

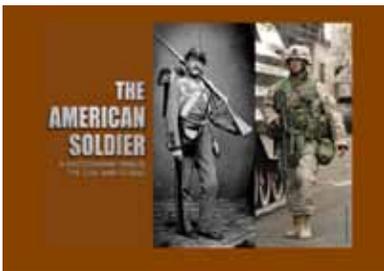
Newsletter

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THE AMERICAN SOLDIER

A Photographic Tribute: The Civil War to the War in Iraq

MPHCA project to receive a portion of the proceeds from this exhibit.



About the exhibit:

The dramatic exhibition captures the essence of American soldiering over a period of more than 150 years. With the birth of photography, the camera became a notebook to history, starting with the Civil War.

Soldiers look at us through the camera lens: across the years and the miles. The 116 enlarged photographs cover America at war starting with the Civil War, then to the Spanish American War, Boxer Rebellion, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, Afghanistan, and ultimately to the streets of Baghdad.

Curated and produced by Cyma Rubin, the exhibition captures the danger and the frustration,

the humor and the beauty, the camaraderie, the death and the victory that American soldiers and Marines encountered in their odyssey through history. The experience continues to this day, as they battle in the mountains of Afghanistan and the urban environs of Iraq.

“We are honored to be part of this historic and compelling exhibit’s stop in Colorado Springs,” states Terry Sullivan, Vice President of the Mountain Post Historical Center Association: “We hope the citizens of Colorado Springs and surrounding areas will take advantage of this incredible opportunity. It’s a chance to educate and inform citizens of all ages about the tremendous service and sacrifice of the “AMERICAN SOLDIER.”

Proceeds from “THE AMERICAN SOLDIER” exhibit will go to local non-profit organizations benefiting the military: The Mountain Post Historical Center and Homefront Cares.

A Photographic Tribute: The Civil War to the War in Iraq

- **What:**
THE AMERICAN SOLDIER. Pulitzer prize-winning photographs of American Soldiers
- **When:**
June 13 - September 13, 2009
- **Hours of operation:**
Wednesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Sunday, Noon - 5 p.m.
- **Where:**
Phil Long Expo Center
- **Tickets:**
Adult tickets, \$6.00/person
Military, seniors and children under 12, \$4.00/person
- **Group Sales:**
Tickets for parties of 20 or more, \$4.00/person
- **Ticket Info:**
719-867-6625 or visit www.americansoldiertribute.com

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MOUNTAIN POST VETERAN SPOTLIGHT

Story by: Latoya Lucas

SFC Steve Zerger

(Ret.)



In the Army many soldiers are well aware of how difficult it is to get Fort Carson as a duty station. One retired soldier had the privilege of serving not once, twice, or thrice, but four times at the Mountain Post.

SFC Steve Zerger (Retired) served at Fort Carson on four separate occasions, in 1966, 1973, 1979, and 1984. He retired from Fort Carson in 1986 after serving 22 years in the Army. SFC Zerger, who was an 11B, Infantryman and later in his career a 94B, Food Service Specialist, served honorably with the 4th Infantry Division. He had many memorable moments at Fort Carson but above all else, he recalls the good people and dedicated soldiers on the post where he loved to serve. SFC Zerger was wounded in Vietnam on March 14, 1970 while serving with the 1st Air Cavalry Division. He talks about how he really wants to see the Mountain Post Historical Center become a reality. SFC Zerger is a life-member in the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH), a veteran's organization comprised of combat-wounded veterans and service members.

He is very active in MOPH Chapter #423 in Fountain, CO. He is the recipient of the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and ARCOM w/V-Device. SFC Zerger resides in Southern Colorado with his wife Karen.

Please visit our recently redesigned website and check out all the latest news and upcoming events www.mountainposthistoricalcenter.org



This is an excerpt of a report written by Sarah Oldach for her 8th grade English class. To read the entire report please visit our website at www.mountainposthistoricalcenter.org

The Wounds of Freedom

“And beneath the starry flag,
We shall breathe the air again
of the free land in our own beloved home...
Yes, we’ll rally ‘round the flag boys,
We’ll rally once again...”

George Frederick Root wrote these lyrics as an encouraging march song during the Civil War. This song talks about all the soldiers gathering, “...round the flag...again,” to win the war for the Union. These times were rough—not just because of the financial cost of the war, but also because of the human toll the war took on families by tearing them apart. Freedom has cost America a tremendous amount since its inception, but these costs have been necessary to preserve the country Americans know and love today. History has shown that no matter how a country tries to secure freedom, it is never free.

This idea lies at the foundation of our country's beginning. The fact that the founding fathers staked their lives on the pursuit of freedom from the British crown is evidence of the great cost that freedom entails. A long war followed, with many overwhelming hardships not even George Washington could have predicted. One of the war's hardest battles was Valley Forge. The brutality of the cold snow was unforgiving, and the casualties (over 2,000 men) were staggering. Despite the nearly insurmountable conditions of war, these troops fought on because they were living for something larger than themselves: freedom.

Freedom, it turns out, is anything but free. Of course, those things worth something have a cost. Whether it is a dollar that was dropped in the donations box, a vigilant prayer, or a son who fought to keep America free, freedom demands contribution from every citizen so it can survive the ages of a country.

Gay & Lesbian Fund for Colorado \$25,000 challenge grant matches funds raised through February 24, 2010



The challenge grant awarded to the Mountain Post Historical Center Association by the Gay & Lesbian Fund for Colorado will help to build the Mountain Post Historical Center (MPHC).



Money raised will help operations, stimulate donor base

The \$25,000 challenge grant will be used to raise operating support funds. It will also act as a catalyst by adding to the Mountain Post Historical Center's base of contributors so vitally needed to build the state of the art facility.

About the Gay & Lesbian Fund for Colorado

The Gay & Lesbian Fund for Colorado was founded in 1996 as a project of the Gill Foundation with a goal of supporting nonprofit organizations that enhance quality of life throughout the state and promoting equality for all people regardless of sexual orientation and gender expression.

The MPCHA Executive Team said in a joint statement: "This is a great opportunity to enhance our fundraising efforts, the Gay & Lesbian Fund for Colorado has an admirable track record of supporting our Soldiers".

Dollar for Dollar match goes away next February

The MPHCA has until February 24, 2010 to match the grant. Two options qualify your donation for the dollar for dollar match:

- Gifts from first-time donors
- Donors who increase their gifts to the MPHC

Whether you are thinking of donating for the very first time to help make the MPHC a reality, or considering an additional donation, this is a perfect time to do it as your dollars will go twice as far.

For more information about participating in this matching grant opportunity, contact Becky Bayer-Hughes, Executive Director at (719) 633-2867 or go to www.MountainPostHistoricalCenter.org

Fort Carson Facts

Fort Carson is the second largest employer in all of Colorado. In fact Colorado Springs was smaller than Pueblo by a long shot before the Fort opened its gates in 1942. Here are some amazing facts about Fort Carson and its impact on our community.

Population

- Military: 18,106 (which by the end of this year will be 24,600)
- Family Members: 27,600 (growing to 37,400 by the end of 2009)
- Civilian Employees: 4,500
- 5th largest retiree community in the U.S. (18,940)

Economic Impact (FY07 Data):

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| • Military Payroll | \$1.048 B |
| • Civilian Payroll | \$129.4 M |
| • Local purchases/GPC | \$169.7 M |
| • Military Construction | \$222.8 M |
| • Rent & Lease Payment | \$94.0 K |
| • Tuition Assistance/Grants | \$4.8M |
| • Tricare Payments | \$45.2 M |
| • Utilities | \$15.8 M |

Total: \$1.636 B

Ft. Carson and its soldiers have a huge, positive impact on our community! A donation to the MPHC tells them just how much you appreciate their service, commitment and sacrifice.

Turning a Spade of Dirt Site of future home of MPHC to see construction activity in 2009

This summer the 4th Infantry Division returns from Ft. Hood, Texas to the Mountain Post after a fourteen year absence. The 4th Infantry Division has a storied history and legacy. Just as capturing the entire history of the Mountain Post from 1942 to present day is important, so is the preservation of the legacy of the 4th ID. Relocation of the 4th ID brings with it up to \$750,000 in approved monies to construct a 5,000 square foot facility to display and store

some of the Division's valuable artifacts and pieces of history.

MPHC leaders recently met with the interim command of the 4th ID to discuss combining our efforts to ultimately complete a 30,000 square foot Historical Center, reflecting the entire history of the Mountain Post. Since moving their heritage from Ft. Hood to Ft. Carson and having a place to put it is a high priority, don't be surprised to see dirt being moved

and construction taking place in close proximity to the existing MPHC site prior to the end of 2009.

When a construction schedule is announced, expect supporters of the Mountain Post Historical Center to be invited to participate in "turning the first spade of dirt" in the first step toward completion of the Mountain Post Historical Center.

Enterprise zone designation makes honoring the military even more rewarding!

With the MPHC's Enterprise Zone designation, individuals and business who 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.

Send your check to:

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

If your donation qualifies make your check payable to "El Paso County Enterprise Zone," write "MPHC" in the memo line.

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 Colorado Enterprise Zone, consult "Tax Information Index for Contribution to Enterprise Zone" at www.TaxColorado.com

For more information on the MPHC call 719-633-2867, email Info@MountainPostHistoricalCenter.com or visit www.MountainPostHistoricalCenter.org

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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THE MOUNTAIN POST HISTORICAL CENTER

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Along with many other committed volunteers, I have spent the past seven years pursuing the vision of building a venue that will become known as the Mountain Post Historical Center. This historical venue

will be a gathering place for military reunions; a place where active duty Soldiers, family members and relatives can share in the history and spirit of the Mountain Post. Just as the Chapel has become synonymous with the Air Force Academy; someday the Mountain Post Historical Center will become an iconic symbol identified with Fort Carson.

TERRY SULLIVAN

President & CEO, Convention & Visitors Bureau, Vice President, MPHCA