

# VETERANS FOR VETERANS OF ARCHULETA COUNTY

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## ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2017

### Counseling: (on going)

Veterans Readjustment Counseling for Combat Veterans with PTSD. Meets every two weeks. Facilitated by Dr. Kevin Kelly. Noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Community United Methodist Church Library.

Spouses and Family Members of Veterans (Women's Group) and Women Veterans. Meets first and third Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Cascade Building, Suite 3. Facilitated by Dr. Sharon Carter.

Individual counseling provided by Sam Conti, Zack Nelson, Cody Wilson, Kathy Allen, Zack Nelson, Sharon Carter.

### Grant work: (on going as funds last)

Veterans Assistant Grant – Providing housing for homeless veterans, firewood, propane, utilities.

Stand Down – Durango, October 5, 2017. 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the La Plata County Rodeo Grounds Center.

Collaborating with Veterans Service Officer of Archuleta County, Raymond Taylor, with Mental Health Grant and Tobacco Grant funds (provides transportation for veterans to medical appointments).

### Fundraising:

Regular Memberships- \$10 per year. Approximately 170 members. Year begins January, ends December.

Benny Lohman Scholarship Endowment Fund- \$100 per Life Membership. Can be paid in installments of \$50 down and two (2) payments of \$25 for two (2) months. Certificates of Life Membership are presented. Three (3) high school students are awarded \$250 each. Students must be family member of a veteran. As of Dec. 12, there are 26 life members.

Yard sales – Spring and Fall (May and August) Items are donated throughout the year and stored at Airport Self Storage, Unit A11 or A-Affordable, Unit 100. Sales were at the Walmart Parking Lot and the Airport Self Storage parking lot.

Mountain Rendezvous, August 26, Pagosa Lakes Club House. Tickets were \$35.00. Entertainment was by Contrabanned (Randal Davis and company). Dinner was by Chef Poncho Willis (smoked pork loin, beans, coleslaw). Silent Auction was held. Entire evening was facilitated by Eve Taylor, Gold Star Mother.

19<sup>th</sup> Hole Concert sponsored by Community Resources Committee, August 25, Pagosa Golf Course, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Some rain, venue changed. Bring your own lawn chairs, refreshments available, listen to great music by Eric from Philly. \$10 per person.

Pine Cone Women's Golf Tournament – July 11-12, Vets 4 Vets sponsored a raffle for a Las Vegas Trip for four days and 3 nights at the Colonial House and a cash prize of \$200. Ladies held a silent auction dinner at Parelli's with entertainment by Pat Parelli and Tim Sullivan. Total donations of \$10,000. Facilitated by Lynn McCrudden.

Festival of the Trees. Decorated a Christmas tree with the theme "Yesterday once more" for the veterans who missed Christmas at home. Decorated with homemade ornaments. The tree sold for \$700 at auction and brought in \$122 in votes, totaling \$822. Tree was donated back and given to a veteran and his family. Facilitated by Charlotte Jones and A.J. Schill.

#### Treasurer's Report – January thru December, 2017

General Fund	\$37,640.00	Grant Income	\$53,924
General Fund Net Income	\$18,248.64	Grant Expenditures	\$36,000
Expenditures	\$19,392.24	Grant Remaining	\$17,000
Number of veterans served by general funds	160	Number of veterans served by grant funds	89

Veterans Assistant Grant for 2018 will be requesting \$100,000.

We will not forget.....

Robert "Bob" Goetzinger, Army  
James Pechin, Army

Looking Ahead to 2018:

Operation Veteran Re-Connect, May 4  
Golf Tournament, May 26  
Parade, July 4  
Loaves and Fishes, July 11, and Nov. 8  
Archuleta County Fair, August 2-5  
Stand Down in Durango, Oct. 5

Veterans Outdoor Recreation Therapy Program target date to begin will be May 28 (Memorial Day).

**Public Relations:**

Veterans Breakfast Meeting is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at Dorothy's Café. 9 a.m.-10 a.m. Meeting is held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations are accepted.

Weekly Veterans Meetings are held every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 225 South Pagosa Blvd. (next to the hospital).

July 4 Parade – veterans participate in Honor Guard, decorate a float and drive cars with World War II and Korean veterans being honored.

Loaves and Fishes –Veterans cook, serve, and clean up for over 200 people in the community at the Catholic Church Downtown Parish Hall three (3) times per year. (January, April, and October)

Toys for Tots – collect toys for the Christmas give-away. Distribute to those in need. Thomas Audetat and Ken Craig are co-facilitators.

Christmas Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army in front of City Market and Walmart for four different days.

**Office Work:**

Volunteers do the banking, government reports, raffle license, solicitation license, minutes of meetings, answer telephone and e-mails, maintain membership, and process grant applications for veterans. These volunteers have worked over 4,000 hours to the benefit of veterans. A.J. Schill volunteered to be office manager.

**Board of Directors:**

Kenneth L. Craig, President                      Thomas Audetat, Vice President

W. Tom Zilhaver, Treasurer                      Charlotte Ann Jones, Secretary

Wayne "Max" Maxwell                              A. J. Schill, Office Manager

Raymond Taylor