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## **Arapahoe County Veterans Service Office outreach in Byers, July 13**

*Personal service for veterans at American Legion Post 160*

**LITTLETON, CO** --- Arapahoe County Veterans Service Office staff will be available July 13 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.

Accredited Veteran Service Officers from Arapahoe and Adams counties will be available 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 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.

"We want to make it easier to provide the right services to our veterans across the county," said Arapahoe County Commissioner Jeff Baker, who represents District 3, which includes eastern Arapahoe County. "The eastern plains are an important part of our county and we are pleased to meet these veterans in their community."

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

In 2016, the Arapahoe County Veterans Service Office assisted more than 5,600 veterans and their families and recovered more than \$3.6 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.

The 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. All Arapahoe County veterans are welcome to visit the Veterans Service Office for assistance filing claims. The office is located at 1690 W. Littleton Blvd., Suite 110, Littleton and staffed Monday – Friday. 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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