



## United Veterans Committee of Colorado

### 2011 State Goals

*The following document contains the proposed 2011 UVC State Legislative Goals. The numbering does not reflect a priority order.*

#### **State Legislative Goals:**

1. Support legislative and departmental efforts to conclude the sale of DHS's Trinidad State Nursing Home at fair market value with the proceeds going to the State Veterans Nursing Home "505" fund.
2. Monitor and protect all moneys in the Veterans Trust Fund and VTF income stream (tobacco settlement) so that funds are used consistent with the purposes specified in statute.
3. Support legislation to protect the federal per diem funding, including "505" fund for veterans in state nursing homes from un-authorized use by non-veteran entities.
4. Support funding for the programs administered by the Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs, including: (a) an incentive-based funding increase for the County Veterans Service Officer Program; (b) sufficient funding for administration, maintenance and operation of the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery of Western Colorado
5. Support capital construction and controlled maintenance funding for all State Veterans Nursing homes.
6. Support funding to restore the historic buildings at the State Veterans Center at Homelake, and for the operation, maintenance, and administration of the Homelake cemetery.
7. Support funding for programs serving veterans that are administered by the Department of Human Services, the Department of Labor and Employment, and other State agencies.
8. Support needed action for the planning, funding and construction of a domiciliary care, assisted living and other related veteran health care facilities to be located on the vacant land south and north of the existing State Veterans Nursing Home at Fitzsimons (Aurora), as endorsed by the State Board of Human Services, the State Board of Veterans Affairs and United Veterans Committee.
9. Support staffing for a statewide "Veterans Information Center," an information and referral directory system for government and recognized non-government organization providing veteran services and support.
10. Support establishment of a permanent military and veterans display inside the new Colorado History Museum.

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