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Arapahoe County appoints new Veterans Service Officer and Assistant Officer *Tim Westphal leading the County's efforts in helping veterans and dependents*

Littleton, Colo. – The Board of County Commissioners has appointed Tim Westphal as County Veterans Service Officer following the retirement of Rick Stewart.

Westphal joined Arapahoe County in early 2013 as the Assistant Veterans Service Officer. Previously he spent three years with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, where he worked as a Readjustment Counseling Technician and assisted clients with veteran benefits, support services and readjustment issues. He also worked for two years as a client relations supervisor for Oppenheimer Funds. Westphal served seven years in the U.S. Army as an Infantry Squad Leader in Schweinfurt, Germany and was honorably discharged in 2005. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Behavioral Science and History from Metropolitan State University of Denver.

Joining Westphal is the new Assistant County Veterans Service Officer, David Fry. Fry was honorably discharged in 2009 after serving 10 years in the Air Force stationed in the United Kingdom, Bosnia, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Iraq. He is currently enlisted in the Colorado Army National Guard. Fry has worked for the Colorado Department of Veterans Affairs in Denver as a State Veterans Service Officer. Fry has also worked as the Veterans Service Officer for Weld County and spent time working with veterans and their families in Larimer County.

"We are making sure to stand by our men and women who have served to protect our country by helping them find ways to continue with life after service," said Arapahoe County Commissioner Bill Holen. "It's a daunting task to process and navigate VA services so we are honored to have Tim and David help guide our veterans and their families to a better life."

Arapahoe County is home to more than 50,000 veterans, 40,000 veteran dependents and 15,000 active military at Buckley Air Force Base.

"We anticipate an increase of veterans in need of service in 2015," said Westphal. "Forced reductions and normal attrition in the military, aging veterans, and prospective VA Healthcare enrollees under the Affordable Care Act are all factors that will continue to keep this office busy."

The County Veterans Service Officers are available to assist veterans and their families with filing for benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, such as service connected disability, pension, burial benefits, VA healthcare and education benefits. They can be reached at 303-738-8045 for questions or appointments.

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TimWestphal.jpeg: Arapahoe County appoints Tim Westphal as County Veterans Services Officer to assist veterans and their dependents with filing for VA benefits.

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