

Denver Centennial Chapter  
Annual Golf Tournament Fund Raiser



Pictured (L-R): COL (Ret) Paul Baldwin, LTC Dionne W. Wilson, LTC William A. Medina.  
See page 3 for tournament highlights.

Chapter Elects New Slate of Officers

The Denver Centennial Chapter board of directors recently elected the following individuals as its officers for the 2010-11 year.

MG Stephen Best, USAR..... President  
CSM William Woods, COARNG ..... Vice President  
LTC Kevin Morrissey, USAR (Ret) ..... Treasurer  
SGM Joseph Thill, COARNG ..... Secretary

Newly elected is MG Best; the rest on the slate are re-elections. Their terms begin on 1 July 2010

Chapter Bids Farewell to COL Mark Johnson

The Denver Centennial Chapter bids farewell to Board Member COL Mark Johnson. While serving on the By-Laws Committee, COL Johnson assisted in streamlining the processes and procedures on how the Chapter selects, nominates and elects both Corporate and Non-Corporate Board Members. Along with his AUSA duties, COL Johnson served as the Defense Coordinating Officer for FEMA Region VIII, a highly specialized organization that assists in the Defense Support to Civil Authorities to the lead Federal Agency responding to natural or man-made disasters or emergencies. COL Johnson's next duty station is at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania where he will be attending the U.S. Army War College. We will miss COL Johnson's energy and contributions to the Chapter and wish him well in his future endeavors.



Celebrating the Strength  
of the Nation: the Army's  
235th Birthday

This year marks the 235th birthday of the United States Army. June 14, 1775 saw the creation of the Continental Army to secure the Nation's independence. Since then, generations of Americans have stepped forward to defend our freedoms and global security. These courageous men and women have assisted other countries in protecting their rights, as well as promoting peace. The Soldiers have emerged stronger, and their willingness to serve builds a better future for others.  
Source: STAND-TO!

Denver Recruiting Battalion  
Change of Command

LTC William A. Medina, Denver Army Recruiting Battalion, relinquished command to LTC Dionne W. Wilson during a ceremony in the Rooftop Garden of the Denver Athletic Club on 16 June. A reception following the event welcomed LTC Wilson and celebrated the U.S. Army's 235<sup>th</sup> birthday.



Armed Forces Recognition Luncheon  
The Aurora Chamber of Commerce



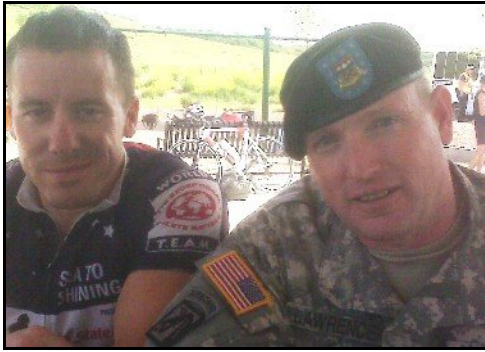
Winners from all United States Military components gather for a group photo at the 37th Annual Armed Forces Recognition Luncheon held at the Crown Plaza hotel, May 14, 2010.

LtCol (USAF, Ret) Barry Bridger, an F-4 pilot who was shot down over North Vietnam, was the key note speaker for the event.

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### Sea to Shining Sea Ride



A team of exceptional athletes, many of whom are wounded Iraq and Afghanistan veterans representing all military branches, departed from the Golden Gate Bridge on Saturday, May 22 for World T.E.A.M. Sports' inaugural bike trek across America called Sea to Shining Sea. The goal of Sea to Shining Sea is to honor the courage of our service men and women, recognize the strength of the American spirit and challenge perceptions of how we view athletes. The ride will conclude in Virginia Beach on July 24.

Pictured above are Seth Arseneau, one of the riders—a former Army enlisted soldier, and CSM Michael 'Rob' Lawrence, CONG. CSM Lawrence was able to spend some time with the group when they arrived in Denver on Friday, 18 June, at Prairie Sky Park.



### A Golf Tournament of Their Own



Unable to participate in the Denver Centennial Chapter's Annual Golf Tournament, SGM Joseph A. Thill (CONG), Operations Sergeant Major, Task Force Rocky Mountain, Detention Facility in Parwan, sends us these Official Desert Classic Photos from their recent Combat Golf Tournament.

Having successfully negotiated that tournament's water hazard, tells us, "I am building a 3 hole course in the area to be named the Golf Facility in Parwan (GFIP)."



### Vets Wheelchair Games Begin July 4 in Denver

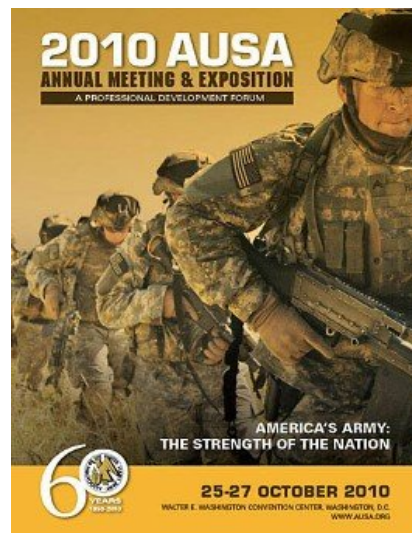
The Fourth of July celebration in Denver takes on special importance this year when more than 500 wheelchair athletes who are all military Veterans begin competition at the 30th National Veterans Wheelchair Games. The event, presented each year by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Paralyzed Veterans of America, runs July 4 through July 9.

The games provide an annual multi-event sports rehabilitation program that is open to Veterans who use wheelchairs for sports competition due to spinal cord injuries, amputations or certain neurological problems and who receive care at any VA medical facility. Athletes attending can be first-time wheelchair athletes or experienced Paralympians. Six of this year's participants have previously competed at the world-class Paralympic level.

The 30th National Veterans Wheelchair Games begin on Sunday, July 4, with a quad rugby demonstration in Civic Center Park in downtown Denver.

The VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System in Denver and the Mountain States Chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America are hosting the 2010 Games. For many injured Veterans, the Wheelchair Games provide their first exposure to wheelchair athletics.

For more information about the National Veterans Wheelchair Games or to volunteer during the week, visit the Games Web site at [www.wheelchairgames.va.gov](http://www.wheelchairgames.va.gov).



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Buffalo Run Golf Course-14 June 2010



The Denver / Centennial Chapter of the AUSA had its annual golf tournament fundraiser at the Buffalo Run Golf Course on Monday, June 14, 2010 – the 235th birthday of the Army. After two days of steady rain, Monday turned out cloudy and cool, but dry. Buffalo Run is a very nice course and the 56 players had a great time. There were two teams that tied the scramble format with a 62 – the HDR group, and Recruiting Command team # 2. With the handicap playoff, the Recruiting Command team took home the prize and bragging rights. The foursome consisted of Jeremy Price, Jedediah Remmey, Gary Connor, and Brandon Haifley.

We would like to thank the businesses and individuals that helped make this golf fundraiser a success. Special thanks go out to our Gold Sponsorship "Lockheed Martin," and our Silver Sponsorship "Laser Technology Inc."



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## Lowes Announces Year-long Military Discount

Most members of the military community no longer will have to wait for a special holiday discount to buy shovels, paint, and other home improvement needs.

Home improvement retailer Lowe's has expanded its 10 percent military discount to all day, everyday, for active-duty, National Guard and reserve, retired and disabled service members, and their families, company officials recently announced.

To receive the discount patrons must present a valid military ID card.

All other military veterans will receive the 10 percent discount on the holiday weekends of Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Veterans Day. The discount is available on in-stock and special-order purchases of up to \$5,000. It cannot be used on sales at Lowes.com, on previous sales, or on sales of services or gift cards.

"The year-round discount program is one way we are reaffirming our commitment to the thousands of men and women who are serving throughout the world, as well as their family members at home," said Larry D. Stone, Lowe's president and chief operating officer, in a statement announcing the new policy.



## Blue Star Museums - Free Admission to Military & Family

Blue Star Museums - a partnership among Blue Star Families, the National Endowment for the Arts, and more than 750 museums in all 50 states - are offering free admission to military personnel and their families from Memorial Day, (May 31, 2010, through Labor Day, Septembers, 2010.

The free admission program is available to any bearer of a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), a DD Form 1173 ID card, or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card, which includes active duty military (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard), National Guard and Reserve members and up to five immediate family members.

To find a participating museum near you, visit the following web site:  
<http://www.arts.gov/national/bluestarmuseums/index.php>



## New and Improved TRICARE Media Center Up and Running

If you have Internet access then be sure to visit the new and improved TRICARE Media Center at <http://www.tricare.mil/mediacenter/> for updates on TRICARE programs.

The new Media Center makes it easier than ever for beneficiaries and providers to follow TRICARE online and share information with friends and family. By joining the conversation, TRICARE is addressing concerns and providing resources to resolve the common issues beneficiaries have when accessing their health care benefits.

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## Free Theme Park Admission

Under a program named "Here's to the Heroes,"

Anheuser-Busch salutes the men and women of our Armed Forces and their families, throughout 2010, members of the military and as many as three dependents may enter SeaWorld, Busch Gardens or Sesame Place parks with a single-day complimentary admission.

All service members need to do is register online at this website <http://www.herosalute.com/> or at the entrance plaza of a participating park, and show a Department of Defense (DoD) photo identification. Each pass is valid for a one-day admission per person per year to five of Anheuser-Busch's seven theme park brands.



## Army Echoes available Online

- Chief of Staff's Retiree Council Calls Health Care Highest Priority
- Army National Guard Supports Its Retiring and Retired Soldiers and Families
- Upgrading Retirement Services for Reserve Soldiers and Families
- DFAS to Resume VSI/SSB Recoupment
- TRICARE Program for 'Gray Area' Reserve Retirees on Its Way
- Taking SSNs off ID Cards
- VA Increasing Prescription Costs
- Retiree Appreciation Days (RADs), Ft Carson, CO, Oct 16

[http://www.armyg1.army.mil/RSO/docs/echoes/10\\_May.pdf](http://www.armyg1.army.mil/RSO/docs/echoes/10_May.pdf)





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Hole sponsorships included: Lockheed Martin, Laser Technology Inc., Aleut Facilities, Wells Fargo Bank, The Army Recruiting Command, Grant Thornton LLC, Petroleum Field Services, 7th Region AUSA / Dave Booze, Rod Swearingen, Scott Keller, and Dale Reisbeck.

Other Sponsors contributing prizes and other donations were: Valley Country Club, Heritage Golf Creek, Flatirons Golf Course, City Park Golf Course, Park Hill Golf Course, Broken Tee Golf Course, The Ridge / Castle Pines Golf Course, Outback Steakhouse, Inverness Hotel, Renaissance Denver Hotel, HDR Inc., Polydrive Industries Inc, Doubletree / Red Lion, Tagawa Gardens, and Dave & Busters.

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EVENTS  
4 Jul 10 ..... 743d MI Bn Change of Command  
9 Jul 10 ..... 30th National Veterans Wheelchair Games, Denver

NOT FORGOTTEN:  
Korean War – June 1950 – July 1953



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