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This Veterans Day, salute the men and women who served this nation *Arapahoe County helps veterans obtain the benefits they deserve*

Littleton, Colo. Veterans Day, Nov. 11, honors America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. You might be surprised to know that many well known celebrities have served their country proud. Tony Bennett, President Jimmy Carter, Bill Cosby, Humphrey Bogart, Montel Williams, Oliver Stone, Carl Reiner, President Ronald Reagan, Shaggy, Bea Arthur, George Steinbrenner and Gene Hackman are all veterans.

The Arapahoe County Veterans Service Office is a unique program that helps veterans apply for disability, medical care and pension benefits from the VA. Studies have shown that veterans using an advocacy service such as this receive almost three times the compensation than those who go it alone.

According to the *2007 American Community Survey Data from The Census Bureau*, there are 47,149 veterans living in Arapahoe County, which accounts for 11 percent of Colorado's total veteran population.

"Veterans have served our country faithfully, and with the County's help they receive support in obtaining the benefits they deserve," said Arapahoe County Commissioner Pat Noonan.

Volunteers are needed. Call Val Purser at 303-738-7938. For more information about the Arapahoe County Veterans Service Office, call 303-636-1190 or visit www.co.arapahoe.co.us.

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