

13. Give a short report of the Department and /or Posts activities within the VAVS program at local VA health care facilities, or any similar projects at State Veterans Homes, or other facilities.

VA&R Dept. of Colorado;

Our TAL-CO members/ Posts, our Blue Cap Network, volunteered 25 thousand hours to the VA exclusively this year. Their time, skills and money were dedicated to serve and support fellow Colorado veterans within the VA system and their own communities.

TAL-CO membership continues to augment VA Colorado facilities, participating in "all" VA programs as permitted. Appointment and call center support, resident recreation, mental & physical therapy support and transport and escort services are a few examples. VAVS Coordinators, Warvi, Bunch and Brown have conservatively estimated TAL-CO volunteers have saved the VA over one/half million dollars here in Colorado.

No less than another 25K hours were provided within Colorado's 64 counties, within each Post's community area of assistance with medical appointments, claims & benefits and end of life services. Each Post & District has their own dynamic and here are a few examples of our Dept. programs and fellow service organizations TAL-CO members participate and fund raising from this past year;

TAL-CO. Department's Veterans Assistance Fund \$ 48K

TAL-CO Colorado Veterans Kids Fund and our Children and Youth Assistance Program \$11 K
One Source, veterans resource Center in Grand Junction, CO. providing service to our Active Duty and veterans, 2K volunteer hours

Our State run, Colorado Community Living Centers and Nursng Homes in Rifle, Florence, Homelake, Spanish Peaks, Fitzsimmons, Colorado - 10K volunteer hours.

14. What does the Department do to encourage and support Youth volunteers?

Our Dept.of Colorado engages, educates and encourages the youth of Colorado to volunteer through and by our Boys State, Oratorical and Legion baseball programs. Post level and local support of the Boy Scouts of America program, flag presentation and reading programs are further examples of our membership serving local youth with outreach, recreation and providing those youth veteran examples of volunteerism.

15. Number of Posts contributing to General Post Funds at VA health care facilities __51__

16. How many American Legion awards for voluntary service in the VAVS program were presented this year?

100 hours __30__

300 hours __3__

1,000 hours __1__

2,000+ hours _____

17. Do you have any special rehabilitation projects that regularly aid veterans and their dependents? Homeless Stand Down Program, w VA. Denver Metro & multiple Posts/Districts
Heather Gardens, District 6, Nursing Home Outreach
TAL-CO Female Veteran Action Committee

18. Number of Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) applications received ___ 10 _____

19. Number of Family Support Network referrals received _____ 12 _____

20. List the Department and/or Post funds expended in rehabilitation-related activities.

Colorado Veteran's Trust Fund

TAL-CO Posts # 's 9, 16, 22, 32, 44, 62 103,113 \$175K

Post Veteran Resource and Assistance; Travel, lodging and sustenance. Multiple Posts. \$25K

21. Do you have a regular rehabilitation publicity program to acquaint veterans as to Federal and State benefits?

Department VA&R Workshop at our Department Convention

West Metro Annual Veteran Fair in Lakewood Colorado

Department Service Office, Annual Convention, Post & District Visitations

Department Observer Publication on the Internet


Department Public Relations/Media & Awards Program

22. Additional comments

CERTIFICATION

 7/15/19

Department Commander, Date

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Department Adjutant, Date