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## A Message from the Chair

**Major General Wesley Clark, USAF (Ret)**

"A central source for information and coordination between services is essential. It's important that problems, as well as traditional needs, are addressed in a prompt manner and available assistance is given. With an integrated approach such as our community partnerships, no one has to feel like he or she is alone. Call us today - we are here to ensure that all of your needs are being met."

## Quick Links

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**Dear PMCN Stakeholder,**

The Peak Military Care Network has had a busy year so far! Please read below for exciting updates on our newest collaborations.

**PMCN Announces Partnership with Pikes Peak United Way for Call-In Assistance**

On April 11, 2014, the Peak Military Care Network and Pikes Peak United Way announced a new partnership to support our military and veteran community. Service members, veterans and their families now have an option to speak to a PMCN Advocate when they call 2-1-1. This call-in assistance enables PMCN to identify critical needs and quickly connect individuals and families to needed services; through 2-1-1 and PMCN's partnership with Rocky Mountain Human Services and AspenPointe, we can also connect those with complex or multiple needs to longer-term navigation assistance. This "warm hand-off" and follow-up assistance are the next steps in PMCN's efforts to connect service members, veterans and their families to the highest quality resources by providing a central source for information, navigation and integrated services.

Although many resources are available through our local military installations, the VA and local community agencies, many are unaware of available programs and services or have difficulty understanding how to access them.

Access to PMCN information and assistance is available via telephone Monday through Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm by calling 2-1-1 or 719-955-0742. Information on resources and
services is also available 24/7 through our Network of Care website.

PMCN Adds Partner Agencies

Following a 2013 pilot program to enhance coordination among service providers and streamline access to resources, the Peak Military Care Network has established formal partnerships with community agencies that support service members, veterans and their families. These partner agencies provide a range of programs and services, including education, employment assistance, behavioral and medical health, financial assistance and family supports, as well as reintegration support in our region. They work with each other and coordinate with military and VA services to better assist our military and veteran community. To-date, PMCN includes 21 partner agencies:

Amblicab
AspenPointe
CASA of the Pikes Peak Region
Cedar Springs Hospital
Community Partnership for Child Development
Discover Goodwill
El Paso County Department of Human Services
Peak Vista Community Health Centers
Phoenix Multisport
Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments
Pikes Peak Community College
Pikes Peak Suicide Prevention
Pikes Peak Workforce Center
Pikes Peak United Way
Rocky Mountain Human Services/Operation TBI Freedom
SET Family Medical Clinic
TESSA
The Home Front Cares
The Independence Center
The Resource Exchange
Veterans Upward Bound

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