



Pikes Peak Chapter Welcomes New Employee

Catherine Nowak has been appointed Director of Development & Marketing to the Pikes Peak Red Cross. She brings over 20 years of special event fundraising and marketing expertise to the Pikes Peak Chapter. She will be responsible for the financial development efforts through the management of communication programs.

Catherine had previously been serving as the Director of Marketing for Bob Penkhus. Additionally, Catherine brings a wealth of expertise from the for-profit world as she was the co-founder of a catalog company and was honored as a member of the "Inc. 500" list of America's fastest growing, privately held companies. She is a former Air Force Reservist and holds a Bachelors Degree in Communications and a Masters Degree in Marketing.

VOLUNTEER KUDOS

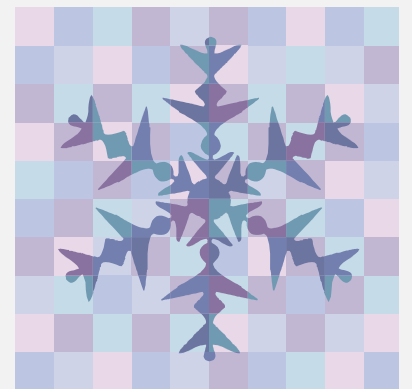
VOLUNTEER KUDOS – Our volunteers make us proud every day, and here are just a few names of those who have gone above and beyond in the month of November!

Services to the Armed Forces
All Air Force Academy and Peterson Air Force Base Clinic Volunteers

Administrative
Barbara Collins

Health and Safety
Suzi Wilkins
Paul Pucci

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!! WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!



Free FA/CPR Training for ERV Drivers

ERV drivers may obtain their required Standard First Aid and Adult CPR/AED from Pikes Peak ARC free of charge. To register, contact Heather or Donna in Health & Safety at (719) 632-3563.

Pueblo Opens the Veteran's Memorial Bridge

On November 11, 2010, the citizens of Pueblo witnessed an historic, once in a lifetime, event. At 11:11 a.m. on November 11, 2010, the Pueblo Veteran's Memorial Bridge was dedicated as part of the Historic Arkansas Riverwalk. This memorial bridge is the only memorial of its kind in the world that honors all military services. The bridge includes the names of over 5000 veterans from the Pueblo area as well as insignias from all service branches. The Veteran's Memorial Bridge spans a branch of the Historic Arkansas Riverwalk in downtown Pueblo.

The ceremony began with a breakfast catered by the Colorado National Guard that included a Prisoner of War empty chair ceremony. Soldiers from Fort Carson hosted a large static display of military weaponry and aircraft from Doss Aviation did a fly over in the missing man formation. Dana Bowman, a disabled veteran, parachuted onto the Riverwalk carrying the Purple Heart flag that was posted on the bridge for the ceremony.

Honor guards from each branch of military service posted their flag on the bridge and cannon-like fireworks ignited with each flag posting as a brass ensemble from the Air Force Academy played each branch's them song. The key note speaker for the event was Drew Dix, a Pueblo native and recipient of the Medal of Honor and there were speakers representing each branch of military service.

Pueblo has a long tradition of patriotism and military service. It is known as the City of Heroes with 5 native sons receiving the Medal of Honor for military valor. There are over 17,000 license plates in Pueblo registered as veterans, the second highest per capita for cities over 100,000 in the United States.

The Pueblo Veterans Memorial Bridge is just one of the many great things to see in Pueblo. To get to the Bridge take I-25 south to the 1st Ave exit. Turn right and go to Union Ave, then left. A large municipal parking lot is located at Union and D St. and the Veterans Memorial Bridge is just a short walk from that facility.





Chili Cookoff Big Hit

The building wide Chili Cookoff sponsored by ARC was held Nov. 30 with 11 contestants offering their best fare. Contest judge Burnie Zercher, ARC Board Member, had a tough time coming up with the top dish as he tasted beef, chicken, pork and even vegetarian chili. Some were sweet and spicy, while others were quite hot, according to those dining. All were declared delicious, and filling. Side dishes, which included black bean salad, mango salsa, cornbread, and chips, added greatly to the fiesta. Barb Collins was awarded the grand prize of reindeer ornaments for her vehicle. Tom Gonzalez and Matt Reeves were named 1st and 2nd runners up, respectively.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Volunteer Holiday Potluck

- Thursday, December 16th, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Pikes Peak Chapter
- ALL VOLUNTEERS AND EMPLOYEES ARE WELCOME! Please bring a dish as assigned by the first letter of your last name below:
 - Main Dish – P thru Z
 - Side – A thru H
 - Dessert – I thru O

Please RSVP to Jaici Murcia at jmurcia@pparc.org

Volunteer Training and Orientations

The 2011 orientation and training calendar are available at www.pparc.org beginning December 1, 2010. Be sure to check it out and register for YOUR required trainings!

2011 Quarterly DSHR All-Teams Meetings (6:00 PM)

JAN 12 – COS
APR 13 – COS

JUL 13 – COS
OCT 12 – COS



Veteran's Day Parade

All across Southern Colorado, the Red Cross supported celebrations honoring military veterans starting on Saturday, November 6th when the Pikes Peak Chapter, Southeast Branch, and Fort Carson stations marched in both the Colorado Springs and Pueblo Veteran's Day parades with over 70 volunteers participating.

A two-day pre-deployment event for the 308th MP Company also had Red Cross volunteers with the Service to the Armed Forces program out at the DoubleTree Hotel, World Arena, providing information on the Red Cross's military emergency messaging, deployment preparation, and family support on November 6th and 7th.

Following this active weekend, staff and volunteer were present for the dedication of the Veteran's Bridge in Pueblo as well as a veteran's celebration in LaJunta. As the Service to the Armed Forces program grows, current planning efforts are focused on VA outpatient clinics and nursing homes operating in five different counties across the entire Pikes Peak Chapter region.

Holiday Gift Giving Ideas

Stocking Stuffers



4x4 FA Kit
\$5



CPR Key Chain
\$4

Gifts for Everyone



Sport FA Kit
\$12



Pillow FA Kit
\$20



Family Kit
\$25

Gifts for Pet Owners



Pet FA Kit
\$18



Dog and Cat
Books w/DVD
\$17

Gift Certificates
Any amount, good for products and classes



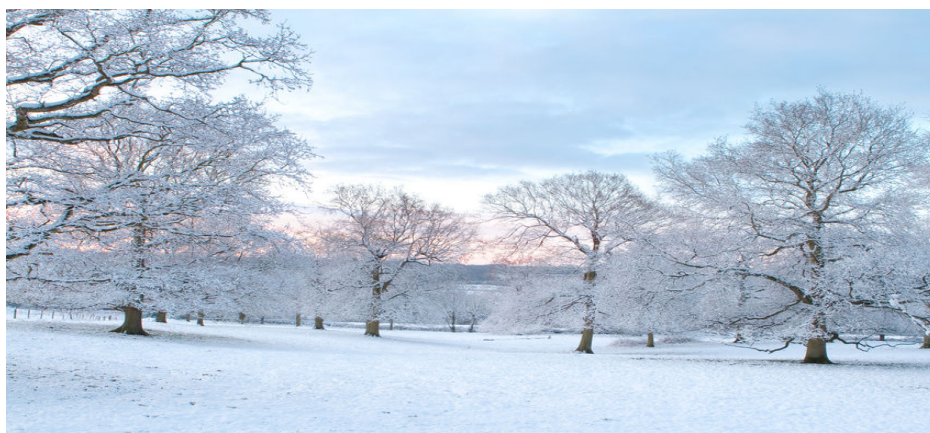
Call us at 719-632-3563 in Colorado Springs or 719-561-2614 in Pueblo

Disaster Response Increases as Winter Weather Closes in on Southern Colorado

In just the first fifteen days of November, Red Cross Disaster Action Teams (DATs) have already responded to nearly ten different home and apartment fires, officially ushering in the “busy season” that comes with the colder Colorado winter weather.

Following the seasonal plummeting temperatures and increase use of home heating systems, the holidays will bring with them increased instances of unattended cooking and the lighting of holiday candles. Together, these risks traditionally mean an increased incidence of both single and multiple-family fires.

Compounding this problem is the fact that with the slump in the economy, combined with increased heating costs, people are looking to alternative methods to heat their homes. These methods could include use of space heaters, fireplaces and even leaving the oven on. Please encourage your friends and family to *Be Red Cross Ready* and Get Informed about how to keep your home safe this winter.



Have a
Safe and
Happy
Holiday
Season!