate. As the military mission winds down in Iraq and Afghanistan and veterans reintegrate themselves into civilian society, we believe that this awareness will foster an understanding of their efforts and compassion for their struggle.

**FUNDRAISING:** Through due diligence and research, we organize fund raising events which support local, Veteran friendly non-profits. We only support high quality charities that maximize their accountability to veteran's causes and are transparent in their fund raising and giving practices.

**COOPERATION:** VP2H's tertiary mission is to act as a rallying point for other veteran friendly non-profits. Our goal is to organize and conduct meetings with the leadership teams of these groups within the Colorado area with the goal of finding ways for us to work together more efficiently. We believe that by working together and by sharing ideas, we can reduce competition between non-profit groups and more efficiently and more effectively help veterans. We also consolidate information about resources that are available at no charge to veterans and families by keeping our veteran's resource website ([www.veteransresourceportal.com](http://www.veteransresourceportal.com)) up to date and relevant. The Veteran's Resource Portal is a list of resources utilized as an online resource center where veterans and their families can search for and rate available resources.

<http://www.veteranspassport2hope.org/>

### **Veterans Plaza of Northern Colorado**

Welcome to the Veterans Plaza of Northern Colorado, dedicated to all U.S. veterans who have served, are serving, and will serve this great country. Dedicated in May 2011, and officially opened in November 2011, the Plaza serves as a remembrance of the valor and the sacrifices willingly made by our veterans, whether in times of war or times of peace. Located at 2626 W. Horsetooth Rd., in lovely Spring Canyon Community Park in southwest Fort Collins, the Plaza is an incredible educational tool for children and adults to learn about the military heroes who are part of our nation's history, and recognize those who continue to serve and will serve in the future.

The Plaza brings people together to recognize U.S. military veterans responsible for protecting and ensuring our inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Diggs Brown

970-980-1080

[cptdiggs@hotmail.com](mailto:cptdiggs@hotmail.com)

<http://veteransplazanoco.org/>

### **Volunteers of America**

Since World War I, Volunteers of America has provided direct services to veterans and connected them to other organizations that can help. We are committed to ending homelessness for those on the street and preventing others from becoming homeless by providing a wide array of well-designed and managed services to meet the specific needs of homeless veterans. - See more at:

<http://www.voa.org/Get-Help/National-Network-of-Services/Veterans#sthash.1cyWHJgG.dpuf>

Betsy Sullivan

970-472-9630

[vetservices@frii.com](mailto:vetservices@frii.com)

<http://www.voa.org/Get-Help/National-Network-of-Services/Veterans>

### **Warriors in Transition**

"Horses for Healing and Growth" Through an innovative program that is based on the intuitive power of the horse; you learn to access and develop your innate Emotional Intelligence (EQ).

303-638-6997

<http://www.coloradohorsetherapy.com/warriors-in-transition-horse-workshop/>

### **Wounded Warrior Project**

To foster the most successful, well-adjusted generation of wounded service members in our nation's history.

[resourcecenter@woundedwarriorproject.org](mailto:resourcecenter@woundedwarriorproject.org)

904-405-1213

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## CONSTITUANT SERVICES

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### U.S. Senator Michael Bennet

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## EMERGENCY HOUSING RESOURCES

### "Back Home" Program with Volunteers of America

We are a 100% funded VA program. We provide supportive services to low income Veteran families. Eligibility can be tricky so please call us. Drop in hours at the Murphy Center 9-11 Tuesday and Thursday; 1-3 Monday  
Contact for intakes: [vetsupport@frii.com](mailto:vetsupport@frii.com)  
Or Justin Adams- [vetadvocate@frii.com](mailto:vetadvocate@frii.com); Megan Kelly- [vetsupport@frii.com](mailto:vetsupport@frii.com)  
Phone number: [970-472-9630](tel:970-472-9630)

### Catholic Charities

We help people threatened by homelessness Families, Single men & women Veterans & Seniors We accept our clients as they are. All those who come to us are treated with dignity and respect.  
460 Linden Center Drive  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80524  
970-484-5010  
<http://www.ccdenver.org/services/larimer-county-services>

### Homes for All Veterans

Rocky Mountain Human Services  
[\(303\) 368-3823](tel:303-368-3823)  
[HAVreferrals@rmhumanservices.org](mailto:HAVreferrals@rmhumanservices.org)  
10375 E. Harvard Ave. #400  
Denver, CO 80231  
FOR Northern Colorado and Cheyenne area:  
(303) 636-2131  
[HAVreferrals@rmhumanservices.org](mailto:HAVreferrals@rmhumanservices.org)

### House of Neighborly Services

House of Neighborly Service has provided assistance to low-income individuals and families in Southern Larimer County for 50 years! HNS was established in 1961 by the local pastors of Loveland to be a central place in Larimer County where they could refer people, where there would be ample resources, accountability, and compassionate people to minister to those in need. HNS remains a networking service with churches, other agencies and community members to ensure that those who truly are in need are being helped.  
(970) 667-4939  
<http://honservice.org/>

### Murphy Center for Hope

provides support for people who are either on the brink of homelessness or currently without a permanent place to live. We are here for men, women and children of all ages who are not homeless by choice, but forced into homelessness by circumstance.  
Sister Mary Alice Murphy Center for Hope  
242 Conifer Street  
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