

La Plata County Veterans Services
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The main objective of the Veterans Service Office is to provide prevention, protection, advocacy and support services to veterans and their families so they can maximize their quality of life, well-being and potential. The La Plata County Veterans Service Office (CVSO) provides information and assistance to veterans and their families. There is a wide range of benefits available for our nation's veterans. Every veteran is encouraged to contact the CVSO to find out more about their VA benefits. Your CVSO can assist you in any matter pertaining to the Department of Veterans Affairs. These services are free of charge. Please visit the La Plata County web site at <http://www.co.laplata.co.us/> for more information about what the La Plata County Veterans Service Office can do for you.

The La Plata County Veterans Service Office is co-located with the Durango VA Clinic at 1970 E. 3rd Avenue, Suite 102, Durango, CO. 81301. For clinic appointments, call 970-247-2214. The Veterans Service Office phone number is 970-759-0117. Office hours are 8am to 12pm and 1pm to 5 pm, Monday – Friday, except holidays, and appointments are encouraged. Call (970) 382-6150 to schedule an appointment with the Veterans Service Office.

Veterans Day 2015

Veterans Day (November 11) is right around the corner. It is important to remind the local community of the Veterans who have served and sacrificed for our nation. These veterans could be neighbors, friends or individuals in the community that you may not even know.

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, the Armistice that ended fighting in World War I, “the war to end all wars”, was signed. While the peace did not last, the date gained recognition throughout the western world. Originally, the date was marked as Armistice Day, but when losses mounted in the many wars that followed, the name was changed to allow all soldiers from all wars to be honored.

In America, the day is usually marked with parades, ceremonies, quotes and speeches - and a moment of silence - to honor those men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their nations in the two World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, the Falklands, Lebanon, Desert Storm, Afghanistan, and Iraq. Dignitaries gather to place wreaths on the tombs of unknown soldiers who rest in anonymous honor as a symbol of all who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

“The nation which forgets its defenders will itself be forgotten.”

— Calvin Coolidge

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On Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11th at 11:00 am, come join La Plata County's veterans and veterans service organizations in the annual Veterans Day parade on Main Avenue in Durango. The service organizations will host open houses after the parade. All are welcome to attend these annual celebrations on behalf of our nation's veterans.

If you wish to enter a float in the parade, please contact the VFW for more information and an entry application.