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Qualified Listeners

Veteran & Family Resource Update..

November 2019

Impact Report

Year To Date Through October 2019

- 54 Listening Sessions in October
- In addition, we directly assisted 63 Veterans or family members
- Plus, we directly assisted 52 NEW Veterans or family members
- 333 Year to Date Listening Sessions
 - 488 hours
 - 17,412 miles
 - 79% are Veterans
 - 9% are female
 - 16% are spouses
 - 58% served in combat
 - 571 total Listening Sessions since we started the program in May 2017
 - We're currently working on 2 active projects for Veterans & families
 - 5,700 Veteran & Family Resource Directories distributed since we started the program in April 2018
 - We're proud to directly serve over 120 Veterans or family members each month

We know we save lives...

Loneliness is a consistent challenge for many Veterans and family members, and we wish to stop it!

What we do at Qualified Listeners is Listen! We just meet for a cup of coffee, glass of tea, or a smoothie and you are free to talk about anything you wish, and we will listen. We won't judge, and we will ensure your thoughts are heard.

Regardless of how long it has been, if ever, that you've had a Veteran to talk to, we are here for you. The article last month noted "Not Everyone Needs Therapy", sometimes we just need someone to talk to. We don't ever want anyone to ever feel alone again. We want you to know we are a phone call or email away. Having no one to see or talk to is very uncomfortable for most people. We humans are, by nature, "social" creatures, meaning we are built to be around others. When we are not social, we lose some of the strength in our life. We lose a connection with another human being which we are designed to have.

I spent 39 years after my four years in the Navy, not having anyone to talk to about my service. I did not spend much time thinking about it. Afterall, I am fine! Then at about age 62 it started to creep into my mind that I need to do something with the things I think about and feel. I need someone to talk to!

We don't want any Veteran or family member to ever feel alone again! We are here for you and want to hear what you wish to share. Please choose to not be alone, whether it is with us or someone else, please be around people. Most people find considerable peace in their life when they are with other people. Just give us a call if you want to chat at 720-600-0860.

Greg Goettsch, Founder and Executive Director

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Number To Call When Admitted to Non-VA Emergency Room

If a Veteran is enrolled in the VA Health Care system and admitted to a non-VA emergency room or urgent care facility, the number to call for the VA Authorization Office is 1-800-795-0773. This is the number that the Veteran would have to call within 72 hours of being admitted to an ER (or urgent care). They will have to leave a message, but the automated message walks the Veteran through what information is needed. A Veteran DOES NOT have to call this number prior to being admitted to the ER, but must do so within 72 hours post admission.

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Stillwater Ranch

Nestled near the foothills in west Loveland is a beautiful equine therapy setting that is not your typical therapy. Gentle horses, experienced therapists, and a proven track record of providing hope and healing. www.StillwaterRanch.org

Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association (CVMA) Front Range Chapter 3-6

Organizes fundraisers and participates in events to help Veterans, Veteran causes, and organizations who support Veterans. Provides motorcycle escorts and flag details for Veteran funerals, parades, and other Veteran activities. www.CVMS3-6.org

Meet these organizations in person at Veteran Support Day November 9th at Scheels All Sports, 4755 Ronald Reagan Blvd, Johnstown, CO from 9:00 am to 8:30 pm. Look for them at the Ferris Wheel and learn what they do for Veterans and families. You'll be amazed!

To find more of our highly vetted Resources click [here](#)

Veteran Comments:

Vietnam Veteran: "I needed to move from a friend's home to a place of my own because things were getting stressful. I'm on a limited income and was not able to find anything I could afford. After one meeting with Qualified Listeners they listened to my needs and put me in touch with some of their resources who helped me get what I needed. I signed a lease to move into my new apartment November 1st in an area I wanted to move to. I will also have my VA monthly benefits increased based on their suggestion to talk to a Veteran Service Officer. I had no idea any of this would be possible. I cannot thank Qualified Listeners enough for what they've done for me."

called Qualified Listeners to see if someone could donate a bed for me. They talked to some of their resources and within two weeks I had a bed with new mattress and pillows. They even gave me brand new sheets and comforter. I didn't have any money to buy this stuff myself or have anyone else to call. Qualified Listeners helped me in a huge way.

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](#)
- November 5
 - Vet Chat - Come Learn What You've Earned!
 - 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
 - Prairie Greens Clubhouse
 - 7781 Mountain View Drive, Frederick
- November 9
 - Veteran Support Day - Come See Us at the Ferris Wheel
 - 9:00 am - 8:30 pm
 - Scheels All Sports, Johnstown
- November 10
 - Tribute to Veterans - Come See Us!
 - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
 - Embassy Suites, Loveland
- November 11
 - Loveland Veteran's Day Parade
 - Starts at 11:11 am
 - One of the largest Veteran's Day Parades in Colorado
- November 19
 - Vet Chat - "15 Things Veterans Want You To Know"
 - 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
 - Clearview Library
 - 720 3rd Street, Windsor

- Remember to give thanks for our Veterans
- December 3
 - Vet Chat - Come Learn What You've Earned!
 - 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
 - Prairie Greens Clubhouse
 - 7781 Mountain View Drive, Frederick
- March 14, 2020 - Save the Date!
 - 2nd Annual Vet Connect Event
 - Embassy Suites, Loveland

Cheyenne VA Event Calendar www.cheyenne.va.gov/calendar.asp

Other Stuff

- **VETERAN SUPPORT!** BMW Trike & Sports Trailer Touring System For Sale as a Tax-Deductible Donation! [Read more...](#)
 - Qualified Listeners has partnered with King Snoopers on a Community Rewards Program to support Veterans and their families. [Click for details](#)
 - Veteran Discounts www.legion.org/veteransbenefits/military-veteran-discounts
 - 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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