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## **Arapahoe County Veterans Service Office outreach in Byers, Sept. 22** *Personal service for veterans at American Legion Post 160*

**LITTLETON, CO** --- Arapahoe County Veterans Service Office staff will be available Sept. 22 at the American Legion Post 160 in Byers to assist eastern county residents who served in the U.S. Armed Forces and their dependents with filing claims for Veterans Affairs benefits. All Arapahoe County veterans are welcome to visit the Veterans Service Office for assistance filing claims. The office is staffed Monday through Friday in Littleton.

Accredited Veteran Service Officers from Arapahoe and Adams counties will be available 9 a.m. to noon at the American Legion Post 160, 278 Front St., Byers. Officers can assist with eligibility determinations and applications for Veterans Affairs burial and survivor benefits, nonservice-connected pension, service-connected disability compensation, education programs and health care enrollment.

"The eastern plains are a very important part of our community and we want to ensure we provide the right service to our veterans across the county," said Arapahoe County Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld, who represents District 3, which includes eastern Arapahoe County. "We are committed to providing important services to every individual who seeks our assistance."

There is no fee for the services provided. Officers will have resources available including informational materials and applications needed to start the process.

In 2015, the Arapahoe County Veterans Service Office conducted nearly 1,000 in-person appointments and recovered more than \$5 million in new federal benefits awards from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The VSO is on track for another successful year of awards recovered.

Arapahoe County is home to more than 40,000 veterans, as well as their dependents, and 15,000 active military personnel at Buckley Air Force Base. The Veterans Service Office is located at 1690 W. Littleton Blvd., Suite 110, Littleton. Veterans in need of assistance can call 303-738-8045 or visit [www.arapahoegov.com/VeteransService](http://www.arapahoegov.com/VeteransService). If you reside outside the county we can also help you find the right veterans service office near you.

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