



Vets4Vets Weekly Newsletter/Calendar:

Monday, May 13, 2024

NEWSLETTER BULLETINS

(If for some reason any who are now getting the weekly Vets4Vets email DO NOT WANT TO BE ON THE EMAIL LIST, reply to me, Niara, and ask to be removed.)

Vets4Vets Mission Statement: Veterans For Veterans of Archuleta County is a partnership of veterans focused on veterans and their families, in cooperation with the community, moving towards independence, wellness, self-sufficiency, education and dignity.

Vets4Vets website: <https://vets4vetspsco.org/>

New Upcoming Events!

Enjoy Military Appreciation Month at Veterans Canteen Service Online!

Sign up by this Wednesday, 5/15 to get a \$10 credit for shopping online. Credits expire 5/21 at midnight PST. <https://www.vacanteen.va.gov/>

About Veterans Canteen Service (VCS)

In 1946, Veterans Canteen Service was established by law to provide comfort and well-being to America's Veterans. With our many retail stores, cafés and coffee shops across the country, we serve those who have served our country. Our Canteens are whole health spaces for Veterans to connect, relax, share and care for themselves in an environment that is their benefit. We are proud to Serve America's Veterans and those who provide for their care.

Memorial Day Events:

May 23! (Not a ceremony!)

Flag placement **FOR** the May 27 Memorial Day Ceremony

Volunteer help would be appreciated by our Honor Guard.

At Hilltop Cemetery, 1pm, meet at the flagpole.

Memorial Day, May 27th – 2 Events!

In the morning:

Memorial Day Honor Guard Ceremony, May 27th

10:00am at Hilltop Cemetery at the flag pole.

In the evening:

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Veterans' Memorial Park, 7:00pm for ceremony with Luminarias.

Iron Horse Bicycle Classic Veterans Celebration! Registration is time sensitive!

FREE FOR MILITARY, VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES!!! 🇺🇸

Ride on the train that races the Iron Horse Bicycle Classic's Citizens Bicycle Race from Durango to Silverton. Enjoy lunch at the race finish, and be our special guest at a **Memorial Day** themed Ceremony in Silverton's Memorial Park. Train riders will have return transportation back to Durango.

This event will take place on Saturday, May 25; those registered need to arrive at the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Station by 7:00am.

Presented by **The Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad**, and organized by the **Iron Horse Bicycle Classic**, this day of fun, celebration, and comradery is FREE to Active Duty Military, Veterans, and Military-affiliated Gold and Blue Star parents / spouses / family members / friends.

The flyer & registration form are attached, however, the link in the registration form is wrong/broken. The correct link for registration is:

<https://ironhorsebicycleclassic.com/index.php?nav=vets>

EARLY NOTICE! Mark your calendars! Ron Gustafson's 90th Birthday!
***At PLPOA Clubhouse, June 8, 2024, begins 1:30pm, ends 4:30pm! ***
Come & go as you like between these times!

Unhappy about our gas prices in Pagosa Springs being a dollar or more higher than elsewhere in Colorado (and other places)? *File a complaint to the Attorney General!*

<https://coag.gov/file-complaint/> or <https://complaints.coag.gov/s/contact-us>

Veterans' Outreach from Dorothy Matthews: Wellness check-ins and more for our local veterans.

If you would like to have a daily check-in call or text from Dorothy just to know that someone cares about you and how you're doing, please let her know by email, dandf.matthews@gmail.com or a call or text to her phone with your name, 303-910-3414. She also does her best to provide rides to appointments or get them arranged if she is unable to do this herself.

Tom Z is doing the photography & meeting slideshow again. Tom will again be collecting old pictures from members for our morning meeting slideshow. Basic training or other pix of you working or relaxing. Please send your name with your pictures. It's great fun to see our Veterans when they were YOUNGER! Email your pix to Tom at vets4vetstomz@gmail.com

Weather Reporting for Pagosa Springs!

Sign up for inbox daily weather reports at: <https://pagosaweather.org/>

Our Veterans' Service Officer: Raymond Taylor

Office phone# 970-264-4013

Raymond's email: raytaylor@archuletacounty.org

Cell: 970-946-3590

Please keep Lilly, Raymond's daughter, as well as him and the rest of his family, in your prayers. Lilly is dealing with a very difficult health issue at this time and must stay in Phoenix, AZ near a hospital that can provide the specialized care she needs.

The Taylor family is understandably under extra financial hardship at this time as they are rallying around Lilly to help save her life. If you would like to help out, please donate to their GoFundMe campaign at this link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/team-lilly-supporting-the-taylors>

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Vets4Vets Meeting: Tues, May 14, 10am

At the Tennyson event center, 197 Navajo Trail Dr.

American Legion: Tues, May 14, 5pm (Every 2nd Tues. each month)

At the Masonic Lodge, 227 Lewis St, lower level. Park in front on the street.

Vets4Vets Board Meeting: Mon May 20, 9am

The Board meets 1st & 3rd Mondays at the Methodist church on Lewis St, upstairs. Text or call any board member for the door code. (Rick Walker, 713-385-7873, Lynn Weiland, 806-789-5890 or Dorothy Matthews, 303-910-3414)

Vets4Vets Meeting: Tues, May 21, 10am

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Additions for our newsletter/calendar!

Please email any submissions to me by Friday evening each week to get in for the upcoming week;

Niara Isley, at visionaryexpression@gmail.com Or call/text me 970-749-4292.

I'll need the name, date, time and location of the event as well as what it's about and/or what it supports. Also contact information for the coordinator of the event.

Many blessings,

Niara