

Commander's Special Project

Colorado Aviation Business Association and Veterans of Foreign Wars Annual Holiday Veteran Food and Toy Airlift

What is the airlift? Donations from the Re-Distribution Center, Marine Corps League, 20 VFW Posts and Auxiliaries and huge discounts from King Soopers. This is a VFW/CABA with the MSU pilot's volunteer project to help veterans. We all intend to make the holiday season a little less stressful for our fellow veterans by giving them donated food and toys and a little cheer during the holiday season. We flew planes into Burlington, Pueblo, Las Animas, Alamosa, Walsenburg, and Montrose airports. Over the past 6 years this program has delivered nearly 18,000 pounds of donated material to Colorado's veterans and their families. This year the project had generous donations from VFW Posts and Auxiliaries and kind hearted friends with a total \$4,407.38. This money was used to purchase more food and toys to supplement all the donated food and toys. This material was given to 353 Adults and 65 kids as well as 15 families with children from Fort Carson.

How can I help with this program? You can help with donated money from your Post relief fund. Your Check is made out to Department of Colorado VFW with "CABA" in the memo section. You can gather food and toys at your Post or local business places. Gather these donated items and deliver them to Department Headquarters by December 1st.

My Post would like to participate, what do we do? If you have veterans in your local area that could use food and toys at Christmas is the only requirement. You would need to identify these veterans or families that are needing some extra help and make arrangements to either have them come to your post on a special day or preferably show up at your airport on the airlift day, usually the second Sunday in December depending on the weather. Contact the Department CABA Chairperson to make the arrangements for your Post to be involved.

2017 will be the 7th Annual Airlift and it is this year's Commander's Special Project. More information will be coming at the Council of Administration meetings and your District meetings going forward throughout the year. Questions should be directed to PDC Peter Buchanan, peterbuchanan@comcast.net, 303-981-1606.

If you missed your local TV station coverage this year, here is a link where you can view our Las Animas airlift: <https://vimeo.com/195849186> This report was put together by MSU Denver videographer John Arnold who did a wonderful job covering our operation.

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Over 18000# of food and toys donated over 6 years with thousands of veterans & families made a little happier during the Christmas Holiday. Planes flown by MSU student pilots to remote VFW Posts around Colorado the second week of December.

Countless hours of volunteer hours and miles all donated to support our fellow veterans and their families.

Please donate from your relief fund and collect toys and non-perishable food by December 1 to Department Headquarters. Please indicate "CABA" in the memo section of your check.

More Pallets of food to the Airport

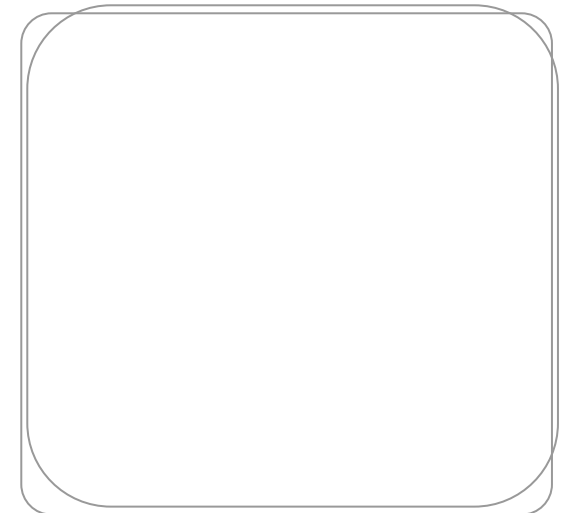
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