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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Pagosa Springs Welcomes Our Nation's Wounded Warriors June 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>**

The Pagosa Springs Chamber of Commerce is pleased to host soldiers who have been wounded in war. The idea originated from the parents of a wounded warrior who had offered to donate their Pagosa Springs residence as a retreat for a soldier. The idea has since grown from there.

Pagosa Springs will welcome 15 soldiers, each accompanied by their primary caretaker, who will be transported by *Angel Flights West*. On Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, the soldiers will begin arriving at the Stevens Field Airport in Pagosa Springs. The soldiers will have their own vehicle transportation (handicap accessible for their individual needs).

Activities are available to the soldiers depending on their level of interest and ability:

- Horseback riding
- White water rafting
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Soak in therapeutic mineral baths
- Massage
- Historic tours of Pagosa Springs
- Rodeo on Thursday nights
- Archery
- Camping

There have been many outstanding sponsorships of non-monetary and monetary items to help assist in the soldier's stay. Sponsors have provided: gift cards to restaurants, services, tours, massage, activities, and welcome basket items.

Monday morning, June 1<sup>st</sup>, is the official welcoming for the Warriors. The schedule of the events is listed below. The Springs Resort and Spa is the host for this event.

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## **Schedule of events:**

### Monday, June 1, 2009

- 9:00 am: Procession from Stevens Field Airport on Highway 160 to downtown Pagosa Springs. The public is encouraged to line our streets to welcome the Wounded Warriors.
- 9:30 am: Arrive at The Springs Resort (west side parking lot)
- 9:45 am: Welcome to Pagosa Springs
- Welcome comments by Archuleta County Board of County Commissioner Chairman Robert Moomaw and Town of Pagosa Springs Mayor Ross Aragon
- 9:50 am: Patriotic and inspirational singing by Russ Murphy
- Presentation of the Colors by the Pagosa Springs American Legion
  - National Anthem sung by Wounded Warrior Zaneta Adams
- 9:55 am: Fly-over by local pilots
- 10:05 am: Invocation by Commander Don Strait, USN (Ret)
- 10:10 am: Keynote speaker: Brigadier General Anthony J. Rock
- 10:30 am: Introduction of Wounded Warriors and Program Overview
- Captain Bill McKown, U.S. Navy Ret., Airport Manager
  - Autumn Daily, Event Coordinator Chamber of Commerce
- 10:50 am: Closing Remarks, Sponsor Acknowledgement and Appreciation
- Mary Jo Coulehan, Director, Chamber of Commerce

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