

Peak Military Care Network Community Updates



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A Message from the Chair

Major General Wesley Clark, USAF
(Ret)

"In today's economy, taking care of military families, and helping with the transition to civilian life, has become even more difficult. As we phase out troop strength in Iraq and Afghanistan, there are going to be a lot of young men and women out on the streets. Most want to get out, but if they get out with no jobs and no way of reintegrating [into society], they will face more problems. That will be tough for them, so something has to happen.

The Peak Military Care Network aims to break this cycle by connecting troops and their families with resources that can help them transition effectively out of military life. As PMCN's collaborations continue to grow, we will work more proactively with service members, veterans and their families - prior to separation from the military - to identify and meet needs so that our veteran community remains valued and robust."

Dear PMCN Stakeholder,

A great BIG thank you to our partner agencies and other providers for all you do for our Military, Veterans and their families in our community.

We would like to wish you a warm and wonderful holiday season.

~ Kate & Ann

Holiday Resources for Local Military and Veterans Families

As we embark on the holiday season several Military friendly organizations are providing assistance to those in need.

Mountain Post Santa's Workshop (Ongoing)

Fort Carson, Building 302, Tevis Street

Applications past due. Support still being provided on a case-by-case basis. Contact CFNCO

Christmas Unlimited (Ongoing)

Pick up location coordinated once application approved

Apply through Unit CFNCO. Applications are for children born after 12/24/2000. Applications also available in many agencies, including El Paso County DHS, Ecumenical Social Ministries, Mercy's Gate, etc. (www.christmasunlimited.org)

Warrior's Warehouse (Ongoing)

Fort Carson, Building 302, Tevis Street
Limited supplies of canned food and dry goods during the holiday season. Soldiers and family members can be referred by their unit CFNCO during the WW normal hours of operation. Tues, Wed, Thurs 1030-1330

DFMWR - Trees for Troops (3-5 Dec)
1000-1600 both days. Fort Carson Sports Complex (Specker Ave.) No application. Command SGM's distribute 650 Christmas Tree Vouchers

Quick Links

[PMCN Website](#)

[Facebook](#)

[Network of Care](#)



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719-577-7417

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
<http://pikespeak.co.networkofcare.org/veterans/index.aspx>

Operation Homefront - Military Kids (8 Dec)
Fort Carson 1000-1700
You must register your children in order to receive toys. Toys are limited and are on a first-come-first-serve registration process. Please note that this program is for military dependent children only. To register:
www.operationhomefront.net/event/list

Colorado National Guard Santa Shop (13 Dec)
Three locations: 6848 S. Revere Pkwy, Centennial, CO 80112, 3200 N. Chestnut St., Colorado Springs, CO 80907, 2820 Riverside Pkwy, Grand Junction, CO 81501
0900-1400 Meet Santa from 1100-1200
Registration Deadline: 6 Dec. For more information and to register online,
<http://congfamilyreadiness.net/holiday-assistance-2/rha/santa-workshop-2014/>

Operation Homefront (15 Dec)
Holiday Meals for Military is now open for registration to provide military families with a meal kit that has everything needed for a delicious holiday dinner. Find out more and register at
<http://www.operationhomefront.net/holidaymeals>

Springs Rescue Mission - Holiday Dinner (24 Dec)
City Auditorium 221 E. Kiowa 1100-1300
Show up at event day scheduled during hours offered



PMCN To Participate In CO GIVES DAY

PMCN is excited to announce that we will be participating in CO Gives Day for the first time on December 9, 2014. Colorado's largest on-live giving event is in its fifth year partnering with Community First Foundation and FirstBank. Colorado Gives Day is an annual statewide

movement to celebrate and increase philanthropy in Colorado through online giving. All Coloradans are encouraged to join the state-wide movement on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 by supporting their favorite causes online through ColoradoGives.org.

For the first time ever, Colorado Gives Day features a \$1 Million Incentive Fund, one of the largest give day incentive funds in the country. This means every non-profit receiving a donation on Colorado Gives Day receives a portion of the Incentive Fund. For example, if we receive 10% of the total donations made on Colorado Gives Day, we will receive 10% of the \$1 Million Incentive Fund. Your gift to us on Colorado Gives Day increases the value of every dollar you donate.

Check out our donation page on ColoradoGives.com under the (National Homeland Defense Foundation). You can designate to PMCN by selecting "program" and then Peak Military Care Network under the question "where would you like your donation directed?." Give where you live on Colorado Gives Day. Your support helps us to continue to provide services to our military, veterans, and their families in the Pikes Peak Region.

PMCN Fundraisers

Over the past quarter, PMCN partnered with Lulu's Frozen Yogurt and the Hotel Elegante' for two fundraisers. The generous support of these two organizations helps us to continue to provide support to our military, veterans, and families in the Pikes Peak Region.



PMCN Continues to Grow

Over the past quarter the PMCN added two new partner agencies; *Angels of America's Fallen* and the *Mount Carmel Center of Excellence*.

The Angels of America's Fallen provides funds for healthy developmental activities for children of fallen service members and first

responders. Children under the age 18 are eligible. Angels of America's Fallen does not directly conduct these activities but covers the costs of lessons, equipment, uniforms, instruments, learning materials, supplies, and other specific needs to enable the children to participate in existing programs within their community. Activities are supported year round in all communities of the United States and its territories.

Mt. Carmel Center of Excellence of Colorado is developing a facility in Colorado Springs. A Center of Excellence providing wellness programs and transitional services for veterans and their families. Additionally, Mt. Carmel will deliver space, expertise, and resources in collaboration with community partners.

Network of Care Personal Health Records

PMCN provides several web-based tools through our Network of Care website. In addition to local services and employment resources, individuals can securely store electronic records. The information placed here is stored on a secure, Verisign-encrypted server, the same type of security used in online banking. Unlike the medical or legal files you may keep at home, your Network of Care PHR is available whenever and wherever you need it. You can create a private, secure file of information for yourself or someone you care about. Organize and store important medical and health-related information, military service related documents and other records in one convenient location and access them anywhere, via a secure Internet connection.

With your permission, you can also grant access to your PHR to others, such as a physician, family member, trusted caregiver or friend. You decide what information to share, and for how long.

This is a great resource for military families moving to a new duty location - you can store school records, immunization records, and other documents etc. and have those records immediately accessible - not filed away in a box. Veterans can store a DD-214 or other service records for easy access, particularly for those who may still be looking for a permanent residence or who need to give this information to numerous providers.

Click here and visit our [Network of Care](#) and click on My PHR to get started.

PMCN Partner Agencies

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. We work with each other and coordinate with military and VA services to better assist our military and veteran community. To-date, PMCN includes 24 partner agencies:

[Angels of America's Fallen](#)

[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](#)

[Mt Carmel; Center of Excellence](#)

[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](#)

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[Veterans Upward Bound](#)

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