



*The Clear Creek County Veterans Coalition helps local Veterans to access the benefits and recognition they deserve with dignity and honor. We assist them in assimilating and re-adjusting to civilian life in the most effective and satisfying ways possible by advocating for Veterans and their families and promoting a concerted effort between Veteran service organizations on their behalf.*

*We conduct media and outreach efforts addressing issues of Veterans struggling with legal and mental health concerns surrounding PTSD, traumatic brain injury, crisis intervention and substance abuse.*

*We are currently sponsoring the effort to rename the Twin Tunnels near Idaho Springs the "Veterans Memorial Tunnels" to show the county's support for Veterans. The project has gotten unbelievable support from our community, the Board of County Commissioners, CDOT, all of the veterans service organizations in the county, the Idaho Springs City Council. The legislation to change the name of the tunnels will be introduced jointly By Sen. Kevin Grantham (R), Representative Claire Levy's successor, and Sen. Jeanne Nicholson (D). in January, 2014.*

*An average of 49,000 people per day will see the signs. Many will realize that our county is a place that supports Veterans. Every aspect has been covered except for one...and that's where we need your help. By law and CDOT policy, taxpayer funds cannot be used for the signage to rename a highway, tunnel, bridge, or other public transportation, no matter how noble the cause. The total cost for the signs, procured through CDOT, will cost \$2,000 - \$3,000. We currently have \$2,160 collected.*

*We will be collecting funds through the 501(c) 3 account for the Elks Lodge in Idaho Springs. All donations are tax deductible, and any amount will help.*

*Please make checks payable to:       **ELKS B.P.O.E. #607***  
*On the memo line, please write:       **Veterans Memorial Tunnels***  
*Checks can be mailed to:               **The Clear Creek Veterans Coalition***  
***PO Box 2578***  
***Evergreen, CO 80437***

*With Much Gratitude,*

*George Clark, BrigGen (ret.) USAF  
Chairman, Clear Creek County Veterans Coalition*