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Dear County Commissioners,

This correspondence is part of an ongoing effort to further educate the Clear County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on the coalition's efforts for those citizens who have served and continue to serve our armed forces and their loved ones. I appreciated your inclusion of the coalition in local decisions affecting our veterans and ask to continue to be your trusted advisor in such matters. And, I ask that you continue to collaborate with the coalition in matters of policy, resources and priorities where they affect our veterans and their families. Attached, please find a list of the efforts and accomplishments of the Clear Creek County Veterans Coalition during calendar year 2014.

I give credit for all of the accomplishments to the dedication and singular commitment to service displayed by all of the members of the coalition. As the immediate past Chairman, this will be the last such correspondence to you under my signature, but I trust the unequalled quality of the coalition's work will continue under its new leadership. It has been a pleasure to work with you, our veterans and all of the fine citizens of our county. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (303) 681-4410.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Clark", is positioned above the typed name.

George Clark
Past Chairman
Clear Creek County Veterans Coalition

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Successful, Coalition Sponsored 2014 Events:

- Memorial Day ceremonies Idaho Springs and Georgetown
- Flag Day (with flag retirement ceremony)
- POW/MIA Remembrance, with a plaque and dedication of the Resource Center flagpole to the missing father of a local citizen
- Ceremonies to update the WWII memorial tablets with two forgotten heroes who were relatives of local families
- Pastor appreciation ceremony, recognizing the importance of our faith-based community to veterans and their families
- 9/11 Patriots Day
- Veterans Day
- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- Armed Forces Day
- Community Service Day at the Rocky Mountain Evergreen Academy

Outreach and Support of Veterans:

- Community outreach, speeches and education for civic and government organizations
 - Clear Creek School System
 - Blue Spruce Kiwanis
 - Conifer Rotary
- Formal support of 2010 HR 411, The Fort McClellan Health Registry Act to our Colorado congressional delegation
- An updated 2013/2014 Strategic Plan to improve services to grieving families and better preserve our military heritage and history
- Establishment of a Veterans Treatment Court Mentoring Program in the 1st Judicial District (Gilpin and Jeffco) for veterans with PTSD, TBI, and substance abuse issues
- Establishment of the Clear Creek County Veterans Coalition web page
- Filing for 501(c) 3 status to bring more resources to bear for our veterans' needs
- Transportation to the VA Medical Center and support of the Winter Sports Clinic for disabled veterans
- Support of the 9 News Health Fair
- Attempts to start an initiative called Partnering in Service with Students that, unfortunately, lost momentum when the Superintendent stepped down

New Strategic Partnerships and Support Relationships formed in 2014:

- Senator Kevin Grantham – State Senate District 2
- Representative KC Becker – State House District 13
- Colorado Health Care Registry
- Jefferson Center for Mental Health
- Rocky Mountain Human Services and the Western Slope Vets Coalition
- Community Partnerships Veterans Division, Office of the Governor

- Western Slope Veterans Coalition
- Clear Creek/Summit County Combined Housing Authority
- The Georgetown Business Development commission
- The Idaho Springs library District
- CDOT
- Evergreen American Legion
- Blue Spruce Kiwanis
- Clear Creek County Court
- Office of the Public Defender, 5th Judicial District
- Story Up Workshops
- Jefferson/Gilpin County (Colorado First Judicial District) Veterans Treatment Court
- The local faith-based community

2014 Efforts to Improve Community Awareness of Veterans Issues:

- Participation in local news media concerning mental illness, county public health issues as they relate to veterans and other live interviews
- Testimony before the state senate transportation committee on funding for safe passage to elementary schools and the impact of early education on the readiness of our military
- Testimony before the state senate transportation committee for the passage of a resolution to rename Twin Tunnels to Veterans Memorial Tunnels (it was passed unanimously in both houses).
- Attendance, by invitation, to the floor of the state legislature to witness the final passage of a resolution recognizing service of veterans, receiving a standing ovation