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Veteran & Family Resource Update..

April 2019

We Help Veterans & Families find more peace in their life..

Our job is to inform and educate all Veterans and their families of the many resources they've earned access to.

Why did I receive this?

We know you to be a supporter of Veterans and we've crossed paths over the past few years.

We are engaged in many Veteran-related programs such as the Honor Flight and Mile of Smiles,

VFW, American Legion, as well as Rotary Clubs, Chambers of Commerce and others.

Who is this newsletter for?

The purpose of this monthly newsletter is to share information for all Veterans, their family members and friends. There are an estimated 400,000 Veterans in Colorado and 48,000 in Wyoming. About 60% do not have VA care.

If someone just wants to talk to a Veteran, we are here for you. If you need some assistance with anything, we are here for you. If you know of a great service that helps Veterans, we are here for you. If you want your voice heard, we are here for you.

What does Qualified Listeners do?

Northern Colorado and SE Wyoming is our current, but expanding service area

We Listen

- O We have coffee with Veterans and/or family members, we are here to listen
- We learn what they need
- We spend every Tuesday at Metro State University to learn more of the needs of our younger Veterans, both female and male
- We visit Veterans in assisted living or hospice centers
- O If a Veteran or family member needs something, we will find it for them
- We ensure Veterans and families are NEVER ALONE!

Resource Directory

- We seek out and evaluate or vet Resources to see if they can qualify for our Veterans and families
- Our Veterans deserve the best we can find and we ensure the best
- We direct folks to the VA
- We direct Folks to Non VA Services
- We arrange to modify homes for mobility challenges
- We arrange transportation
- We connect Veterans and families to a local County Veteran Service Office

Collective Voice

- From all the interaction we have with Veterans and families every month we compile what we learn and then meet with our Qualified Resources and some agencies to inform them of what Veterans and families actually need
- O We help your voice be heard!

Click here to learn more about what we do for Veterans.

Please Forward...

This newsletter is **FREE** for anyone who signs up for it and people do not pay to have articles in it. It is to inform and educate everyone in contact with any and all Veterans. To us, a Veteran is anyone who can produce a DD-214 of any classification. Please click on the <u>FORWARD</u> button at the bottom on this newsletter and send it to someone you know and care about.

What you will see in this newsletter

- Resource Spotlight see some of our incredible, vetted Resources
 - Stillwater Ranch
 - Healing Warriors
 - ARC Thrift Stores for Veterans

- Veteran Comments
- Events
- Other Stuff
- Sign Up for Newsletters



THIS IS NOT YOUR TYPICAL THERAPY. Instead of an office, we offer the great outdoors and a beautiful setting in the foothills. Instead of a couch, there's red dirt and sunshine. Instead of being asked to share thoughts and feelings, we promote interactions with horses. Sound a little odd? We know; we thought so too.....at first.....until we saw the hope and healing that takes place at Stillwater Ranch.

303-451-8182 Wendy Buckley - www.StillwaterRanch.org Loveland, CO



Healing Warriors Program is a 501c3 nonprofit and registered VA vendor providing non-narcotic care therapies for Pain, Post Traumatic Stress and Sleep disturbance to service members and their spouse, partner and parent. Healing Warriors Program provides services to active duty, reserve, veteran service members of any era, any branch of service. Their main clinic is located

970-776-8387 <u>Information</u> - <u>www.HealingWarriorsProgram.org</u>



Qualified Listeners partnered with ARC Stores and Canvas Credit Union to provide the **Suits for Veterans** program.

If any Veteran, female or male, in Colorado or SE Wyoming needs a suit, call Qualified Listeners at **720-600-0860** and request a Voucher. Bring the Voucher to any of our 28 stores and receive a complete suit outfit -FREE to you.

Click here to learn more...



Honoring every moment of life, Pathways is a nonprofit organization serving Larimer and Weld Counties with expert hospice care, palliative care and grief and loss support. Pathways has provided compassionate care for individuals and their families for the past 40 years and is the leading nonprofit of hospice care in northern Colorado. We place great emphasis on honoring veterans in our community and achieved the top Level IV status of the We Honor Veterans program in 2015. This distinction demonstrates our continued commitment to ensuring that the men and women who have served our country have access to quality end-of-life care.



Our mission is to Honor Veterans from Northern Colorado, SE Wyoming, and Western Nebraska with free trips to visit the War Memorials in Washington, DC. All WWII, Korean, Vietnam, and Purple Heart Recipients from all conflicts as well as any Veteran with a terminal diagnosis that can safely make our trip will have priority. Once the Desert Storm Memorial is complete, we hope to have enough community support and interest from those who have served in The Sandbox to expand our mission to Honor this group of Heroes as well. Our first flight is scheduled for September 15-16 2019.

<u>Matt Voris</u> - <u>www.HighPlainsHonorFlight.org</u> 970-301-8888

Click here to find more of our vetted resources...

Veteran comments

"I don't know what we would do without Qualified Listeners, we were stuck with no help until we met you".

"I was out of food and had no way to get some, then you came by, I was in trouble".

"I had no one to talk to about the things bothering me and now I have you".

"I've not talked about these things in 50 years and now I can".

Click here to read more of what our Veterans say about us...

- Veteran Breakfast Club PAMVET Breakfast
 - Loveland, CO every Saturday morning at 7:30 AM
 - Golden Corral
 - Englewood, CO, first Saturday of every month at 7:30 AM
 - Golden Corral
 - Click to learn more
- April 27, noon to 4:00 PM
 - Operation Zero Fundraiser for Veteran Suicide Prevention
 - AMVETS post 10
 - 3839 East Lincolnway, Cheyenne, WY
 - Contact <u>Cory Carpenter</u> to learn more
- May 11
 - High Plains Honor Flight Breakfast
 - Island Grove Event Center Greeley, CO 8:00AM, doors open at 7:45am
 - Contact <u>Matt Voris</u>
- May 13
 - Patriot Anglers Fund Raiser
 - Veteran Brother's Brewery in Johnstown
 - Noon to 4 pm
- May 16
 - Mental Health First Aid for Veterans
 - 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
 - Carbon Valley Regional Library
 - 7 Park Place, Firestone, CO
 - No cost to attend
 - Registration is required
 - Hosted by Carbon Valley Rotary Club & Qualified Listeners
- May 18
 - Women Warriors of Wyoming Annual Event for Female Veterans
 - Hilton Garden Inn, 1150 North Poplar Street, Casper, WY
 - Register
- May 25 & 26
 - Tribute to Gulf War Veterans
 - Veterans Plaza of Northern Colorado
 - 2626 West Horsetooth Road, Fort Collins, CO
- July 14
 - CVMA Annual Golf Tournament

- O JM Post of Johnstown, Annual Golf Tournament
- o 8 am to 5 pm

Other Stuff

- Have you ever wanted someone to ask you, what do you want? Well, we are asking you, what do you want?
 - <u>Click here</u> to tell us the top 3 things you want or need to make your life better as a
 Veteran or family member
- Would you like to support the efforts of Qualified Listeners as we work hard every day to assist the 111,000 Veterans in our service area? You can select us at <u>Smile.Amazon</u>.
- You may also <u>click here</u> to donate to Qualified Listeners
- We are one of only two Veteran support organizations in northern Colorado to achieve the
 Better Business Bureau Accredited Charity status and we are proud of this
- Qualified Listeners is a 501-C3 Veteran support organization covering 7 counties in Colorado and 8 counties in SE Wyoming
- If you are or know of a Veteran who needs new clothes, maybe a suit, female or male,
 <u>click here</u> to learn of the program we've developed
- Guest Speaker
 - We are happy to come speak to your group, company or organization and share information about Veterans. Just <u>send us an email</u> to arrange a time and place for this 20 minute program. Groups enjoy learning about Veterans.

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