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## Veteran & Family Resource Update..

*August 2019*

### Impact Report

Update on the impact of our work at Qualified Listeners:

#### Through July 2019

- 180 Listening Sessions
  - 262 hours
  - 10,510 miles
  - 77% are Veterans
  - 32% are female
  - 12% are spouses
  - 39% served in combat
  - 7% were abused as children
  - 418 total Listening Sessions since we started the program in May 2017
- We're currently working on 12 active projects for Veterans & families
- 5,400 Veteran & Family Resource Directories distributed since we started the program in April 2018
- We're proud to directly serve over 100 Veterans or family members each month

We know we save lives...

I am an extremely proud Veteran because I served my country. I made the decision to take an oath that allowed me to serve the greatest country ever conceived in this world. I served to protect the freedoms our forefathers fought for. These United States has lifted more people out of poverty in the world than any other country in history because of the freedom we have.

I wear a Veteran hat because I want all Veterans to know I am here for them. That I am someone who will listen to them without judgement, who will always support them. I want all Americans to know I am a Veteran and by showing it, I am sharing my pride. I'm delighted every time I see another Veteran wearing something that states they are a Veteran, too. Be proud of who you are and what you represent. By doing so you've set yourself apart from everyone else.

Greg Goettsch, Founder and Executive Director  
Qualified Listeners

## Honor Flight Next Month!

**Sunday, September 15th**

Send Off at Embassy Suites in Loveland 7:00 am

Join the "Mile of Smiles" Lineup along the I-25 West Frontage Road

Lineup begins at 8:00 am, motorcade approximately 9:00 am

South of Exit 240 and North of Exit 235

3991 Rowe Street

Frederick, CO

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

## What you will see in this newsletter

- **Resource Spotlight** - see some of our incredible, vetted Resources
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  - Cultivate
  - Heart-Centered Counseling
  - Hero Expeditions
  - Outdoor Buddies
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Veteran-based, mental health resource locator and connector for NE Colorado.

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Greeley, CO 80634

970-330-3608

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

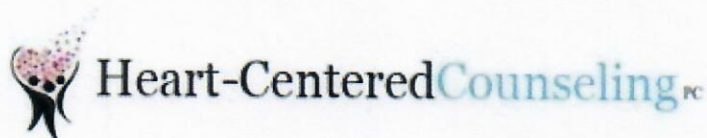
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Our VetsGo Program provides volunteer driven rides to medical appointments and to all VA facilities, and VA related appointments for Veterans and their family members who are 60+. Family members include: parents, spouse, or children, all have to be 60+. Veterans from Boulder, Broomfield, Weld, and Larimer counties qualify for this service.

6325 Gunpark Drive, Suite F

Boulder, CO 80301

303-443-1933 Ext 406 | [info@cultivate.ngo](mailto:info@cultivate.ngo)



If you're hurting, today is the day to find help. Our counselors will take you on a healing journey. With care and expertise, they'll gently guide you to feelings of wholeness and



access to a wealth of knowledge and experience from many years of clinical experience. We'll match you with just the right practitioner to help you address your specific situation.

970-310-3406 We are based in Fort Collins and have other branches.

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An exceptional collection of hunting and fishing experts and many Veteran and active duty volunteers who create a culture and environment of support for every Veteran client on an individual basis.

[info@heroexpeditions.org](mailto:info@heroexpeditions.org) 970-381-9876 [www.HeroExpeditions.org](http://www.HeroExpeditions.org)

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Our support for disabled veterans includes coordination of rafting trips through Warriors on Cataract.

We also organize hunts and fishing outings for disabled veterans. Outdoor Buddies is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that was founded in 1984 by representatives from Craig Hospital and Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

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[Click here to find more of our vetted resources...](#)

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#### **Veteran Comments:**

Vietnam Era Female Veteran – I am overwhelmed with the support you could gather to help me, thank you so very much.

Vietnam Veteran Spouse – finding you allowed me to connect to others like me, thank you.

Vietnam Veteran Son – My dad could have gotten so much good from your programs, but we lost him some years back.

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## Events

- 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](#)
- August 3
  - JM Post of Johnstown Annual Golf Tournament
  - 8 am to 5 pm
- August 14
  - Veterans Lunch
  - 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
  - Perkins Restaurant, Longmont
- August 16-18
  - Annual American Veterans Rally
  - Cripple Creek, CO
  - For more information [www.theveteransrally.org](http://www.theveteransrally.org)
- August 28
  - Veterans Lunch
  - 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
  - Perkins Restaurant, Longmont
- September 7
  - Veteran Appreciation Day
  - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
  - High Country Harley Davidson
  - 3761 Monarch Street, Frederick
- September 13
  - Veteran & Family Wellness Summit
  - 8:00 am - 3:30 pm
  - CSU, Fort Collins
- September 14



- 8511 Coyote Run, Loveland
  - For more information [www.stillwaterranch.org](http://www.stillwaterranch.org)
- September 15
  - Inaugural High Plains Honor Flight
  - Send-off 7:00 am Embassy Suites, Loveland
- November 9
  - Veteran Support Day
  - 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
  - Scheels All Sports, Johnstown
- March 14, 2020 - Save the Date!
  - 2nd Annual Vet Connect Event
  - Embassy Suites, Loveland

Cheyenne VA Event Calendar [www.cheyenne.va.gov/calendar.asp](http://www.cheyenne.va.gov/calendar.asp)

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## Other Stuff

- COMING SOON - Monthly Vet Chats. An informal gathering for Veterans and Families providing useful information on a variety of topics to make your life better. Come Learn What You've Earned!
- Our Listening Program is expanding! We're in the process of training five new Listeners to meet the increasing demand for our services. Additionally, we've created a "Visitation Team" for our trained Veteran Listeners to visit Veterans in assisted living facilities and those in hospice care. This is having a positive impact on those who are disabled or terminally ill. If you have an interest in learning about our Listening Program, or if you know a Veteran that would like to be visited, please call 720-600-0860 or fill out the form on our website [www.qualifiedlisteners.org/contact/](http://www.qualifiedlisteners.org/contact/)
- Free "captioned" telephone for Veteran, no monthly fees or contracts required. Call Qualified Listeners 720-600-0860
- Reminder - the job of Qualified Listeners is to serve all Veterans and their family members. If you need assistance in improving your life or giving you peace of mind, [contact us](#). A few things we can help with:
  - Non-VA behavioral health support
  - Non-medical home care
  - Improve your discharge status
  - Want a better job
  - Home improvements to solve mobility challenges

- If you know a Veteran who needs clothes, [click here](#) to learn about our Suits for Veterans program. Any Veteran, any era.
  - Helping Veterans and family members takes money and this is where you can help [click here](#) to donate to Qualified Listeners. Every dollar goes toward food, gas, utility bills, advocacy visits, Listening Sessions, home improvements, and other necessities.
  - Guest Speaker
    - We are happy to come speak to your group, company or organization and share information about Veterans. Just [send us an email](#) to arrange a time and place for this 20 minute program. Groups enjoy learning about Veterans.
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