As he stood on the stage in the Indiana Convention Center on Aug. 29 following being elected American Legion national commander for 2019-2020, North Carolina Legionnaire James W. “Bill” Oxford made it clear continuing the organization’s legacy into its next 100 years is not the job one person can perform.

“As I looked around this hall today, I am humbled to beyond belief … to accept this nomination as your national commander,” said Oxford, who was elected during The American Legion 101st National Convention. “We have a terrific organization. Whatever this job is, I will do it to the best of my ability, but I can’t do it alone. I need everybody here on my team, helping us reach our goals and objectives. We are all stakeholders in this organization. We are the future of this organization.”

A Paid-Up-For-Life member and past commander of American Legion Post 29 in Lenoir, N.C., Oxford said as The American Legion’s centennial celebration comes to an end on Veterans Day, it’s good time to look back on 100 years of successes and accomplishments.

He pointed out the Legion’s role in creating the original GI Bill and being part of efforts to update it, the important role the organization played in the creation of what is now the Department of Veterans Affairs, the drafting of the U.S. Flag Code and, most recently, gaining passage of the LEGION Act.

Oxford noted the Legion’s relationship with the American Legion Auxiliary and the growth of both the Sons of The American Legion and the American Legion charitable funds, Oxford said, have provided millions in scholarship money, disaster relief and financial assistance. The Child Welfare Foundation has provided more than $16 million in grants to organizations that contribute to the physical, spiritual, mental, and emotional needs of children. And the Legion’s Operation Comfort Warriors provides items to recovering wounded warriors and veterans not covered by the federal government.

“The things we did yesterday, we do today, and we will do tomorrow are building the foundation for the future of this organization,” he said. “And if we think about the American Legion’s policies, programs (and) efforts, we’ve got to consider what makes those programs work. Those programs work by the people who participate in them.”

American Legion Riders. And he pointed to youth programs such as American Legion Baseball, Boys State and Boys Nation, Junior Shooting Sports, the Oratorical Contest, youth law cadet programs and support for Scouting.

“‘A foundation for the future’

By: Steven B. Brooks

National Commander Oxford

When we think about those charities, there’s one special thing about the Legion charities: 100 percent of the funds go toward the programs,” Oxford said. “All operational and administrative costs are covered by The American Legion. All of that money goes to those charities.

“All of these things we’ve talked about shows who we are, but it also shows what we do.”

What the Legion also does, Oxford said, is promote Americanism through flag education and being involved in local schools, advocate for veterans’ benefits and health care, support a strong national defense, and support America’s youth.

“Does that sound familiar?” Oxford asked. “I think it does, because we are talking about the Four Pillars of The American Legion. That’s the thing that’s made The American Legion the largest, most powerful veterans organization in this country.”

Oxford then turned his focus toward the future. “The things we did yesterday, we do today, and we will do tomorrow are building the foundation for the future of this organization,” he said. “And if we think about The American Legion’s policies, programs (and) efforts, we’ve got to consider what makes those programs work. Those programs work by the people who participate in them.”

(Continued on Page 7 See Membership)
## Index

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Article</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Afronation for the future</td>
<td>1,7,9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The Newest Past National Commander Message</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Department Commander Noechel's Call</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Department Sr. Vice Jackson's Message</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jr. Vice Kossow's Message</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jr. Vice Force's Message</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Department Adjutant Smith's Message</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vietnam Blue Water Navy Veterans Disability Benefits</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Department Chaplain Hamamoto's Corner</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SAL Detachment Commander Arceo's Message</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SAL Deachment Americanism Report</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Urgent Care Centers vs Emergency Departments</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Department Auxiliary President Trujillo's Message</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Department Auxiliary National Security Message</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Support Children and Youth in your community</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Honorary Junior Auxiliary President Fobare's Message</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Department's Junior Auxiliary News</td>
<td>14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>West Metro Veterans Fair Mark your calendar flyer</td>
<td>14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fall Junior Auxiliary Department Meeting Flyer</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Aurora Post 23 signs up first veteran in Colorado</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Veterans Corner</td>
<td>16/19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Aurora Veterans Affairs Commission Stand Down Flyer</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Coast to Coast for Veterans</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Coast to Coast for Veterans photographs</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Second Chance Bicycle Shop</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ID Resolve Flyer</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>We Can Be Census Takers Flyer</td>
<td>22</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The 2020 Census: Support your community flyer</td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Employment &amp; Education Commission Awards Flyer</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2019 Media Awards Criteria Flyer</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LIT Insurance Medicare Supplement Flyer</td>
<td>26</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fall Conferences 2019</td>
<td>27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>National Commander's visitation schedule</td>
<td>27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alejandro (Alex) Jauregui - Fury Bees</td>
<td>28/29</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fury Bees Photos</td>
<td>29</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Honorably discharged Veterans can shop MX online now</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>January 1 2020 it is expanding to in-store MX shopping</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mike Shaw Subaru Supports All Colorado Veterans Flyer</td>
<td>32</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

The American Legion Internet Observer

The American Legion Internet Observer is an official publication of The American Legion, Department of Colorado, and is owned exclusively by the Colorado Department. Published Monthly at the Department Headquarters, 7465 East 1st Ave, Ste D Denver, CO 80230. (303) 366-5201.

Send correspondence to the above address. Visit us at www.coloradolegion.org or e-mail to observer@coloradolegion.org

Publisher/Editor-in Chief: Charles P. Smith
Contributors: The American Legion Dispatch
Design and Layout and Editor: Darrell Myers

Still Serving America
Do you have an ongoing program or activity that serves your community?
Do you have a friend or relative that goes above and beyond the call of duty to help others?
Drop us a line and tell us what your story is or how you or this person is demonstrating that they are Still Serving America, but must be received by the 10th of the month, the month prior.
In submitting your information, please be sure to include your full name, address and telephone number. There's a good chance the information you send us will make it into The Observer. Please send to: Still Serving America, The American Legion, 7465 East 1st Ave. Ste D Denver, CO 80230.
A proud year of American Legion successes

By: Brett P. Reistad, Past National Commander

Nearly one year ago in my acceptance speech, I talked about how this centennial year would be more than just a celebration. It would also be about “charting the course for our future and remaining strong and relevant. Strength, my friends, is paramount,” I said when I was elected national commander in the year of our 100th anniversary as an organization.

Without a doubt, The American Legion is strong, relevant and poised for another influential century of service to communities, states and nation.

The influence of The American Legion was felt on Capitol Hill where lawmakers approved the LEGION Act. This legislation means that more than 1,600 servicemembers who were killed or wounded in previously undeclared war eras now truly get the recognition they deserve. It also opens up all benefits of American Legion membership to an additional 4.2 million veterans.

Also notable is that American Legion-supported legislation won the long fight for Blue Water Navy veterans to receive VA disability benefits for illnesses linked to exposure to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War. The law, signed by President Trump in June, will extend disability benefits covering medical conditions associated with Agent Orange exposure to those who served on ships off the coast of Vietnam.

The American Legion also came to the aid of active-duty Coast Guard members when their pay was held up amid the government shutdown in January. We provided more than $1 million in expedited Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) grants that assisted 3,120 children of 1,173 Coast Guard servicemembers.

Of course, American Legion Family members raised millions of dollars for our many programs that support veterans, servicemembers, their families and youths of our nation throughout the year. I found the kindness shown on Giving Tuesday last November to be especially heart-warming. On that single day, nearly 400 individuals donated a total of $22,620 for American Legion programs.

True to our core mission, The American Legion also fought to preserve the memories of our comrades from past wars.

• On June 20, in a landmark decision, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 7-2 in favor of The American Legion, allowing the Bladensburg World War I Veterans Memorial to remain where it has stood since 1925. The cross-shaped memorial honors 49 World War I veterans who never returned home to their community in Prince George’s County, Md.

• On Jan. 2, American Legion Post 853 in California took over ownership of a quarter-acre parcel of land in Ocotillo Wells where a memorial honors the service of Vietnam War veteran Jim B. Robison. The agreement to purchase the land allowed the memorial, which sits on a small hill in a barren desert, to remain in place where it was dedicated in 1966.

There have been many reasons to celebrate our achievements of the past year — and the past 100 years. One way to do so is to purchase a special keepsake American Legion centennial coin. Only two organizations a year are selected by the U.S. Mint to strike a special commemorative coin. The selection of The American Legion as one of those two this year shows how well-respected our organization is throughout the nation.

The coin sales will terminate at the end of this year so be sure to get your collectibles before it’s too late.

The coins are just one way to celebrate our first century of service to America. Departments and posts held their own special events. And, of course, our national convention this month will be another way to celebrate.

Perhaps the most-watched centennial event was when The American Legion was featured near the start of the Rose Bowl Parade on New Year’s Day in Pasadena, Calif. An estimated 4.7 million people viewed the parade in person or on television. “People were very supportive as we passed,” I said at the time. “A lot of ‘God bless the USA’ and ‘thank you for your service.’ And they never stopped. The crowds just went on and on and on.”

And that is what The American Legion will do. We will go on and on and on. Our organization has a bright future and so do our fellow veterans, today’s servicemembers and America’s children. And that is thanks to you and your dedication to The American Legion.
Colorado American Legion Family,

It is that time of year to get our members to renew their commitment into the Largest Veterans Service Organization The American Legion. This last month the Membership Team attended the 56th Annual Membership Workshop in Indianapolis, IN. They met with the Leading Candidate for National Commander Bill Oxford (NC) to discuss the membership plan for 2019-2020. Colorado has received our state goal of 21,119 members, this is where we need your help to make Colorado shine in membership. I am asking each member to get 3 more members this year. With the signing of the LEGION ACT (Let Everyone Get Involved in National Service ACT) This opens American Legion membership to all VETERANS that have served or are currently serving since December 7, 1941.

I have recently sent by mail and email a form for all Posts to indicate if they are willing to accept members to be transferred into their Posts, this is a new action item that we want to focus on to get members that are in our Headquarters 211 Post into the local Post and get them engaged with us. I hope that your Post will accept these members. We need to engage our members and welcome them into our Posts, this is a key to our success in retention of our members. We need to focus on our retention of 2019 members as well as recruiting new members into our Posts. We have our Target date $100.00 drawing for all members that recruit 1 new members into our organization, all you must do is email new members name and recruiters name to PNC Tom Bock at pncbock@coloradolegion.org If you recruit 5 NEW MEMBERS your name will be entered into a drawing for a Paid Up For Life Membership (PUFL), please send those names to PNC Bock as well. There are a bunch more membership awards for individuals, Posts and Districts, the membership awards book is available online at www.coloradolegion.org

Flag certificates for our business and neighbors, this is my incentive for the Posts to get active in our communities and to say Thank You to our business and neighbors for flying the American Flag every day. Please contact me by email with a list of businesses in your area that you want to recognize and we will get the certificates sent to you; my email is d.noechel@coloradolegion.org, please send them in batches to save on postage. I also have ones special for our friends and neighbors, send me an email and I will get those emailed to you to print at your free will and present.

Let’s RE-IGNITE PATRIOTISM IN OUR COMMUNITIES.

We will be starting our Fall Conference tour in early September. I look forward to seeing you as we travel this great state. I know that you are as fired up about our Centennial year as I am. We will be having our National Commander traveling with us and he will attend 3 of our Fall Conferences this year. Please contact us at 303-366-5201 to see when your Post or District is scheduled and please mark your calendar to attend.

National Commander to visit Colorado - our 2019-2020 National Commander will be with us October 6-10, 2019, we will be visiting Posts and Districts, please come out and meet your National Commander. On Wednesday October 9, 2019, we will be hosting a Banquet Dinner to honor the National Commander at Neal Thomas Jr Centennial Post 209 starting at 5:00 pm, please contact Jackie Bowen for more information at jackiebowen2005@yahoo.com

In closing I ask that we start to reach out and conduct “Buddy Checks.” This is a great way to check on our brothers and sisters, to let them know that we as The American Legion are here to help and assist them with anything. Invite them to your Post activities. Invite your Veteran friends to join us, all you have to do, is ASK!
Congratulations on the quick acceleration towards our September 11th membership target date. We’ve left the starting gate at a great pace and we want to build off that momentum.

Membership is often a good measurement of how well an organization is doing. Let’s break it down simply. Low membership equals minimal volunteers to work our programs, which means fewer programs can be supported. Those core members become tired and decrease their participation. The decreased participation leads to programs dying at the Post. With a reduced membership and decreased programs then the Post starts to die. But increasing membership results in more volunteers. We get fresh ideas and a sense of renewed enthusiasm. These new ideas will impact programs offered by the Post in a very positive direction.

There are those who see The American Legion merely as an organization to which they belong. For others, it is a way to continue serving and an avenue to socialize with veterans and share commonalities, even if we served in different eras and military branches. We all took an oath of Duty, Honor and Loyalty to community, state and nation. We served to protect and defend our way of life as Americans. It is only reasonable veterans are called upon to teach, mentor and lead by example. We should always be proud to engage our fellow veterans in our activities. Potential members we engage in working programs with us will benefit the community and likely result in growing our membership. If we share the workload, we will see a much happier membership that isn’t overloaded resulting in burn out.

How do we engage our members and potential members? I ask you to focus on fresh ideas. Some may work in your community and not in others, but we won’t know until we try. Trying something is better than doing nothing at all. I am personally asking every District and every Post in the Department to sling your ideas onto a wall and eventually find those things that stick and work.

Department Constitution and By-Laws (C&BL) require Posts to hold a meeting at least quarterly. Some Posts are doing a community social event as a meeting and these can be effective at drawing even non-member veterans. Many veterans join for the socialization. If your Post is one without a bar or restaurant, you have to create a way to come together other than the once monthly business meeting. Maybe a good way to start is to do a few bbq’s in the park (potluck style works if finances are limited), Potluck dinners can be used to discuss community issues like Americanism and Children and Youth assistance programs. Sponsor a horseshoe or corn-hole tournament, a game night at a rec center, a community street dance or park dance, and/or a Sunday afternoon picnic/fishing trip. The key to success is dedication and consistency. Often a community message on Craigslist or Facebook is effective at getting the word out about your events.

Consider getting out in the community for a free hot dog give-away and promote those patriotic holidays along with linking those holidays to our 4 pillars. President’s day is a great time for Americanism programs and Veterans Day could be a great way to focus on Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation programs. Again, if you participate in every holiday, you will build a relationship with your community and keep everyone engaged year round. I can’t imagine anyone wanting to pay dues to an organization that does nothing. Our younger members like outdoor and gaming activities while our older members may enjoy doing limited outdoor activities. Maybe they just want to socialize. At the end of the day, we want to get everyone involved.

Please, if you haven’t done so, take a minute and read the Commanders message about Re-igniting patriotism. We have several members in the Department that attended the Membership Workshop and are ready and eager to assist you in reaching your goals. We have developed a membership plan to guide us. We learned at the workshop there are many ways to brand The American Legion and to engage potential, and existing members. I believe we have a “Can Do” Team spirit needed to achieve our 100% Membership goal for 2019/2020.

I encourage you to support your Department Membership Team as we challenge each Post to work toward 100% membership. We welcome any idea you may have to help us reach our goal of 25,000 in 5 years. Most importantly, in the coming year let’s have fun working membership and our programs.

The Commander and I are committed to help. Please call me with your membership questions and let us know if we can come out and help you at your events.

I will close with a big thank-you on working the programs and memberships early. Keep up the great work and let’s Re-Ignite Patriotism!!
A Message From Department Jr. Vice Commander Kossow

Education within the Department of Colorado

By: Chip Kossow, Department Jr. Vice Commander

During visits to Posts throughout the Department, I’ve heard Post members lament about wanting more information on a subject or not knowing how to do something. Worse yet, hearing a legionnaire saying they would volunteer for a Post position if only they knew what to do in that position. Our military careers started with basic training (of some sort or another) to teach us the military traditions and what our jobs entailed. If only The American Legion had a basic training. Oh yes, we do, it’s FREE, and no pushups or locker box inspections required. Everyone should start there. It will provide a good overview of our great organization.

For information more specific, The American Legion traditions, what we do, and how to organize volunteers, you have District and Department members that are more than happy to help you be a better, more informed, Legionnaire. Our veterans and The American Legion win when we are better informed. I have committed to the Department Commander (and to you) to assist any legionnaire that wants to learn in finding resources. The recent Education and Training Conference in Longmont was successful to a limited extent. The people who attended had a great experience. The limits were the ability and willingness to travel to the event location, so many did not attend who would have had it been closer to them. Well my friend, I have good news for you. I will facilitate education and training events for your District at your District. Work within your Posts to determine your education needs and let your District know. Districts will work with the other Posts to that same end. Then we will work together to determine a method, a date, and a location to make your event happen.

We have many avenues to make your training event successful. Phone conferences, Webinars, and in person training. Events are more successful with participants from other Posts and family entities to share information and experiences. Many of our subject matter experts throughout the Department already have lesson plans developed for past events and can easily revitalize them. It all starts with you communicating your needs to your District. If you have issues getting hold of your District Leadership, contact me directly at Chipshome42@yahoo.com or by phone by calling me at 719 332-2793.

Respectfully,

What legislative actions could benefit veterans in the future?

By: Gary Force, Department Jr. Vice Commander

As most of you know the Legion Act (S. 504) passed the House on July 23, 2019 and was signed into law by President Trump on July 30, 2019. I thank all of you who contacted your Congressional Senators and District Representative and asked them to co-sponsor these bills to show support of these bills.

This is the second major Federal bill to pass this year. The Blue Water Navy bill also passed and was signed into law on June 26, 2019.

There are several veteran specific bills before Congress and as they have action taken I will add them to the report.

Although it is early in the Colorado Legislative cycle, the Colorado Legislature session doesn’t begin until January 2020, we need to begin thinking of issues to present to the United Veterans Coalition of Colorado legislative committee for consideration for the 2020 session. What are some veterans issues that the Colorado legislature address previously? An example from the 2019 session was SB19-029, Income Tax Residency Presumption for active duty Military, which passed and was signed by the governor. Another was to request changes to the Long Bill (state budget) to increase pay standards for nurses at the Colorado Veterans Community Centers.

If you have any ideas for this session please submit them to me at 1gforce@prodigy.net or 1gforce01@gmail.com.
Oxford said membership is the key to the Legion’s mission succeeding. He set goals of a 90-percent retention rate and adding 100,000 new members in 2019-2020, with a long-term goal of reaching 3.3 million members – the all-time high number set in 1946. 

With the LEGION Act’s passage, “we need to recognize and pursue the 4.2 million veterans now eligible to become Legionnaires,” Oxford said. “

If we get everybody involved, we can gain 100,000 new members. ”

Oxford said that while it’s not a goal that can be measured, something else needed is to increase membership is to raise the visibility of The American Legion.

“If there’s fish fry, baseball game, a flag retirement – regardless of what the event is, we need to do two additional things,” he said. “There needs to be a news release before (the event) so people will know about it. Invite them to come and participate and help. And after the event, and just as important as washing the last pot, is doing the same thing.

In January, Oxford said his emphasis will shift to fundraising for The American Legion Veterans and Childrens Foundation. All contributions to the foundation go directly to the Legion’s Temporary Financial Assistance program and to Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation efforts – primarily training for American Legion service officers who work tirelessly to help veterans and families.

A Foundation for the Future

Over 70 American Legion Family members from Colorado attended the 101st annual national convention in Indianapolis this year. It was historic. The delegates to the convention amended our national constitution to open up the eligibility for all veterans. Now, if you served at least one day of active duty in the armed forces at any time since December 7, 1941 and were honorably discharged you are eligible to belong to the American Legion. The mantra is, “A Veteran is a Veteran”. According to our national staff that opens up the pool of eligible veteran to about 4 million more members. New applications have been printed and will be distributed to all of our Legion Posts in the near future.

Elected as our new National Commander was Bill Oxford of North Carolina. As he stood on the stage in the Indiana Convention Center on August 29th as she took the oath of office Commander Oxford made it clear continuing the organization’s legacy into its next 100 years is not the job one person can perform.

“As I looked around this hall today, I am humbled to beyond belief … to accept this nomination as your national commander,” said Oxford, who was elected during The American Legion 101st National Convention. “We have a terrific organization. Whatever this job is, I will do it to the best of my ability, but I can’t do it alone. I need everybody here on my team, helping us reach our goals and objectives. We are all stakeholders in this organization. We are the future of this organization.”

Elected as national vice commanders were Bruce C. Feuerbach (Iowa), David L. King (Kentucky), Francis J. MacDonald Jr. (Massachusetts), Richard A. Heigert (Missouri) and Robert D. Liebnow (Oregon).

Colorado was front and center at this convention. The Law Enforcement Officer of the Year was presented to Lt Jane Anderson of Colorado Springs. She received the Colorado Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award at our department convention and was then nominated for the national award. The Department received the William F. Lenker Award for best VA&R program in the nation. Congratulations to our VA&R Chairman Tom Florez for submitting an excellent presentation. Tom Florez, Past Commander Robb Smith, Commander Dean Noechel and your Adjutant Pat Smith were on stage to receive the award.

It was a great convention. We will be starting our fall conferences soon and more information about the convention will be available there. Commander Noechel, President Trujillo and SAL Commander Acero will be carrying Commander Oxford’s theme of “A Foundation for the Future” at all of our events this year. Check our website for the dates of the conference in your area.

Continued on Page 9 See Health-Care Benefits

A Message From Department Adjutant Smith

By: Pat Smith, Department Adjutant

(Continued from Page 1)

“We all know what the Legion is and the value we have. But does everybody else? A photo, an article, a video, a blog. And use social media.”

Oxford said his initial commander’s project will be promoting The American Legion Centennial Coin, which can be found by going to https://catalog.usmint.gov/interests/american-legion-100th-anniversary/?cm_mmc=external%20site-_redirect-_legion-_legion%20LP, which remains on sale until the end of December. Proceeds from coin sales will help fund American Legion programs that support veterans, servicemembers, their families and the communities in which they live.

“Those centennial coins make great gifts,” Oxford said. “The centennial coins give you American Legion memorabilia. And I know in North Carolina we’re going to use those centennial coins as membership incentives.”

(Continued on Page 9)
VIETNAM BLUE WATER NAVY VETERANS

Disability benefits available to those serving offshore

Agent Orange Exposure in the Republic of Vietnam Waters (Blue Water Navy)

Blue Water Navy Veterans are now entitled to a presumption of service connection for conditions related to Agent Orange exposure. This extension of the presumption is a result of Public Law 116-23, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019, signed into law on June 25, 2019. The law takes effect January 1, 2020.

The law states that Veterans aboard a vessel operating not more than 12 nautical miles seaward from the demarcation line of the waters of Vietnam and Cambodia as defined in Public Law 116-23, between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975, are presumed to have been exposed to herbicides such as Agent Orange and may be entitled to service connection for conditions related to that exposure.

To be entitled to disability compensation benefits, these Veterans must have one or more of the conditions associated with Agent Orange exposure that are listed in 38 Code of Federal Regulations section 3.309(e).

What conditions are related to Agent Orange exposure?

Agent Orange presumptive conditions are:

- AL amyloidosis
- Chloracne, or other acneform disease consistent with chloracne
- Chronic B-cell leukemias
- Diabetes mellitus, Type 2
- Ischemic heart disease
- Hodgkin lymphoma, formerly known as Hodgkin’s disease
- Non-Hodgkin lymphoma
- Multiple myeloma
- Parkinson’s disease
- Peripheral neuropathy, early-onset
- Porphyria cutanea tarda
- Prostate cancer
- Respiratory cancers (lung, bronchus, larynx or trachea)
- Soft-tissue sarcoma (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi’s sarcoma, or mesothelioma).

How do I file a claim for disability compensation?

- Apply online using www.va.gov, OR
- Work with an accredited representative or agent, OR
- Go to a VA regional office and have a VA employee assist you. You can find your regional office on our Facility Locator page.
- State on your application that you are filing for one of the presumed Agent Orange conditions.

- Include any evidence you have of service in the offshore waters of the Republic of Vietnam during the required timeframe. Include the name(s) of the ship(s) and the date(s) you crossed within 12 nautical miles of the Republic of Vietnam, if you have that information.
- Provide medical evidence showing a diagnosis of a current Agent Orange presumptive condition or tell us where you are being treated.

For more information on how to apply and for tips on making sure your claim is ready to be processed by VA, visit our Disability Compensation web page. www.va.gov
understand their health-care benefits, education and employment opportunities.

A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, Oxford was an aviation electronic technician for the A-6 Intruder and served in Vietnam during his initial enlistment. After being discharged as a sergeant in 1970, he joined the North Carolina National Guard, attended officers candidate school and transferred to the U.S. Army Reserve, where he retired as a colonel after more than 34 years of military service.

Oxford has served as Department of North Carolina commander,

as well either chairing or being a part of several national American Legion commissions. He also is a former mayor and city council member of Cajah’s Mountain, N.C., and has served as the public address announcer for the Post 29 American Legion Baseball team.

“We have a great team, and we will continue to have a great team. But we need a great team,” Oxford said. “When we think about all the things that we do, that team make it possible to accomplish those things.

“As we think about who we are and what we do as stakeholders, as the future of this organization, we are building the foundation for the future of the organization for the next 100 years.”

Has God been good to you????

S
tember it when some of the districts will be having their District Meetings, and some in October and even November. I hope that most of you will be able to attend your District Meeting. This is a great way to get to know the members in your district. Also get involved in work for the district. Many of you do not want to get involved because you think that it is only for those who have been there a long time. NO! New blood is really needed, new ideas and new programs are very important to the district and to the American Legion. Changes are many times not welcomed and that is because “WE HAVE NEVER DONE IT THAT WAY!” Sorry but new ideas are needed to attract younger members and their families, think about that!!!!! I will try to make as many of the district meetings that I can, hope to see you there!

Many times I have a very difficult time putting into words what I am really trying to say, but my good friend Max Luado does it very well and I turn to him many times. Here is what he says about GUILT: “Have you been there? Have you felt the ground of conviction give way beneath your feet? The ledge crumbles, your eyes widen, and down you go. POOF!! Now, what do you do?--when we fall, we can dismiss it. We can deny it. We cannot distort it. Or we can deal with it-----.

We keep no secrets from God. Confession is not telling God what we did. HE already knows. Confession is simply agreeing with God that our acts were wrong. How can God heal what we deny----How can God grant us pardon when we won’t admit our own GUILT? AHH! There’s that word. GUILT. Isn’t that what we avoid? GUILT! Isn’t that what we detest? But is GUILT so bad? What does GUILT imply if not that we know right from wrong, that we aspire to be better than we are----There’s what GUILT is: a healthy regret for telling God one thing and doing another.” Here is Max’s prayer: “We are not prefect Father, but we are yours. We are not what we should be, but we claim your salvation and your grace. Thank you for the immeasurable depth of your grace. AMEN!!!!!”

I’m sure that many of us feel GUILTY for things that we have done. But many times we do not want to admit it to God or to ourselves. This is where we must trust God and let HIM help us. We just feel that we can handle it ourselves, but this is where we are all wrong. I myself am GUILTY of doing this. We think that we know what’s best for ourselves. WRONG!!! We should turn to God and allow HIM to help us with our problems. He knows what we have done, you really do not have to tell HIM about it. Because HE already knows.

God Bless you all and have a great time at your District Meetings.

My last three words to all of you are: GO TO CHURCH!!!!!!
Good Day Sons! Thank you for your help and support with all the programs of The American Legion. We must work the programs and as we do good things will happen for you and your Squadrons.

Take time to communicate to your members and share what programs are available for them to participate in, find out what they enjoy doing and get them involved, finally, thank them for their commitment and hard work.

As we enter the fall season, take time to reflect on September 11, Patriot Day. This is a very important date for us to remember and never to forget. As I remember this dark day in our history, I also remember the days following. Everywhere you went you saw the American Flag being flown. Every car on the road had a Flag in their window. Patriotism was widespread!

We need a little of that Fire in our spirit today! Other days in September to remember, Labor Day September 2, The American Legion Day is remembered on September 16, Constitution Day and Citizenship Day September 17, POW/MIA Recognition Day is on the 20th, Gold Star Mother’s Day September 29 and finally Rosh Hashanah on September 30. The American Legion Disaster Preparedness month is September. There is a lot happening this month! Please share these dates with you members.

It would be great to choose a couple of these and have an event. Remember “You can make a difference” in all these areas and anything you decide to do for Veterans and their families! Thank you, thank you, Thank you!

On July 30th President Trump signed into law the LEGION Act and the National Charter was immediately changed from having seven eligibility eras to two eligibility eras. The American Legion’s founding fathers believed, “a veteran is a veteran”, thank you Congress and President Trump! The Sons eligibility will follow these new guidelines also creating many new opportunities for membership. Keep focusing on membership.

Our first target goal of 10% is September 11! How did your squadron do? Several of you hit the goal, great job! Continue to work on renewals. The Detachment is still chipping away, don’t give up yet! As we approach National Convention, we are only 2,508 members short nationally from hitting the 100% goal! Are you contributing to help us reach this national goal before convention? “You can make a difference”. The Detachment of Colorado is currently at 78.2% renewals. Can we move this number up? I believe we can. I trust that each of you have a great September, God Bless and please let me know what I can do for you.

Americanism Report

By: Ron Noakes, Chairman

Gentleman, I agreed to assist on this committee. Ken Taylor is representing Shooting Sports.

Shooting Sports

On July 8th through the July 11th, Post 2 young Guns sponsored a Shooting Sports Day Camp for the youth of the community. We had 9 youth attend and complete.

The SAL Tournament is scheduled for September 28th at Centennial High School. The JROTC expects 60 individuals to partake.

There has been a lot of interest in the Shooting Sports program and we are trying to meet the requests.

The National Finals were just completed in Colorado Springs. Post 209 hosted a welcoming dinner Wednesday before. As always it was a great success.

Baseball

The Nationals Championships are underway. I have talked to individuals in the Pueblo area and things are looking up for a team in southern part of the state.

Oratorical

The committee would like to get more involvement for the SAL in contacting local youth to increase the number of youth involves in the program.

Boys State

PDC Carol Kennedy, is asking for as much assistance from the SAL Squadrons as she can get. Go back to your Squadrons and help your family raise funds.

Boys Scouts

As of now, I have no information about this. If anyone has any further information to report, please add it.

One last thing, the Department Commander Dean Noechel, is Reigniting Patriotism by awarding certificates to those who fly the American flag. We all need to get behind this and support it. What better way to get the word out to our community about what we as a family do in the community.
When Veterans Should Use Urgent Care Centers vs. Emergency Departments

Do you know?

By: Brett Robbins

Should a sore throat or a rash send a Veteran to the emergency department or an urgent care center? Sometimes it’s difficult to be sure. So, VA wants to make it easy by providing a clear-cut description of where to go for the health care Veterans need.

Urgent care centers, whether at a VA Health Care System or one located in a community, provide easy access to quality health care when a Veteran does not have time to wait to see a regular primary care provider or their office is closed.

If a Veteran lives close to the VA Health Care System, choosing to visit an urgent care center may be best if the illness or injury is non-life threatening. Their medical expertise and commitment to personalized attention ensures Veterans with urgent health needs receive the very best care.

“For life-threatening emergencies, such as stroke symptoms or head trauma, they require a visit to your closest emergency department,” Dr. Mark Todd, Chief of Emergency Medicine at Salem VA Medical Center located in Salem, Virginia, said. “A minor injury or illness that does not appear to be life threatening and cannot wait until the following day should be treated at an urgent care center.”

As part of implementing the VA MISSION Act of 2018, VA started offering urgent care services to provide Veterans with greater choice and access to timely, high-quality care. To find an urgent care center, visit VA Urgent Care Locator.

When should a Veteran go to an urgent care center?

For acute symptoms such as, sinus infections, sore throats, rashes, low back pain, or urinary tract infections to treat those minor illnesses or injuries. Some other examples of non-emergent care include:

- Earaches
- Eye infections/irritations
- Minor burns
- Minor cuts and lacerations
- Sports-related injuries
- Sprains

When should a Veteran go to an emergency department?

Long Description

An emergency condition is one that can permanently endanger a Veteran’s life. Some examples of conditions that need emergency medical care can include:

- Heart attack symptoms (severe chest pain)
- Stroke symptoms
- Moderate to severe difficulty breathing
- Uncontrollable bleeding
- Sudden, severe pain
- Poisoning
- Head trauma
- Vomiting blood or coughing up blood
- Loss of consciousness

If a Veteran is experiencing a life-threatening injury, dial 911 immediately. Emergency department visits are necessary for true emergencies. If greater care is required, VA health care physicians will transfer Veterans directly to a hospital emergency room for further treatment.
Our preamble is akin to reciting a prayer

By: Department Auxiliary President Trujillo

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together....’

What a powerful opening statement of the preamble of the American Legion Auxiliary! It demands attention, respect, and awe. Our preamble is a strong reminder of what we, as members, strive to achieve.

But, do we take the time to think about what these words mean regarding our membership? Or, are they just words? Do the words of the preamble resonate with you in a special way?

In my opinion, our preamble is akin to reciting a prayer. Is reciting our preamble a chore – something that must be done – or, is a beautiful reminder of why we chose to be a part of this sisterhood?

For a wonderful explanation of all the sections of the American Legion Auxiliary preamble, log on to www.alaforveterans.org/About/Preamble-to-the-ALA-Constitution. I encourage all our members to study this document and reflect on the meaning. By learning the ‘why’, we can begin to say the preamble with deeper meaning.

By studying the document that clearly defines who we are as an organization, we can begin to examine how each of us can support the American Legion Auxiliary mission. For the 2019-2020 year, I will be challenging our members with reflective questions. Questions, I hope, will bring a deeper understanding what it means to be a member of this strong and highly respected organization.

Blessings,

Auxiliary National Security

By: Ann Ritacco, NEC

I would like to Thank everyone that voted for me in as your new NEC for the State of Colorado. I will represent this state to the best of my ability. With this position I will also be the Chairman of the National Security committee.

So as the American Legion Auxiliary and Family how are you helping our Service Men and Women and their families while they are currently serving? Have you contacted the Family Readiness Group in your area to see how your Unit or District can help them? If you don’t ask you don’t know what they need and how we can help.

You can also help the spouse that is here find and maintain employment. Do you know of any company doing any hiring? Find out what kind of job(s) that they have available. Do you know a spouse that is looking for a job? Find out what kind of work they are looking for including anything that they are licensed for, i.e.: nursing, insurance, real estate, etc.

Have you completed a Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) course? You can put together an emergency preparedness kit and plan. Maybe put together some of these kits for a new family to the area? They are not aware of types of emergencies that they could experience here. Some of these are power outages, tornadoes, snow storms, fires, flooding. There are others that I may not be aware of where you live.

Those are a few ways that this committee can help with. Please refer to the action plan for this committee to get more ideas to work this successfully.

Look for more ideas in the coming months.
Support Children and Youth in your community

By: Helen “Scotti” Zahn, ALA President Unit 70, Johnstown, CO

Hope your summer was enjoyable and you were able to spend time with family and friends. Here are some upcoming events in September that you can look into to help children and youth in your area.

Labor Day is 2 September 2019. This is celebrated on the first Monday of September. The meaning of this holiday honors all workers and is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers constituting a yearly national tribute to the contribution’s workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. This holiday is also looked at as the end of summer and the beginning of a new school year.

Some schools are starting in August, but we can include helping children and youth in the community by supplementing with school supplies either in the classrooms or helping students. You might be able to get with a local school and talk with teachers or counselors and find out if supplies could be provided (pencils, paper, Kleenex, folders, etc...). Some volunteering at schools help to get to know the needs of the school but also the children that are attending. Some grandparents volunteer and get to know some of the youth and get adopted by the class as a grandparent.

National Grandparents’ Day is 8 September. This is the first Sunday of September following Labor Day. A little bit of background – Michael Goldgar and Marian McQuade were the main drivers for this observance to be recognized in the United States in the 1970s. National Grandparents’ Day was signed into law by President Jimmy Carter in 1978. A main push was to recognize the contributions from senior citizens and those in nursing homes. Some ideas are sending a card to a grandparent(s); have children invite their grandparent(s) to school for a day where they participate in special lessons or special assembly programs; students might take part in story-telling activities that relate to their grandparent(s) as well as art or poster competions where children often use a story about their grandparent(s) in their artwork (check with the school to see if this is done or can be). As well as grandparents being recognized during this month, our POW/MIs are recognized during this month.

POW/MIA Recognition Day is 20 September 2019. This day is observed on the third Friday in September. This is a day that honors those who were prisoners of war (POW) and those who are still missing in action (MIA). Many Americans across the United States pause to remember the sacrifices and service of those who were prisoners of war as well as those who are missing in action.

Two other ideas to support children and youth in your community:

The “Star Spangled Kids” to educate children and youth on the history of the United States from the aspect of patriotism, Americanism and the U.S. Constitution. The American Legion Auxiliary has information to help with an idea.

The “Youth Hero Awards/Good Deed Awards” that can give recognition to youth in our communities who demonstrate good citizenship, either through a brave physical act or a good deed. Monitor your local newspapers, TV, and neighborhoods for children and youth who have performed a heroic act of physical valor, such as performing CPT, helping evacuate in the event of a fire, calling 911 for an emergency, etc. You can work with your unit to nominate them for these awards.

Honorary Junior Auxiliary Department President Fobare’s Message

By: Kailey Fobare, Honorary Junior Auxiliary Department President

As the president of the Junior Auxiliary my project this year is focused on the homeless veterans.

This year I would like to challenge the units to collect blankets, coats, socks, and warm clothing to give to the homeless veterans or shelters in their community. I chose this project because I think it’s important that we help the people that served our country get what they need.

Kailey Fobare
Department's Junior Auxiliary News

By: Faline Fobare

The Department of Colorado Junior Auxiliary had a great time at the State Convention in June. We started a project learning Auxiliary documents. We also made some time for fun with an afternoon spent at the Mini Golf course. We were lucky and have a Junior member who is certified to teach self-defense, Kira and her mom spent an afternoon teaching our girls these valuable skills.

In a continuation of our project we will be having a team overnight Meeting at Post 180 in Keenesburg. This will allow our Juniors the ability to continue their learning on Auxiliary Documents as well as forging friendships. We will get together Saturday, Sept 14th at 12 Noon thru Sunday, Sept 15th at 12 Noon. To cover food and expenses for the host Unit we will be asking for a $10 registration fee. If all goes as planned, we will also take the girls to Firestone to Support Honor Flight on their way to D.C.

Please bring your Juniors! It is not a requirement that they attended convention to join in the fun! Let’s invest and build our future through our Junior Auxiliary.

We will be taking Department Junior Auxiliary Officers to Mission Training in South Dakota in October, looking forward to great learning and fun.

Our next State meeting will be Mid-Year in January

Thank you,

Faline Fobare
Fall Junior Auxiliary Department Meeting

Come join us for learning and fun!
Starting 12:00 Saturday September 14th through Sunday September 15th

Cost: $10 to cover food for Saturday and Sunday morning

Activities: Continuation of review of Legion Documents, Movie Time, Bonding and Lining I25 for the High Plains Inaugural Honor Flight Sunday Morning

American Legion Post 180
595 Railroad Ave, Keenesburg, CO  80643

What to Bring
Sleeping Bag and Pillow
Willingness to have fun and learn

Please RSVP
alacoloradojuniors@gmail.com
Aurora Post 23 signs up first veteran in Colorado eligible under the Legion Act into their Post

Photograph was taken when Rick Crandall become a full-fledged member of The American Legion after he was signed up by Post 23 member and PNC Tom Bock on Friday, August 2, 2019 at the Colorado Freedom Memorial, which is just across the street from the future home of Post 23.

Rick was previously awarded Honorary membership in The American Legion, Department of Colorado with all the rights and privileges that came with that honorary membership, which he has now given up upon the signing of the Legion Act by President Trump and Rick's signing his Membership Application. Welcome aboard Rick!

Shown in the photo from left to right are: Department Commander Dean Noechel, Rick Crandall, Post 23 member and PNC Tom Bock and Post 23 Commander Doug Wooddell.

Photograph was taken by Department Adjutant Pat Smith.

Veterans Corner

By: Richard Nagley

Well, the weather in the San Luis Valley has finally begun to change. With the beginning of Monsoon Season everyone is looking for a roof over their head. Summer is almost gone and nights are comfortable again.

In our last Veterans Corner we mentioned who and what makes you a veteran. Several of you were surprised to learn that you may have earned benefits just for being in the military and serving our nation. In this article I’d like to discuss what has been called the Blue Water Navy.

The Blue Water Navy Association ([https://www.bwnvva.org/](https://www.bwnvva.org/)) is a great place to begin if you think this might affect you. Their website includes a questionnaire and a master list of ships, dates and times of deployment, for those veterans that may qualify for veteran benefits with the VA. We encourage ALL veterans, who were in the Vietnam War and possibly exposed to Agent Orange and other defoliants to contact their County Veteran Service Officer or the Veterans Coalition for more information and to file a claim for benefits.

The VA has defined the BWN as anyone who was on a “…vessel offshore of the Republic of Vietnam, or on another U.S. Navy or Coast Guard ship operating in the coastal waterways of Vietnam, between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975” ([https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/agent-orange/navy-coast-guard-ships-vietnam/](https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/agent-orange/navy-coast-guard-ships-vietnam/)). Military service personnel and some dependents may qualify for benefits. The type of benefit can vary from Health Care, Compensation (payments), and an Agent Orange Registry Health Exam.

If you have more questions about the Blue Water Navy take a look at the VA VIETNAM BLUE WATER NAVY VETERANS document ([https://www.va.gov/BWN-one-pager-7-5-2019-V4.pdf](https://www.va.gov/BWN-one-pager-7-5-2019-V4.pdf)). Look around the San Luis Valley, about 10% of the Valley’s population is veterans and 99.9% of the population is related to a veteran (spouse, parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, aunt/uncle, cousin, etc.) There are many of us that are veterans, stand up tall, be proud.

As we said in the last Veterans Corner, things for veterans are changing. The MISSION ACT is the law of the land. You can either be part of the change or you can watch it pass you by. For more information on the VA Health Care and/or Benefits, including the MISSION ACT, contact your San Luis Valley health care provider, your County Veteran Service Officer, the Veterans Coalition (VCSLV), or look it up online. VCSLV are volunteers just like you, some veterans, some not. If you would like to learn more about how you can help a veteran or are a veteran in need of help, give us a call (719/992-4108). We’ll do what we can.

Veterans, especially those with an Honorable Discharge, should go to the SLV VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic (Alamosa CBOC) to file for Health Care benefits (VA Form 10-10EZ). The government works on numbers and the services we have available in the SLV are based on the number of veterans signed up NOT just the fact you live in the Valley. Even if you don’t have a need now, a brother or sister may. Furthermore, you should contact your SLV County Veteran Service Officer (CVSO) to apply for other benefits you may have earned.

The VA has recently release a new WELCOME TO VA guide for veterans ([https://www.va.gov/welcome-kit/](https://www.va.gov/welcome-kit/)), which finally begins to demystify what the VA can do for a veteran. The “Records” option ([https://www.va.gov/records/](https://www.va.gov/records/)) will show how to get

(Continued on Page 19 See Identification Cards)
AURORA VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSION

STAND DOWN DAY

AN EVENT SUPPORTING LOCAL VETERANS EXPERIENCING OR AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS

Thursday, Oct. 24, 2019
8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Heritage Christian Center • 14401 E. Exposition Ave.

We are seeking help to provide the following resources:

- Registration
- Mental health
- Haircuts
- Veteran’s assistance
- Clothing distribution
- Toiletry distribution
- Bike repair
- Mobile health care unit
- Mobile showers
- Employment
- Food court
- Blood pressure checks
- Veterinarian services
- Chaplain services
Coast to Coast for Veterans

By CO-ALPA Contributors, District 6 Commander Annette Johnson & Legionnaire Tim Park

With seventy-one years on planet Earth, William Shuttleworth walks 20 miles every day in his home town of Newburyport, Massachusetts; if Mrs. Shuttleworth wanted a gallon of milk, instead of driving the car, William would walk the five miles to the store. William is an Air Force Veteran who is upset with the way Veterans are being treated; homelessness, healthcare, drug abuse, etc. One day, William was speaking with his wife and stated, “I walk all these miles every day, how about if I walked them across the country to raise awareness?”…and so he did.

By the time William arrived in Colorado District 6 Commander, Annette Johnson had already been in contact with William’s planning team and had made arrangements for him to meet with some of the veteran’s he is walking for and to discuss his purpose. Friday, July 19th, was spent in District 4 where many Post welcomed William with open arms, dinner and a visit to the Keenesburg F.D. Sixty-five days into his trek across America, Saturday morning July 20th, District 6 Commander was notified that plans had changed and William was arriving a day early. A call was made to Legionnaire Michael Dunn of AL Centennial Post 2019. Michael departed early that morning to pick up William from Keenesburg and bring him to American Legion Post 2019 to observe the opening of a new Post, installation of new officers while waiting for Fox 31 to arrive for his interview.

At the meeting, the members enjoyed hearing about William’s mission and vision. Shortly after that, as Commander Johnson headed off to Commanders call in the Springs, William was left in good hands until Fox 31 arrived where they conducted his interview outside the Department of Colorado, American Legion Headquarters. After the interview, William was taken to a location where he began his walk to the hotel and to prepare for his evening event. Later in the day, we met up with William - after surviving two major monsoons with torrential flooding - we finally arrived at The American Legion Post 11-11 to enjoy Post 206 annual awards banquet and an evening filled with stories, recognitions, laughter and some great food.

The evening began with opening ceremonies and dinner. The emcee was notified of William’s arrival, he was introduced as a special guest to the audience. After the awards and recognition of outstanding Legionnaire performances were given, William was called upon to speak. William spoke of his travels, the amazing people he met, the beauty of our country. When she slowed down for a few minutes to speak about how inspirational his walk has been and how he has found a renewed faith in America. He described the beauty people hold inside, their pride in America is carefully guarded, allowing it to fly like a banner in the wind on special occasions. He spoke about his five purposes: elect Veterans at the local, state and national levels, eliminate veteran homeless by 2030, free medical care for every veteran discharged with an Honorable Discharge, guarantee medical and mental health treatment and increase the starting pay for enlistees to a “livable wage.” For more information, you can visit and donate at vetsdontforgetvets.com. At this point, the emcee made a motion that Post 206 donate $100 to William’s cause; the motion was seconded and passed. On William’s way back to his seat, others in attendance were seen handing William money to support his cause. A great ending to a day filled with many twists and turns.

Sunday, July, 21st, another day in District 6 with the Commander started early with a walk. On good days William averages 30 miles a day at a 4 mile per hour pace, there are no days of rest just forward momentum provided by the many people who have seen his story across the media and stop on the side of the street to wish him well. After the early morning walk, William made his way to American Legion Post 2010 and VFW Post 3631, in Aurora, where were they hosted him for lunch. Over a plate of fresh fruit, which he could not get enough of, William shared his story again with new faces and responding to further questions.

The next stop on this hot summer day was the Freedom Memorial, where he was introduced to Rick Crandall and his wife, Diane. Rick Crandall is the sole person responsible for the concept, building and maintenance of the Freedom Memorial. Shortly after arriving Willaim was introduced to PNC Tom and First Lady Elaine Bock; American Legion Colorado Department Commander, Dean Noechel and the First Lady of Colorado Desiree Guara, visiting John Christiansen and his family from Minnesota. Then, another interview with Channel 9 and William was off to the city of Parker to attend American Legion Post 1864’s Post picnic. Willaim explained his journey’s purpose to those in attendance along with tales of the good fortune he experienced from the people he met in this adventure. The last stop of the day was a dinner in his honor at American Legion Post 1 in Denver. The Ladies of Unit 1 prepared a wonderful dinner of rice, beans and fruits, and after all in attendance had their fill, it was time for William to share his thoughts, experience and goals with his supporters; after all questions had been answered, all hands were shaken, it was time for William to go.

Tomorrow was another day where more adventures awaited him in District 5. At the Hotel District 6 Commander Annette Johnson and William met with District 5 Commander George Horgan to go over the plans for the coming week, where William would begin his trek through the beautiful Rocky Mountains into Grand Junction. A special “Thank You” to Districts 4, 5, 6, 12 and 13, VFW 3631 & 1, the numerous Post, Units, ALR’s, Dept. of Colorado PNC Bock and Dept. Cmdr. Noechel for taking the time to ensure one of our own made it through our state safely while walking for veterans. You all touched William’s life and gave him a renewed since of hope that our pride in our Country and Veterans is healthy and alive, he left Colorado with a renewed faith in America.
different types of identification cards to show your military status or your enrollment in VA health care. Why is that important you may ask? Many businesses, even in the Valley, recognize veterans and offer them a discount as a token of appreciation for what they may have endured. Check out the Veterans Coalition website (vcslv.info) for some of the businesses. To receive your veteran discount “you must ask” and may need to show an ID. It may be hard at first, but it gets easier and it’s worth it. You’re NOT asking for a ‘hand-out’ you’re offering the business an opportunity to say “Thank You”.

VCSLV will attempt to submit an article to the paper on some what of a regular basis. If you find this information helpful, we’d like to hear from you and tell the paper also. We will try to focus on one topic of interest to veterans and their families or friends. If you have a general issue you’d like us to address, feel free to contact us, but your County VSO is the best place to start for a personal issue.

Respectfully,

Coast to Coast for Veterans photographs


William Shuttleworth, left visiting with Rick Crandall, KEZW 1430 AM Radio personality, Veterans Advocate and the push behind the building of the Colorado Freedom Memorial.

Department Commander Dean Noechel, left, greeting William Shuttleworth down at Denver Legion Post 1.

Bottom row (L to R) District 5 ALA VP Kat Apodaca, District 6 Jr. Vice Commande Bonnie Rought, District 6 Assistant Adjutant Nancy Shannon, Department Commander Dean Noechel, District 7 and Post 209 Finance Officer Desire Guerra, Post 2019 Adjutant Michael Dunn, District 6 Commander Annette Johnson, William Shuttleworth, Elaine Bock, Rick Crandall, PNC Tom Bock. Top Row (L to R)District 5 JVC George Apodaca and District 5 Commander George Horgan.
SECOND CHANCE
BICYCLE SHOP

Unwanted Bicycles Needed!

We are looking for any of your unwanted bicycles for donations to Veterans, Homeless and Kids.

We can pick up bikes in Metro Denver Area or can be dropped off at our shop in Aurora. Please call Ernie Clark for pick up details etc. @ 720-270-5731.
Address: 4122 S Parker Road Aurora 80014
Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 8-3 pm
Thanks for everyone’s support of SCBS!
ID RESOLVE

A New Program to Help Legionnaires Fight Back Against Identity Theft

Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in America and has affected more than 16.7 million victims, with veterans being especially vulnerable targets. Data breaches are becoming more frequent and, when an identity thief strikes, most victims are left to clean up the mess themselves, unsure of where to turn to first. We’ve heard Legionnaire's concerns around the growing threats of identity theft and are proud to provide a new service to address this concern.

ID Resolve focuses solely on the aftermath of identity theft and resolving the issue. With call centers located in the US, Legionnaires can activate an important set of services to fix the situation and restore their name. ID Resolve’s Identity Resolution Specialists are certified in identifying and repairing any type of identity theft such as medical fraud, Social Security identity theft, and financial theft.

ID Resolve is available to Legionnaires at a special member-only rate and provides resolution services for a full year. Plus, Legionnaires can take up to 30 days to review ID Resolve and decide if it’s right for them; if not, a full refund is available as long as the services have not been used.

There are two annual memberships available:

Member: $79/year
Couple: $99/year

To learn more or enroll in ID Resolve, visit www.thelit.com/IDResolve

ID Theft by the numbers

Claims a new victim every 2 seconds
16+ mill. victims targeted in the U.S.
$16 billion in losses
Veterans are 50% more likely to be the victim of identity theft
There were 1,579 data breaches last year
40+ hours spent resolving an identity theft case

Services provided by Generali Global Assistance. Generali Global Assistance has been a leading provider of identity and digital protection solutions, travel insurance, and other assistance services for more than 35 years. Generali’s Global Assistance is part of the multinational Generali Group which for over 185 years has created a presence in 60 countries with over 74,000 employees. Generali’s success has been built on the foundation of trust that clients have placed in their ability to provide assistance in the most difficult of circumstances.
WE CAN BE CENSUS TAKERS

APPLY ONLINE!
2020census.gov/jobs

2020 Census jobs provide:
✓ Great pay
✓ Flexible hours
✓ Weekly pay
✓ Paid training

For more information or help applying, please call
1-855-JOB-2020

Federal Relay Service:
1-800-877-8339 TTY/ASCII
www.gsa.gov/fedrelay

The U.S. Census Bureau is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
THE 2020 CENSUS:
AN IMPORTANT WAY TO SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY

Every ten years, the U.S. Census Bureau is responsible for conducting the nationwide census. While the next census itself will be taken in 2020, the Census Bureau is already recruiting to fill important positions. With the help of organizations like yours, we plan to recruit and employ thousands of Americans as Census Takers throughout the country. Since most communities are best known by the people who live and work there, you can help us—and help your community—by getting the word out about 2020 Census jobs in your community.

Why should you or your organization help the Census Bureau recruit applicants?
An accurate count is the goal of every census, the 2020 Census included. The results of the census have real-world impacts—and consequences—for communities across our country. From determining the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives to planning for roads, schools, and hospitals, an accurate count is crucial. By helping to recruit Census Taker applicants from your community, you can help to ensure that your community is properly represented.

How can you or your organization help to get the word out about 2020 Census jobs?
You can help by doing any of the following:
- Posting information about 2020 Census jobs using your organization's social media channels, as well as by tagging other organizations that might also be willing to share this information
- Posting information about 2020 Census jobs on your organization's website and/or in newsletters
- Distributing promotional materials about 2020 Census jobs to your clients, customers, and/or members
- Displaying promotional materials about 2020 Census jobs in your offices and other facilities
- Allowing a Census Bureau recruiter to distribute promotional materials to your clients, customers, and/or members
- Sending an email with 2020 Census jobs information to your contacts
- Inviting a Census Recruiter to present information about 2020 Census jobs at your meetings or other gatherings, or being willing to provide 2020 Census jobs materials at those times yourself
- We are also very interested in any ideas you may have; since nobody knows your organization better than you, we look forward to working with you in what you believe will be the most effective ways

How will you know what information to distribute? Or will the Census Bureau provide the materials and messages?
We will make sure you have everything you need. To learn more about this, and to obtain materials and messaging, please visit www.census.gov/regions for information on how to contact your Regional Census Center.

Applicants are encouraged to apply online at 2020census.gov/jobs or to call the toll-free number at 1-855-JOB-2020 with questions, or to obtain more information or assistance.

Thank you for your interest in helping to promote 2020 Census jobs!

Best regards,
2020 Census Recruiting Team
To receive the nomination packet, send an e-mail to Observer@coloradolegion.org and request the packet be sent by e-mail to you. Follow all instructions to ensure a complete nomination has been filed on time.

THE NATIONAL VETERANS EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION COMMISSION AWARDS

The first American Legion Veterans Employment and Education Commission Award was established in 1947, and recognized individuals across the country who had established outstanding records in the employment and retention of workers with disabilities. Since that time, categories were added to the current nine award programs.

The Veterans Employment and Education Commission is striving to award all possible pending awards that are available to The American Legion. We implore all departments to continue to submit award nominations for the awards with the hope that we receive all 400+ possible nominations. We are striving to reach 100% participation in this program.

1. EMPLOYER OF VETERANS AWARD - (SMALL)
2. EMPLOYER OF VETERANS AWARD - (MEDIUM)
3. EMPLOYER OF VETERANS AWARD - (LARGE)
4. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AWARD - (DVOP)
5. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AWARD - (LVER)
6. EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AWARD - (LOCAL OFFICE)
7. EMPLOYER OF OLDER WORKERS AWARD
8. ENHANCE THE LIVES OF DISABLED PERSON AWARD
9. MICHAEL GUTY HOMELESS VETERANS OUTREACH AWARD

To be considered for the National Award, the deadline for submittals to the Veterans Employment and Education Commission in Washington, DC is January 15, of the following year. Example: To be nominated for the 2018 awards the nomination must be in by January 15, 2019. Nomination packets must be into Department on or before December 15, 2019.

It is important that the department winners are submitted by this time to ensure that they are considered for the national award to be delivered at the annual National Convention. Each of the national winners receives a stipend to help defray the cost of their representative’s travel to the convention city to accept the award.

We ask that you submit written correspondence, or fax, or send an electronic scanned copy in the form of an e-mail to our national headquarters office. Please title your letter ‘[Title] Awards- [Department name].’

All entries must be accompanied by an official nomination form (see the following pages) and must not be longer than two pages of narrative. Supporting documents, which may also be submitted with the nomination, must not exceed ten pages.
2019 Media Awards Criteria

By: Darrell Myers, Public Relations Committee

The Media Awards will be presented during the Mid-Year Conference.

**Print Media Awards:** Nominations can be made for Small, Medium and Large newspapers. The definitions of small, medium and large newspapers are as follows:

- **Major Market Print Media Awards:** Large city newspapers with populations of 100,000 or more
- **Medium Market Print Media Awards:** Medium city newspapers with populations of 25,000 to 99,999
- **Small Market Print Media Awards:** Small city newspapers with a population of 1,000 to 24,999

**Television and Radio Station Awards:** There is only one award presented to a Television Station and one award presented for a Radio Station - there are no categories.

**Media Award Nominations** must come from a post through the use of a nomination letter. The nomination letter must contain the below listed headings and the correct information supplied by your post so that the committee members don’t have to spend their time finding that information and can spend their time judging.

**To make your nomination for the media awards follow the instructions as listed:**

**Nomination Letter:** Name of Media being nominated, Name of Article/Newscast, Name of Author, Name of Editor, Award Category, Name of Contact Person, Address and Phone Number of Contact Person, Reason for Nomination, Post Number, Name of Nominator, Nominator’s Address and Phone Number.

**For the Market Print Media Award (newspapers)** a post must gather the original article or articles in sufficient quantity to provide a packet for each of the three members of the Public Relations Committee. Copies of the articles are not permitted.

**For TV nominations**, a link(s) to the story(s) must be included in the nominating letter so that the members of the Public Relations committee can go and review the story(s) and the letter must be mailed to each of the three members of the Public Relations Committee.

**For Radio Station Nominations**, there must be a written narrative of what the radio station programming was and what they did to help the veterans of your community, and if possible, a link should be included that would allow the committee to hear the programs in the nomination letter and then sent to each of the three members of the Public Relations Committee.

**Deadline for nominations is November 30, 2019!**

Department Public Relations Committee Members are:

**Robb Smith** – 605 E 41st St, Loveland, CO 80538
E-mail robbsmith@gmail.com

**Darrell Myers** – 7465 East 1st Ave, Suite D, Denver, CO 80230
E-mail observer@coloradolegion.org

**Desiree Guerra** – 7465 E 1 Ave, Suite D, Denver, CO 80230
dguerra@coloradolegion.org
How will you pay for expenses that Medicare doesn’t cover?

With the high cost of healthcare today, Medicare Supplement insurance is becoming a necessity for more and more Americans. That’s why it’s good to know that you now have a choice of Standardized Medicare Supplement plans at affordable group rates, offered to members like you. And, all plans are underwritten by a company known for its prompt, personal, responsive service.

Other features include:

- The freedom of choosing your own doctors and hospitals
- Outstanding Customer Service available from courteous representatives ready to answer your questions
- Hassle-free claims processing in about 7 days
- Excellent service from a company with an A+ (Superior, 2nd out of 16 ratings) A.M. Best rating for financial stability as of 4/27/11

Make sure you can pay for the expenses that Medicare doesn’t cover and help protect your family’s retirement savings. Apply today for the peace of mind you want, at affordable Legionnaire Insurance Trust member rates.

Legionnaire Insurance Trust Members
Medicare Supplement Reply Card

For your FREE information kit on the Medicare Supplement Insurance Plans complete and return this coupon.

Name_________________________ DOB ____________________________
Spouse Name___________________ Spouse’s DOB ___________________
Address_______________________
City___________________________ State_________ ZIP_____________
Telephone _______________________

Send to: Medicare Supplement Processing Dept.
P. O. Box 1341
Valle[y Forge, PA 19482-9946

Complete and return the reply card or call 1-800-247-1771
(Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. EST)

Underwritten by:
Transamerica Life Insurance Company, and
Transamerica Financial Life Insurance Company (NY)
## Fall Conferences 2019

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>District</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>District 5</strong></td>
<td>Saturday, September 07, 2019</td>
<td>Lakewood Post 178</td>
<td>10:00 AM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Travel</strong></td>
<td>Saturday, September 14, 2019</td>
<td>Leave Denver for Granby</td>
<td>7:00 AM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>District 14</strong></td>
<td>Saturday, September 14, 2019</td>
<td>Snow Mtn Ranch Granby 1101 Co Rd 53, Granby, CO 80446</td>
<td>10:00 AM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Travel</strong></td>
<td>Friday, September 20, 2019</td>
<td>Leave Denver for Durango</td>
<td>7:30 AM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>District 10</strong></td>
<td>Saturday, September 21, 2019</td>
<td>Durango Post 28</td>
<td>TBD</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>District 11</strong></td>
<td>Sunday, September 22, 2019</td>
<td>TBD</td>
<td>TBD</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>District 4</strong></td>
<td>Saturday, September 28, 2019</td>
<td>Greeley Post 18</td>
<td>9:00 AM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>District 12</strong></td>
<td>Saturday, October 05, 2019</td>
<td>Buena Vista Post 55</td>
<td>12 noon</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>District 8</strong></td>
<td>Monday, October 07, 2019</td>
<td>Westcliffe</td>
<td>5:30 PM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>District 9</strong></td>
<td>Monday, October 07, 2019</td>
<td>Homelake CLC</td>
<td>Noon</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>District 6</strong></td>
<td>Tuesday, October 08, 2019</td>
<td>Post 151 Dinner</td>
<td>5:00 PM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>District 1</strong></td>
<td>Saturday, October 26, 2019</td>
<td>Manazonla Sr Center 212 North Grand Ave</td>
<td>10:00 AM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>District 7</strong></td>
<td>Saturday, November 02, 2019</td>
<td>Post 5</td>
<td>1:00 pm</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Travel</strong></td>
<td>Friday, November 08, 2019</td>
<td>VisitRifle CLC</td>
<td>11:00 AM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Travel</strong></td>
<td>Friday, November 08, 2019</td>
<td>Visit Grand Junction Hosp</td>
<td>2:00 PM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Travel</strong></td>
<td>Friday, November 08, 2019</td>
<td>RON Grand Junction</td>
<td>6:00 PM</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>District 13</strong></td>
<td>Saturday, November 09, 2019</td>
<td>TBD</td>
<td>TBD</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### National Commander's visitation schedule

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Activity</th>
<th>Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>10/6/2019</td>
<td>Pick up Ntl Commander</td>
<td>TBD</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/6/2019</td>
<td>Post 5 Colorado Springs Dinner</td>
<td>5:00 PM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/7/2019</td>
<td>Walsenburg CLC Visit</td>
<td>9:00 AM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/7/2019</td>
<td>Homelake CLC Lunch</td>
<td>Noon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/7/2019</td>
<td>Post 170 Westcliff Dinner</td>
<td>5:30 PM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/8/2019</td>
<td>KEZW Radio Interview Rick Crandall</td>
<td>9:30 AM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/8/2019</td>
<td>Colo Freedom Memorial Visit</td>
<td>10 30 am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/8/2019</td>
<td>Denver VA Hospital Visit</td>
<td>2:00 PM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/8/2019</td>
<td>Post 151 Commerce City Dinner</td>
<td>5:00 PM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/9/2019</td>
<td>Crawford House Visit</td>
<td>9 30 am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/9/2019</td>
<td>Post 38 Fountain Lunch</td>
<td>noon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/9/2019</td>
<td>Pike Peak National Cemetary</td>
<td>2:00 PM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/9/2019</td>
<td>Post 209 Colorado Springs Dinner</td>
<td>5:00 PM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/10/2019</td>
<td>Ntl Commander Depart</td>
<td>TBD</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Alejandro (Alex) Jauregui – Fury Bees

By: Natalie Monroe, Appeared in the Farmer Veterans Coalition News, August 2019

Alex was a military guy through and through – dedicated, driven and always seeking adventure. He loved the Army and never imagined life outside of service. But one fateful day in Afghanistan set him on a new path...

Born in Mexico, Alex came to California as a young boy and worked in the fields with his family. After high school he joined the Army, inspired to follow in the footsteps of a childhood friend. Alex served four combat tours – two in Iraq and two in Afghanistan. On his last tour, he stepped on an IED.

Chaos ensued. His vision blurred and his ears were ringing, as his buddy dragged him away.

“I had been in several other explosions so I knew it was me right away, because with other explosions I was still on my feet, a little bit disoriented, but still OK. With this one, I knew it was me,” Alex explained. “Usually when you stepped on an IED you were going to be an amputee. It’s just whether you’re going to be a single, double or how bad it is.”

Alex lost both legs, two fingertips on his right hand, much of his hearing on his right side, and sustained shrapnel wounds to his right forearm. After being medevaced to Germany, he spent two years at Walter Reed Medical Center in Maryland learning how to live again.

It was upon his return to Woodland, California and his move into his specially adapted custom house built for him by Homes for our Troops that Alex struggled to find new direction in life.

“The military is very mission-driven...and then when Alex was at Walter Reed his mission was learning how to walk,” shared his wife, Isa Marie McIntyre. An Army veteran herself, Isa and Alex met while on duty in Iraq. “But once he came home he felt lost, he needed a new purpose.”

Alex reflects back on those darker days when he lacked motivation to get off the couch. “I had a friend who was pesky. He kept inviting me. Once I started being active in the veteran community, it got me the motivation to start working. And that led onto other things.”

Now Alex runs Fury Bees with more than 800 hives, and plans to double that number next year.

Earlier this year, FVC teamed up with two other veteran organizations – Work Vessels for Veterans and Semper Fi Fund – to purchase a neon green Hummerbee for Alex. Customized for beekeepers with special clamps that hold the hives in place, the forklift helped him make it through this year’s late spring rains, which otherwise wouldn’t have been possible.

‘Fury Bees’ is a nod to Alex’s airborne unit Fury From the Sky. “The name means a lot to me,” expressed the former Staff Sergeant, as he explained that the unit is a brotherhood that he still remains close to today. Alex rents out his 800 hives to local farms for pollination of almond orchards. Eventually, he hopes to grow to 7,000 – a number that would pollinate enough trees to satisfy the snacking habits of 7 million almond eaters for a year.

Agriculture is what Alex grew up around and is still what he loves. Being able to do it is both the biggest challenge and the biggest accomplishment for him. “I’ve tried office positions, I can’t sit behind a desk. I’m a labor guy, I need to do something physical,” reflected Alex.

It’s that time he spends time with his hives that distracts him from the bad days and offers a chance to clear his mind. “When things get quiet is when things get hard,” Alex revealed matter-of-factly. Beekeeping has made all the difference for a purposeful life where he feels in charge and in control.

“Farming makes me feel enabled. I never would have imagined beekeeping but it’s been very therapeutic.” And while Isa hates bees – “She said I started beekeeping so I could get rid of her!” jokes Alex – she is grateful for this transformation.

Henry Harlan, his longtime mentor who has practically given him the shirt off his back, looked on. “If he ever wore long pants you’d never know that he had a disability. He does everything everybody else I know does.”

But being a double amputee makes it almost three times as much work. Alex has to take constant breaks. “I have hard days, but my legs have not stopped me. Slowed me down, but not stopped me.”

Swarms of bees buzzed around Alex’s head as he opened another hive to look for the queen. “Smoke makes them more docile. Some you open up and they’re docile, some you open and they’re just mad,” he explained with a smoker of burning burlap in hand.

While beekeeping is what grounds Alex, he revealed one of his two life passions as he closed the lid on the hive – helping other vets through his involvement in several veteran organizations. In his always humble way, Alex shared that “being a guy that has very visible wounds, the community support is amazing. But there are a lot of guys who have done more than I have and
don’t have visible wounds; I’d like to see them start getting more support.”

And his second passion? Alex grinned, “Jumping out of planes.”

**Fury Bees Photos**

Photo by Susanna Frohman

Never one to shy away from an adventure, Alex skydives as often as he can through a company just down the road from his home. It’s that thrill-seeking spirit and desire for adrenaline that will always fulfill him.
All honorably discharged Veterans are eligible to shop their military exchanges online, tax-free for life.

This benefit saves Veterans money and helps the military community by generating earnings in support of critical Quality-of-Life programs.

Verify your eligibility today at ShopMyExchange.com/Vets

WELCOME HOME, VETERANS

ShopMyExchange.com/Vets
Starting January 1, 2020 the Department of Defense is expanding in-store military exchange and commissary shopping privileges as well as MWR resale facility use to:

- **Purple Heart recipients**
- **Former prisoners of war**
- **All veterans with service-connected disabilities**
- **Caregivers or family caregivers registered as the primary caregiver for a veteran in the Department of Veterans Affairs Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers**

*Information is available at ShopMyExchange.com/Vets*

**Welcome Home, Veterans**

ShopMyExchange.com/Vets
Mike Shaw Subaru
Proudly Supports all
COLORADO VETERANS

1650 W 104th Avenue • Thornton, CO 80234 • (303) 438-7500
MikeShawSubaru.com