



*Connecting Veterans to Resources
We are Catalysts For Recovery!*

NEWSLETTER

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The foundation of our United States are God and Freedom and the original Veterans under the command of George Washington provided us Freedom and to this day Warriors continue to protect us from tyranny. At the end of their tour of duty they become Veterans and we must honor them and their families for the sacrifices they continue to make every day. As many of us know, even though the war stops and the tour ends, the battles do not. For many families, the battles continue their entire lives and it is these people Qualified Listeners serve.

When we send our warriors into battle we must also provide a structure to mend them upon their return. Our society spends millions of dollars and many weeks training people to become warriors, and precious little time or money to mend them or help them cope with their experiences after they've served us so bravely. It is these people Qualified Listeners serve.

Our objective is to reduce the number of suicides within the Veteran population, and a key component of our process is to address Moral Wounds. A Moral Wound is when a warrior sees or is told to do things that are in direct conflict with their morality. They are typically not driven by fear or danger like PTS tends to be. We are leading the charge in educating Veterans about the impact of Moral Wounds and how a family can be affected.

We serve the estimated 90,000 Veterans here in Northern Colorado which starts at 104th Avenue on the south and continues north to Wyoming. From the continental divide on the west to Prospect Valley on the east. If you do not know this coincides with the Veterans of Foreign Wars District 3. We have the process to locate many of our Veterans so we can let them know we are here for them and are safe to talk to. We also have a process to classify and qualify resources available to Veterans and their families, with a focus on non-conventional approaches to anger and anxieties. Once we have the systems in place we will expand our area of coverage across Colorado.

In early 2018 we will roll out updated training for our Listeners, group programs for Women Veterans, groups for Spouses, Children and Parents. These services are in addition to our listening program which has already worked with over 40 Veterans and family members. In January, we are also starting the process of classification and qualification of the many resources we've located in northern Colorado who provide some level of support for Veterans. Our initial list contains over 100 organizations so we have much work to do. Qualified Listeners is the only organization focused on discovering, qualifying, and referring all resources available to Veterans and their families. We are the "boots on the ground" for Veterans in northern Colorado! We are partnering with all viable services and organizations because we do not wish to reinvent services that already exist.

Donations help us put gasoline in our cars, print brochures, purchase books for distribution to Veterans, purchase films for Veterans, update our web site, attend trainings, create better Listener trainings, create and facilitate group sessions for those who have a need, give talks and presentations, engage with all possible, viable organizations, raise funds, pay our phone bills,



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pay for postage and office supplies, and provide critical services to our unserved warriors. We welcome donations on a monthly or quarterly basis too if that is easier for you.

To assist Veterans and donate just click [here](#) and go to the Donate page of our web site. Or, feel free to mail a check to Qualified Listeners, PO Box 563, Dacono, CO 80514 or call us with your card # at 720-600-0860.

Thank you so very much for your interest in supporting the Veterans of these United States of America. We are Veterans, families and friends assisting Veterans and families.

Sincerely,

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