

VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE PROGRAM

Presentation of Colors - Harry C. Miller American Legion Post 1187

Please stand - military and veterans render their hand salute if covered IAW US Code Title 10

National Anthem - Byron Miller

Invocation - Deacon Ed DeMattee, *Catholic Diocese of Colorado Springs, Representing the Military Outreach Ministry*

Moment of Silence - followed by Amazing Grace (Jay Allen, Castle Rock Fire Department Pipes & Drums)

Pledge of Allegiance - Gary Weston, US Navy, Douglas County Veterans Service Office

Wreaths Across America - Tanya Smith, American Heritage Girls Troop 8909 Castle Rock

Opening Remarks & Recognition - Col. Sean Pechon, USMC, Retired, DC Veterans Monument Foundation

Special Music - Byron Miller

Welcoming Remarks - Douglas County Commissioners George Teal, Abe Laydon and Kevin Van Winkle

Guest Speaker - Phillip Koontz (US Navy, Former SEAL)

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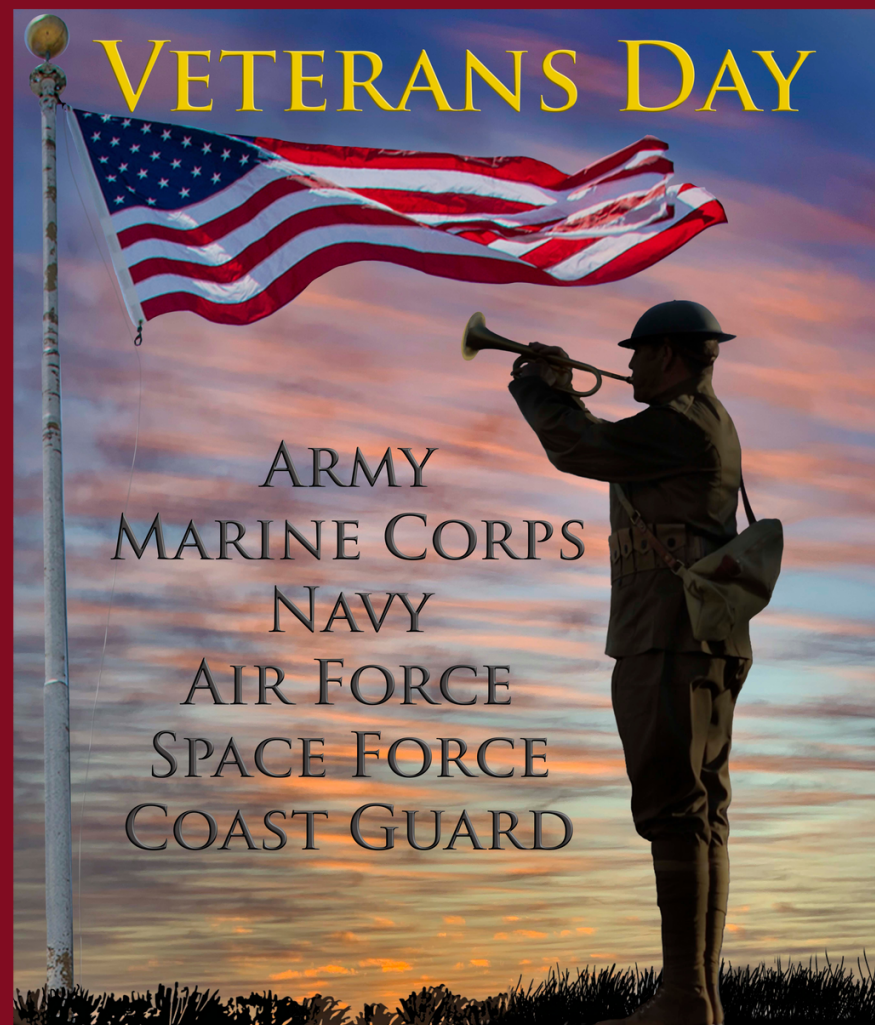
Heroes Hall Foundation - LTC Michael McNairy, US Air Force, Retired

Closing Remarks - CSM Chris Maes, US Army, Retired

SGT McKenzie, We Were Soldiers, (Jay Allen, Castle Rock Fire Department Pipes & Drums)

Join us as we honor all Veterans,
past and present.

Saturday, Nov. 8 at 11 a.m.
Veterans Monument Plaza
301 Wilcox Street in Castle Rock



Phillip Koontz

Former SEAL US Navy

Phillip Koontz spent nearly decade proudly serving our country as a Navy SEAL including 78 combat missions.

Today, Phillip brings forth the skills and life experiences he developed in the military to serve his community as a motivational speaker, business coach, best-selling author and volunteer for organizations such as the Anti-Human Trafficking Bureau.

Phillip lives in Monument, Colorado with his wife and 5 children.



Thank you

Thank you all for being here as we gather to honor and remember the brave men and women who have served our country. Veterans Day is a time to reflect on the sacrifices made by those who put on the uniform — sacrifices of time, family, comfort, and in many cases, peace of mind.

As we express our gratitude, we also recognize that some of the most difficult battles our Veterans face don't end when they come home. They take the form of post-traumatic stress, anxiety, depression, and a deep struggle to adjust to civilian life. Mental health is not an afterthought to service — it's an essential part of honoring our Veterans. When we talk about supporting our troops, that support must continue long after the battlefield. It means ensuring our Veterans have access to care, a community that understands them, and the courage to ask for help without shame. Today's program is dedicated not only to honoring the service of our Veterans but also to shining a light on their mental health needs.

Let us remember: gratitude is powerful, but action is even more meaningful. Let today be more than a tribute — let it be a commitment to care.



BYRON MILLER

Byron is an established Castle Rock musician and a 30-year Colorado resident. A passionate guitarist, keyboardist and singer, he regularly performs at a variety of venues in Douglas County.