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Mt Carmel Center Introduces the Board of Managers

Mt. Carmel is fortunate that a number of prominent Colorado Springs citizens have made the commitment to serve on our first Board of Managers! Together they have many years of experience serving our community and many have also served in various capacities on non-profit boards in the area. Leading the group as **Chairman of the Board is Lou Mellini**, Vice President and General Manager of KILO 94.3 and RXP 1039. Lou has spent a decade supporting our local military in various ways and is a proud member of the Good Neighbor group at Fort Carson. **Chuck Murphy, Vice Chairman**, is owner of Murphy Constructors, Inc. and well known both locally and at the state level for his support of our great community.

Amy Lathen, former County Commissioner for District 2 and now Executive Director of Colorado Springs Forward has graciously agreed to serve on the board and have the opportunity to support Veterans and their families in the Pikes Peak Region. **Michael League** is Chairman, President and CEO of Little London Bancorp and comes to our board with 25 years of local experience in banking and finance. We are extremely excited to have **Anne League, M.D.** on our Board. Anne is currently the Clinical Director of the Department of Behavioral Health at Fort Carson and is Board Certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. **Terrance McWilliams**, CSM, US Army Retired, is the Vice President of Military Affairs at the El Pomar Foundation and is well-known both locally, and in Washington D.C. as an advocate for the Colorado Springs military community. You will never miss Terrance's booming voice, but even more powerful is his passion for ensuring that our Veterans and their families receive all the support that they deserve for their sacrifices during their service to our nation.

Another prominent Board Member to join our team is **Doug Price**, the CEO of the Colorado Springs Convention and Visitors Bureau. With 30 years of experience in sales and human resource counseling, Doug has already jumped in with both feet to provide critical thinking and ideas on getting our message out to our great community. And the final member of our Board of Managers is **Mark Scraba**, BG US Army Retired. Mark has extensive experience in personal development, goal setting and achievement in the military environment. His guidance and expertise will certainly benefit our organization in numerous ways. And finally, the roles of Secretary and Treasurer are held by two Mt. Carmel staff members; **Angela Ann Cesario** and **Gary J. Brunette**.

We are incredibly grateful to have this dynamic team on board to guide our efforts in serving Military, Veterans and their families. With their support and mentorship we are certain to build a strong foundation that will enable us to serve this critical Colorado Springs population for years to come.

The Voice of Our Clients

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"My experiences with the Mt. Carmel Center of Excellence and the Peer Navigators has continued to have significant and positive changes in my life. My initial appointment assuaged many of my concerns with transitioning from the military. Daniel helped me with developing and fine tuning my resume, which was critical to getting me three interviews with potential employers. David even helped provide assistance for uniforms that I wore to my new job. My experiences with Aaron and Jennifer have always been positive, entertaining, and professional. This organization has gone above and beyond my expectations as a veteran's assistance program." Derek

"For a service member, no mission is more daunting than transition to civilian employment. with more than 25 years of service, and with less than a year until retirement, I met the Peer Navigators at the Mt. Carmel Center of Excellence. Peer Navigator Aaron Kiewicz formed up on my wing and stayed with me to the very end - permanent civilian employment just over a year later. Leading to that point, Aaron and his team each contributed to my success in many ways - reaching out proactively, VA benefits access and more. Ultimately, it was the personal relationship with Aaron and his team that resulted in a connection with my current employer. Long before that happened, I considered each of the Peer Navigators a personal friend." Dean

Peer Navigators

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With an initial gift of \$21 million in 1937, Spencer and Julie Penrose established the El Pomar Foundation as a living legacy that would contribute to the future of Colorado. The mission of the foundation honors the Penrose's values and vision for their home... to enhance, encourage and promote the current and future well-being of the people of Colorado. Since that time, The El Pomar Foundation has done just that by providing more than 10,000 grants in support of various community causes around the state.

With numerous military bases in Colorado Springs and Denver, the El Pomar Foundation makes it a priority to find innovative ways to support service members and their families throughout Colorado. In 2007, El Pomar hired recently retired Army Veteran Terrance McWilliams as the Foundations first director of military and veteran affairs. Since 1940, El Pomar has made \$5.5 million in grants to support the military.

As part of that support to our military and veteran community, El Pomar has partnered with Mt. Carmel to ensure that our programs and services are focused on meeting the direct "boots-on-the-ground" needs of these deserving Veterans and Families. Their commitment to this cause is evident physically with Terrance McWilliams maintaining office space at Mt. Carmel. After serving in the Army for over 30 years and culminating his career as the Command Sergeant Major and Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Commanding General of Fort Carson there is no one better suited to aid Mt. Carmel in bringing the most effective programs and services to our clients while building integration between partners in the center and throughout the Pikes Peak region.



For 75 years, the USO has been dedicated to supporting America's service members and their loved ones. At the beginning of 2016, they added the program called "Transition 360 Alliance". Through this program the USO has brought together top organizations to help keep transitioning military members connected to family, home and country as they transition from military to civilian life. The USO Transition 360 alliance is made up of Rally Point 6 (RP-6), Comfort Crew for kids, Hire Heroes USA, and Stronger families. The alliance takes a 360-degree approach to Military transition for the whole family.

The USO Transition 360 Alliance team has offices at Fort Carson and at Mt. Carmel which allows some flexibility to those they come in contact with. Ron Kriete, the Site Manager, and his Scouts, Eric McCullough and Patricia Martin- McFarland, share time here at Mt. Carmel and have been incredibly busy helping their clients connect with local resources. The USO's global presence has truly opened up the centers the ability to assist Veteran, Military, and Families far and wide.

Perfect
formation helps veterans, families

By Traci Marques
Pikes Peak Workforce Center,
Customer Service and Community Outreach Director



It's an incredible thing to witness: the very moment a group of service members snaps into formation. At that second the synergy of a team is positioned to achieve more than the individuals in place a moment before.

The Pikes Peak Workforce Center prides itself on a Veterans-First priority of service policy to meet the needs of veterans, transitioning service members and their spouses to help them become competitive job seekers and find meaningful employment.

To achieve that, we meet our clients where they are - in terms of location and services needed. In 2015, the Mt. Carmel Center of Excellence invited us to join their amazing formation allowing us to achieve more in support of our veteran community ever since.

Today, from our satellite location in Mt. Carmel, our main location on Garden of the Gods Road and at seven other locations, workforce technicians deliver outstanding job search assistance (from resume assistance to technology workshops); our Financial Coach, Liz Foster, helps veterans plan for bright financial futures; our Military Relations Specialist, Deon Cobasky, helps veterans and their families in a variety of ways including federal resume writing, learning the hidden rules in the civilian job market and finding workforce resources close to their future home. Finally, our Disabled Veterans Outreach team delivers unique services and assistance to those veterans who have sacrificed the most.

All of this is possible in a location convenient to veterans and their families thanks to the vision of, and incredible partnership with, the Cimino family and their amazing staff. Our team celebrates the veterans this formation continues to help.



Golf Tournament at Sanctuary



Mt. Carmel Center of Excellence will hold its 1st Benefit Golf Tournament at the exclusive Sanctuary Golf Course in Sedalia, Colorado, on August 10, 2016. Sanctuary has consistently been recognized as "one of the 150 best courses in the United States," *Golf Digest*. Sanctuary hosts approximately 25 charitable golf tournaments each year and Mt. Carmel COE was chosen as one of the nonprofits. Located 40 miles from Colorado Springs, the course is flanked by 40,000 acres of protected open space. "Sanctuary is simply the most coveted round of golf in Colorado. It might be the most exclusive private golf course in the world." *RockiesGolf.com David R. Holland, Senior Writer 2012*. An opportunity to play the Sanctuary is not to be missed!

The mission of Mt. Carmel Center of Excellence is to collaborate with community partners providing best practices in transition and wellness services for Veterans, Military and their Families by delivering expertise, resources and space.

In addition to the 18 holes of golf, the event will include lunch and dinner, a silent auction, mulligans, and on course contests including a chance to win a hole-in-one car donated by the Phil Long Dealerships. Play is limited, so early enrollment is encouraged.

Corporate sponsorship opportunities range from \$5,000 to \$20,000. For more information or to reserve your sponsorship contact Moyra Hower at Mhower@mtcarmelcenter.org or [Mt. Carmel Veterans](http://Mt.CarmelVeterans)



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