



Newsletter

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TriWest Healthcare Alliance Makes \$250,000 Gift to MPHA!

The Mountain Post Historical Center (MPHC) recently received a major boost when TriWest Healthcare Alliance announced a \$250,000 gift to the campaign. The gift will be used for the “groundbreaking, construction and development of exhibits paying tribute to military personnel over the past 67 years.” It is the first “Three-Star” level gift to the MPHC campaign.

In announcing the \$250,000 gift, David J. McIntyre, President and CEO of TriWest, remarked, “We sincerely value the opportunity to be associated with the Mountain Post Historical Center and its commitment to provide a unique perspective and educational programs that honor the veterans of Fort Carson. It is truly a pleasure and a privilege for us to contribute to the important work being done by your excellent organization.”

Don Brown, Vice President, Central Market for TriWest Healthcare Alliance, was presented with a rendering of the Mountain Post Historical Center, as well as a “Let’s Roll” print by artist Joe Bonomo. In accepting the prints, Brown remarked that he was excited about seeing the museum becoming a reality. “With the proud heritage of Fort Carson, I was surprised to learn that it is the only Army base in (the TriWest Central Market region) without a museum. I’ve never understood that. When we finally walk through the completed project, we will be very proud to know that we were a part of it.”

TriWest has a well-deserved reputation for quality health care and access to locally based, cost-effective services for military personnel, retirees and their families. In accepting the gift on behalf of the Mountain Post Historical Association, LTG (ret.) Edward Soriano, Chairman of the MPHA Board of Directors, commented that the contribution was further evidence of TriWest’s commitment to the military families they serve. “TriWest’s gift not only acknowledges the important role of Fort Carson and the Soldiers who serve there, but also honors the sacrifices they make on a daily basis. For those who have fought, for those who have fallen, and for those who continue to serve and defend, we accept this gift and are very grateful for TriWest’s support.”



Left to Right: Mr. Terry Sullivan, Vice President, MPHA, Mr. Don Brown, Vice President, Central Market for TriWest Healthcare Alliance, Mr. Lou Mellini, Past President, MPHA

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Fort Carson Legends

By COL (Ret.) Dave Hughes

As Fort Carson approaches its 70th birthday, its Museum will document the history of units and noted military leaders who served there. A few became legends. Here is the story of one of them, H.R. McMasters.

One of the difficult issues the Army faced after the frustrations of Vietnam was whether Army Maneuver units, which had learned their craft from conventional WWII battles, could effectively wage “Counterinsurgent Warfare,” with its premium on winning hearts and minds and hunting down dangerous insurgents while constituting representative local civilian government.

One Fort Carson Commander, and one very conventionally equipped and organized Cavalry regiment proved they could do both. That commander was Colonel, now Brigadier General, H.R. McMasters, and that unit was Fort Carson’s 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment.

In 1991 McMasters was a Captain, commanding Eagle Troop of the 2d Armored Cavalry Regiment during the conventional combat of Desert Storm. His unit carried off a perfect victory – with no casualties – while destroying a superior Iraqi Armored Force in the legendary “Battle of 73 Easting.” That action gave McMasters a place in conventional military history books.

Then in 2005, in the midst of the very confusing Iraq war where the full-blown insurgency – following a conventional invasion – was confounding commanders and units alike, Col McMaster’s 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment deployed to Iraq from Fort Carson. Over 18 months, his unit totally defeated Al Quada insurgents embedded in Tal Afar and so successfully reconstituted Tal Afar’s government and local military forces that it merited public praise by President Bush. Tal Afar’s Mayor Najim even came to America to visit the ACR at Fort Carson to honor it and then McMasters in Washington, DC.

Herbert Raymond McMasters Jr. has been controversial, as almost all determined revolutionary military pioneers have been. But I am sure there will be room in the Fort Carson Museum for both him and the 3d Armored Cavalry unit that broke the one-dimensional traditional military mold.



Colonel HR McMasters



The 3d ACR Insignia

Fort Carson approaches
its 70th birthday



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Historical Center



Phase One Artifact Display Facility Update

By Steven Rubnke, Curator, 4th Infantry Division and Fort Carson Museum Activity

Finally.... a museum presence at Fort Carson.

Construction is complete on the Phase One artifact display facility, 4th Infantry Division and Fort Carson Museum. We gained title to the building in January 2011 and will begin design, fabrication, and installation of exhibits soon. Tentatively, we are planning for a public opening in June, just in time for the summer season.

The museum will interpret the history of both Fort Carson and the 4th Infantry Division. Though limited in size, the museum will exhibit many rare and unique artifacts. We plan to utilize the openness of the gallery space to incorporate a central Fort

Carson display area surrounded by chronological displays for the 4th Infantry Division—The Ivy Division. The museum is for everyone; service members, family members, retirees, and the supportive public. We intend to incorporate a separate children's area and promote history using a fun and entertaining educational approach.

When completed the artifact display facility museum will serve as a bridge to the future Mountain Post Historical Center, and provide a glimpse of what that facility will provide. It will also be a place where people without military identification will find easy access to the centerpiece of Fort Carson.



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The Mountain Post Historical Association (MPHA) is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to support the efforts to build the Mountain Post Historical Center (MPHA), a dramatic, state-of-the-art facility to be built outside the gates of Fort Carson. The center will honor the history of the Soldiers who served at Fort Carson, past, present and future.

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Individuals and businesses making cash contributions of \$250-100,000 can receive a 25% tax credit for their contribution. (In-kind contributions of \$250-\$125,000 qualify for a 12.5% tax credit.)

It's easy to receive the tax credit:

- (1) Make your check payable to "El Paso County Enterprise Zone" and write "MPHA" in the memo line. To receive the tax credit, your donation must be at least \$250.
- (2) Send your check to the MPHA at 1631 Mesa Avenue, Suite A; Colorado Springs, CO 80906.
- (3) You will receive a receipt and all necessary tax documents from MPHA in time to file your Colorado tax form.

Here's an example of just how powerful your gift can be and just how little it can cost (less than 50 cents on the dollar!):

Donation to MPHA		\$1,000
EZone Credit	(\$250)	
Federal income tax deduction*	(\$217)	
State income tax deduction (\$46)		
Total credits and deductions	(\$513)	(\$513)
After-tax cost of your contribution		\$487

*This example is for illustrative purposes only.
Please consult your own tax advisor for your specific situation.*

**Federal deduction reduced because of the add-back effect of reduced state tax.*

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