



# Newsletter

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## First Edition of the Mountain Post Historical Center Association Newsletter



Welcome to the first edition of the Mountain Post Historical Center Association (MPHCA) newsletter. We want to keep our donors, contributors and the community informed on the progress of the \$18 million Mountain Post Historical Center project.

The MPHCA is a 501 (c)(3) organization whose mission is to build a dramatic landmark dedicated to telling a wider audience the story of Fort Carson, its people, its national connections, and its shared history with surrounding communities since 1942.

The 30,000 square foot Mountain Post Historical Center (MPHC) will be located just outside Fort Carson’s main gate on Colorado Highway 115 across from the Cheyenne Mountain State Park.

**The MPHC will be a welcome center, a historical center, and a place of honor – a legacy to those who have served at Fort Carson.**

The MPHC will serve as a place to educate newly assigned Soldiers, family members, veterans, students and civilian visitors about Fort Carson and its history. It will also be a focal point for reunions of Fort Carson veterans from each era since World War II. The MPHC will promote educational programs and serve the needs of the Post, veterans’ organizations, as well as youth and civic groups.

The MPHC’s exhibit master plan will be done by Christopher Chadbourne & Associates. The Boston-based firm’s portfolio includes the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Quantico, VA and exhibits in the Smithsonian and the Grand Canyon Visitors Center.

Led by a volunteer executive committee comprised of Colorado Springs community leaders, the project is entering its Phase II – Capital Campaign.

### MPHC Centennial Grove – Ceremonial Tree Planting Scheduled

- **What:** Tree planting ceremony
- **When:** Monday, September 15, 2008
- **Time:** 10:00 - 11:00 am
- **Speakers:** Robert Cordova, Colorado Conservation Districts  
Lou Mellini, MPHCA Board President

The MPHC Centennial Grove, adjacent to the MPHC site, will memorialize Mountain Post Soldiers since 1942 who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Tree species, purchased by Colorado’s 77 Conservation Districts, include Ponderosa pine, Honey Locust, Crabapple and Linden chosen with the area’s climate and soils in mind. Supplemental watering through a drip irrigation system will ensure the grove’s longevity.

The Mountain Post Historical Center Association (MPHCA) is a 501 (c)(3) organization whose mission is to support the efforts to build the Mountain Post Historical Center (MPHC), a dramatic, State-of-the-art facility to be located outside the gates of Fort Carson.

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# MPHC Design/Build Committee Moving Forward



On the third Friday of each month, a dedicated group of community members meets at the offices of HB&A, a local architecture and planning firm in downtown Colorado Springs, to work on the planning, design and future construction of the Mountain Post Historical Center (MPHC).

The MPHC Design/Build Committee has made significant progress in the planning and design of the facility, which will be located just outside Fort Carson's main gate, directly across from Cheyenne Mountain State Park. The site plan includes the 30,000 square foot facility, Centennial Grove, which will feature 77 trees and other native vegetation, a dedicated area for expanded memorials, pedestrian pathways and locations for outdoor exhibits.

The MPHC Design/Build Committee's additional responsibility for artifact donor information and oral history development will become the committee's focus once the site plan is complete.

HB&A was hired by the MPHCA, Executive Committee in August 2005 to plan, design and construct the MPHC. Upon completion, operations and facility maintenance will be turned over to the US Army at Fort Carson, CO.

If you'd like to be part of this volunteer committee, please contact Hal Alguire at [Hal.Alguire@us.army.mil](mailto:Hal.Alguire@us.army.mil) or Cordis Foster at [CFoster@aztecgc.com](mailto:CFoster@aztecgc.com).

## Notes

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## Local Artist Supports MPHC Project

*“If I am unable to take up arms  
in defense of our great country,  
it is my duty as an American  
to honor those who do.”*

— Joseph Bonomo, November 2006

Born in Brooklyn, NY, Joseph Bonomo grew up in typical New York City fashion: parochial school, elevated trains and street corners where his artistic talent was evident from a young age.

Bonomo’s art is inspired by the writings of Robert Henri, the composition of John Singer Sargent, and the nuance of Giovanni Boldini. Bonomo approaches the canvas with a blend of artistic inspiration, a traditional sense of form and application, and an energetic excitement that transcends the stroke of the brush.

Bonomo does not simply copy to a canvas what he sees in life. “A portrait painting must be a realization of the model; it must capture the essence of the person’s presence.”

“People will always be a major focal point of my art. It is what makes our time here so interesting; life and the people who live it,” he says. His artwork captures people doing things that are meaningful to them. It is in these everyday moments that people have the greatest impact on one another. It is what attracts people to Joseph’s work. Whether romantic, silly, or nostalgic, people are drawn in by everyday situations that make up this life we live. Bonomo is a member of the Portrait Society of America and the American Society of Portrait Artists. For more information, visit [www.BonomoArt.com](http://www.BonomoArt.com)

Proceeds from the sale of these prints benefit the construction the MPHC.



### By His Appointment Print

By His Appointment, by Joseph Bonomo—Gold Framed 19.75 x 18in collectible offset lithograph limited to 500 signed and numbered prints with a 50mm numbered Mountain Post Historical Center Challenge Coin. Price \$310.00 (includes shipping).



### Let's Roll Print

Let's Roll, by Joseph Bonomo—Silver Framed 19.75 x 16in collectible offset lithograph limited to 500 signed and numbered prints with a 50mm numbered Mountain Post Historical Center Challenge Coin. Price \$290.00 (includes shipping).

## MPHC – Colorado State Enterprise Zone Designation

On March 12, 2007, the Colorado State Economic Development Commission designated the MPHC as a Colorado State Enterprise Zone. This designation means that Colorado taxpayers can enhance the power of their gifts to the MPHC.

With the MPHC's Enterprise Zone designation, individuals and businesses that make cash contributions of \$250-\$100,000 will receive a 25% state tax credit for their donation. In-kind contributions of \$250-\$50,000 qualify for a 12.5% state tax credit.

“This tax credit will be a tremendous boost to the MPHC Executive Committee's efforts to raise \$18 million for the 30,000 square-foot museum and memorial that will be located outside the front gates of Fort Carson,” said Terry Sullivan, President and CEO of the Colorado Springs Convention & Visitors Bureau and MPHCA Vice President.

“Our dual status as a non-profit organization and a state enterprise project makes support of our project very advantageous to grass roots supporters and major sponsors alike,” Sullivan said. “The enterprise zone tax incentive was a key to the fundraising success that made the vision of the Colorado Springs World Arena a reality.”

### How to Donate:

Make your check payable to “El Paso County Enterprise Zone,” write “MPHC” in the memo line and mail it to:

Bank at Broadmoor  
Mountain Post Historical Center  
Attn: Fran Decker  
155 Lake Avenue,  
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

Note: You will receive Colorado Department of Revenue form DR0075, “Certification of Qualified Enterprise Zone Contribution,” in the mail from MPHC in time to file with your Colorado State Income Tax forms.

For more information on the MPHC call 719-633-2867, email [Info@FortCarsonMuseum.com](mailto:Info@FortCarsonMuseum.com) or visit [www.FortCarsonMuseum.com](http://www.FortCarsonMuseum.com)

For more information on the Colorado Enterprise Zone, consult “Tax Information Index for Contribution to Enterprise Zone” at [www.TaxColorado.com](http://www.TaxColorado.com)

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