

Why Donate to Qualified Listeners

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We are the Veteran & Family Resource Hub for Colorado and Wyoming.

We write articles and news releases to inform Veterans and family members about what they have access to. These are sent to over 200 media outlets each month.

We provide a monthly electronic newsletter to educate and inform Veterans and their families. People can sign up for it at www.QualifiedListeners.org/news, currently reaching about 1,300 people and growing every month.

We host Vet Chats the first Tuesday of the month in Frederick, CO for Veterans and family members to come to a free program to [Learn What You've Earned](#).

In addition, we have the following programs and events:

1. Suits for Veterans - vouchers
2. Veteran Support Day at Scheels – Nov. 9
3. Vet Connect at Embassy Suites – 2nd annual – March 14, 2020

We train combat Veterans and family members to become Qualified Listeners who offer a Veteran or family member a safe person to talk to, **who will not judge**. To become a Listener requires the completion of a 7.5-hour training program and a background check.

We directly interact with and support over 100 Veterans per month:

1. We field calls, emails and web site inquiries every day.
 - a. 21 NEW Veterans every month – 171 in 2019 so far
 - i. Variety of questions
 1. Get better VA Benefits
 2. Get into the VA system
 3. My spouse died
 4. I am not well
 5. My car broke down
 6. My rent is due
 7. My son needs help
 8. My husband needs help
 9. I am having surgery next week
 10. I need a hospital bed
 11. I want to fish
 - b. Advocacy needed
 - i. Help with home modifications
 - ii. Help with grieving widows, widowers and mothers as they put their lives back together
 - iii. Help with check book, insurance, and other personal administration
 - iv. Help with Doctor appointments, medication and other reminders
 - a. 26 Listening sessions every month
 - a. 445 total since we started in 2017
 - b. 207 Thus far in 2019
 - i. 26 per month
 - c. Weekly Listening program at the Student Veteran Center at Metro State University
 - d. Getting more calls for Assisted Living Centers

- e. More calls for Hospice centers and organizations
- f. To see the Statistics Report, return to Donate page and click on Listening Statistics link
3. Because we learned in 2017 that far too many alleged Resources were not providing value to our Veterans and families, we started the **Veteran & Family Resource Directory**.
 - a. Our Veterans and families deserve the absolute best Resources we can find
 - i. We seek out viable Resources
 - ii. They must apply to become a Resource
 - iii. Our team evaluates them
 - iv. They are visited and interviewed
 - v. The Resource team then approves or denies them
 - vi. If approved, we add them into the Directory
 - b. Over 5,500 printed copies now in circulation
 - i. Updated quarterly
 - ii. Also searchable on our web site under the Directory tab
 - iii. Directories = 1,250 per quarter
 - iv. Those who like our Directory the most are those who interact with Veterans the most
 1. VA Clinics & hospitals
 2. Veteran Service Offices
 3. Libraries
4. PAMVET Breakfast Club supporters
 - a. Go to www.PamVet.org to learn more and sign up for reminders

Where Donations Go:

\$100

- 5 Listening Sessions
- 183 miles
- 28 Directories

\$500

- 25 Listening Sessions
- 915 miles
- 140 Directories

\$1,000

- 50 Listening Sessions
- 1,830 miles
- 280 Directories

For questions or more information please call us at 720-600-0860 or visit our web site at www.QualifiedListeners.org.