



## Vets4Vets Weekly Newsletter/Calendar:

*Monday, February 17, 2025*

### 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/>

***The Studio is located at 729 San Juan St next door to Natural Grocers***

***Interested in trying something new to enhance your health and well being?***

***“The Studio” offers a new health technology, the Synergy Wave System.***

***\* Note: First sessions (1.5 hours) for anyone are free of charge.***

***At \$40 for 1.5 hours, with a 10% vet discount on top of that, sessions are very affordable.***

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**From Danielle Whelsky, Re: Vets4Vets logo shirts:**

*“If you have a shirt on order, please bring a check to Tuesdays meeting. Make out your check to Veterans for Veterans.”*

*“Also Is there any interest in a design for non-Vets?”*

*Possible design: ‘We the People’ in a nice script font on the front in the front, upper left position, Vets4Vets logo on the back.*

*Please let me know if any of you non-veterans are interested.”*

**ReSport & Stitches and Dimples hosting “Small Town Saturday” monthly!**

*Billy Cotts – Owner, is working to partner with 4 nonprofits in our community in an attempt to raise awareness and also give back to each organization through donating a percentage of sales back to the nonprofits.*

**3rd Saturday of each month from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**Where: 583 Navajo Trail Dr. Unit D-5**

**Contact: 970-731-6900**

**Articles of interest for veterans, from our member Frank Wiley:**

***VA must disclose delays to see a doctor and alternatives for private-sector care under new legislation***

<https://www.stripes.com/theaters/us/2024-12-10/veterans-mission-act-wait-times-health-care-16124325.html>

**Determining 2025 copay rates for VA and VA-approved health care**

<https://www.va.gov/health-care/copay-rates/>

**Lawmakers push to make it easier for veterans to access health care outside the VA**

<https://www.stripes.com/veterans/2025-01-30/veterans-private-health-care-legislation-16657012.html>

**FYI! Check the expiration date on your Veteran ID cards to get them renewed!**

***Or... if you don't have a veteran ID card but want one!***

**Contact Roxanne at the VA Clinic in Durango, 970-247-2214**

***Roxanne's new ID card hours are Fridays from 1:45pm to 3:30pm.***

*She also asks that people call ahead on Thursdays, the day before they are coming to make sure she will be there. She likes to have an idea how many people are going to show up.*

**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](mailto: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.*

**Wayne Bryant is in training by Tom Z to take over doing Vets4Vets photography & meeting slideshow.**

Feel free to send in old pictures from your basic training or other military service era 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](mailto:vets4vetstomz@gmail.com)

**Weather Reporting for Pagosa Springs!**

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

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**Our Veterans' Service Officer: *Raymond Taylor***

Office phone# 970-264-4013

Raymond's email: [raytaylor@archuletacounty.org](mailto: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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**February 2025 Newsletter/Calendar**

**Vets4Vets Board Meeting: Mon February 17, 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, February 18, 10am***  
*Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Dr.*

***Vets4Vets Meeting: Tues, February 25, 10am***  
*Pagosa Bible Church, 209 Harman Park Dr.*

***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](mailto: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*