



## Operation: "Thank a Veteran"

A community Veteran's Recognition Service to honor all veterans and active duty men and women serving in the Armed Forces is being organized by the members of Boy Scout Troop 16 and members of Joe White's church, Providence. **This service will be held on Friday, November 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Providence Church which is located at 18632 Pony Express Drive; Parker, CO 80134.** (across the street from the main Post Office)

Parker Mayor Mike Waid has agreed to be the guest speaker for this special event. A reception to meet Mayor Waid and all the honorees will be held immediately after the recognition service

We feel this will be a perfect opportunity for the young people of our community to learn about the roles involved in patriotism, the sacrificial service our veterans have given our country, and how these special men and women have created the environment of freedom that we have today.

To accomplish this goal we are enlisting help from you, the parent, and your scouting sons and daughters. On the reverse side of this page, we have outlined the tasks needed to make the program a success and we can't wait to be in partnership with you in this community collaboration.

Thank you in advance,

Joe White and Pastor David Van Deren  
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## Four Simple Ways for Each Scout to Be Involved in Operation: Thank a Veteran

1. **Express your interest and sign up to participate in Operation Thank a Veteran** (A sign up sheet is available here tonight, or you can sign up through the [www.bsa16.org](http://www.bsa16.org) website in a few days)
2. **Invite someone you know that has or is currently serving in one of the military service groups to attend this honoring occasion** with you and your family. The person you invite can be a parent, a grandparent, an aunt or uncle, a friend of the family, or a neighbor. (Invitations can be provided)
3. **Sometime before November 11<sup>th</sup>, have a 20 minute conversation with the person you have invited** to be honored at the Veteran Recognition Service. Talk with them about their sacrifice, roles and experiences using the sample question sheet available.
4. **On November 11<sup>th</sup>, during the 7:00 service, we will ask you to introduce your guest**, and tell the audience something special that you learned about your guest and his/her role in the military. (You can use your question sheet for this!)

Additionally, if your interested in serving by providing leadership in the following areas:

5. We will need some scouts who will be willing to be the Color Guard to bring in the American Flag and Church Flag at the beginning, and to carry them out at the end of the service. (This can be several scouts)
6. We will need a scout who will be willing to leading the Pledge of Allegiance.
7. We will need some scouts who will be willing to read a short scripture from the Old and New Testament. (Can be 1 or 2 different scouts)
8. We will need some scouts who will be willing to read a short opening prayer, and a short closing prayer. (Can be 1 or 2 different scouts)

Other things you might need to know: Joe White has agreed to be the "Lead Scout" for this activity. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Pastor David Van Deren at 303-870-9049, or Joe White.