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Arapahoe County welcomes second Veterans Service Officer

Tim Westphal to assist veterans and dependents with obtaining federal benefits

Littleton, Colo. – As more troops return from overseas, Arapahoe County has increased staffing in its Veterans Service Office to assist veterans seeking federal benefits.

The Board of County Commissioners appointed Tim Westphal as Assistant County Veterans Service Office—a new role that was created and approved in the County's 2013 budget. Westphal will assist veterans and their dependents 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.

Westphal joins Veterans Service Officer Rick Stewart, who has served more than 50,000 veterans and dependents and helped to recover more than \$6 million in awarded claims since his appointment in 2009.

"The men and women who served our country deserve an advocate and friend as they navigate the complicated VA claims process," said Commissioner Bill Holen. "The Arapahoe County Veterans Service Office has met that need for many deserving veterans, and we are honored to welcome Tim Westphal as Assistant CVSO to serve additional residents in the future."

Westphal comes to Arapahoe County from the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, where he worked for three years 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. He served seven years in the U. S. Army as an Infantry Squad Leader in Schweinfurt, Germany and was honorably discharged in 2005.

Westphal holds a Bachelor's degree in Behavioral Science and History from Metropolitan State University of Denver. He will earn his CVSO accreditation from the VA in May 2013.

Arapahoe County is home to more than 50,000 veteran, 40,000 veteran dependents and 15,000 active military at Buckley Air Force Base. Veterans in need of assistance can call 303-738-8045 or visit the Arapahoe County Veterans Service Office at 1690 W. Littleton Blvd., Suite 103, Littleton.

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Click the link to download photos: [ftp://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Pub/CM/Photos/Veteran/](ftp://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Pub/CM/Photos/Veteran/TimWestphal.jpeg)

TimWestphal.jpeg: Arapahoe County has appointed Tim Westphal as Assistant Veteran Services Officer to assist veterans and their dependents with filing for VA benefits.