

# Peak Military Care Network Community Updates



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## A Message from the Chair

Major General Wesley Clark, USAF  
(Ret)

"The national news has recently highlighted the challenges of serving a growing (and aging) veteran population. However, no one agency can meet all the needs of our military and veteran community. That is why the Peak Military Care Network is working with many partners to help ensure that people find the resources they need, regardless of what door they enter. We want to work with our service members, veterans and their families to see that they get to the right place, at the right time, and with the right care for the problems they face. Now it is time for the community to come together and prove, that working together, we can be a significant part of the solution to the community's problem."

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## Quick Links

[PMCN Website](#)

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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 continues to expand

In April, the Peak Military Care Network launched call-in assistance service in partnership with Pikes Peak United Way 2-1-1. Since launching this service, calls for assistance have more than doubled, enabling service members, veterans and their families to receive information about resources available to them and connect to services to avoid homelessness, obtain employment and get any other help needed for their health and well-being. PMCN also continues to add partner agencies to our network. Twenty-two organizations, to-date, have joined PMCN's collaborations to better support our military and veteran community. Click here for news on PMCN (link to Gazette article: <http://gazette.com/peak-military-care-network-bringing-nonprofits-veterans-together/article/1519390>)

## New VA Clinic to open August 18th

The VA's new Colorado Springs Community Based Outpatient Clinic is scheduled to open at 7:30am on August 18, 2014.

Here are some important facts to know before the clinic opens:

## 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>

- \* The new location will be 3141 Centennial Boulevard (corner of Fillmore and Centennial).
- \* The current Colorado Springs Clinic will close by department the week of August 8, 2014 to facilitate the move to the new location. There will be a primary care triage team at the current Fontanero Clinic and mental health and primary care team at the Spruce Clinic to handle urgent care needs starting August 13 to August 15th.
- \* The clinic will be closed on August 16th.
- \* The new clinic's hours of operation will be Monday and Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Wednesday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. A select amount of Primary Care and Mental Health services will be offered Wednesday through Saturday 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- \* The clinic telephone number will remain the same at (719) 327-5660 or (800) 278-3883 to schedule appointments or to inquire about medical needs.
- \* The Mountain Metropolitan Transit (METRO) system will have a bus stop located directly in front of the west entrance. Services are expected to begin in September 2014. It is expected that the VA stop will be on Route 2 (Centennial Blvd -Garden of the Gods) from the Downtown terminal and intersecting routes 14/34. For more information, contact or see METRO at 719-385-7433 or <http://transit.coloradosprings.gov/>

The clinic will add MRI, CT, ultrasound, and x-ray services to Colorado Springs; the facility will also house an office of the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA). Optometry, Audiology, Pharmacy, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Laboratory, Compensation and Pension, CWT, Homeless, and the Pre and Post-Surgical Clinic will be located on the first floor. Primary Care services, OEF/OIF, wound care, and MOVE classroom will be located on the second floor. Dental, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Clinics will be located on the third floor. For more information on PMCN, visit <http://peakmilitarycarenet.org> or Like us on Facebook (hyperlink to PMCN FB page).

## **Network of Care Employment Resources**

In addition to a comprehensive, searchable directory of local, state and national services and resources, our Network of Care website also has

employment resources to assist transitioning service members, veterans and family members. Online career support and links to resources are available, including Colorado-specific state licensure information, job training programs, and job search and placement resources. Spouses can find a list of all Military Spouse Employment Partnership jobs available in Colorado; transitioning service members and veterans can link to resources like Hero 2 Hired for information on jobs, translating military experience into relevant civilian skills, and much more. Go to <http://pikespeak.co.networkofcare.org/veterans/employment/> for career assistance.

## **PMCN 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 22 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](#)  
[UCCS, Veteran and Military Student Affairs](#)  
[Veterans Upward Bound](#)

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