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Planning the DMVA's future

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The DMVA is a dynamic organization that oversees a variety of key functions throughout the state. One of the key roles that ensures the DMVA continues to operate effectively is the role of Budget Director.

The Budget Director's job is to accurately predict, manage, and account for the DMVA's fiscal assets no matter the source. As the DMVA is made up of a mixture of state and federal assets, with funds executed to three distinct departments, this is quite the daunting task.

That is why the department is thrilled to welcome Ms. Joo Kang to the DMVA!

Joo came to the DMVA from the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment where she served as a Budget Manager.

"I applied to the DMVA because I wanted a new challenge. I wanted to be a part of moving a department forward," said Joo.

Originally from Seoul, South Korea, Joo left a successful accounting career and moved to the United States to pursue a graduate degree in 2000. She graduated from Denver University and fell in love with Colorado.

"I wanted something new," said Joo. "Accounting looks to the past, and budget looks to the future, I realized that was what I wanted to be doing."

Joo went on to work for the City and County of Denver's Department of Human Services budget office. Shortly afterwards she took a job in Broomfield.



Joo eventually took a job at the Colorado Department of Health and Human Services. She has been with the state ever since, holding positions in the Department of Revenue, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Public Health and the Environment, and now the DMVA!

Outside of work, Joo is married with a daughter. She is also an avid hiker. "Being outside helps me relax and get away from work," said Joo. "Colorado has 300 days of sunshine so it would be a waste to not get out and about."

The DMVA is thrilled to have Joo on board and helping move the department forward! Please don't hesitate to give her a warm hello if you see her and help us welcome her to the DMVA family.

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Opportunities and Job
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You are not alone

The DMVA is a unique organization, and as such its employees face unique difficulties. Between servicemember deployments, high stress work environments, and long hours, DMVA employees can often be run down. That’s why, as the holiday season comes to a close, we want to make sure that each and every employee of the DMVA is aware of the resources available to them. One of the resources available to state employees is the Colorado Army National Guard Chaplains Office.

Bringing the DMVA together, a message from the Colorado Army National Guard Chaplain

Chaplain (LTC) David Nagel, Colorado Army National Guard

As we kick-off 2023 the Chaplain office wants to pause as we reflect on 2022 to thank each of you for your hard work and commitment to the mission of the DMVA. Your efforts to help us care for the Airmen, Soldiers, Veterans, and their family members are noticed, and we are better because of your service and want to let you know that we are here for you.

In 2023 we want to get better in how we serve as one united team. State Employees have access to a variety of supports through your human resources office but please consider us as an additional support as we continue serving together. Any campus events (“take a knee with the Chaplain,” National Donut Day, Spiritual Fitness breakfasts, season of light ceremonies, etc.) are made better when you participate. You are always welcome at these events!

Our Colorado Army Guard Team:

Chaplain Nagel has been a member of the full-time team for 15 years. He is a trained Family Life Chaplain and loves helping people build strong and meaningful relationships. His office is on the first floor of the 2-story building on JFHQ. He and his spouse, Christina, have been married for 20 years and live in Parker where they spend any free time raising three teens and a Goldendoodle named Yogi.

Chaplain Declet has been a member of the full-time team for 3 years. Her office is co-located with our Aviation Battalion on Buckley Space Force Base where she serves on the weekend. She and her spouse, Aaron, have been married for 5 years and live in Highlands Ranch where they enjoy time in the outdoors and adventures with their two dogs Lexi and Samson.

SSG Austin Faux has been a member of our full-time team for 4 years. He is our most seasoned Service Member on the team with 24 years of service. He has been married to his spouse, Amanda, for 14 years and lives in Aurora where they are raising 4 kids and a puppy (Rottweiler) named Knight. His office is co-located with Chaplain Nagel.

Below are contact information for the Chaplain team at JFHQ. You are welcome to reach out at any time for questions, support, or someone to talk to.

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Pictured (left to right):
SSG Faux, CPT Declet,
and LTC Nagel getting
into the holiday spirit!

Colorado National Guard Chaplain Corps
Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/CONGChaplainCorps>



Professional Development Opportunity!

Looking to Enhance Your Supervisory Skills?

The State of Colorado offers a Supervisor Course

To register, you will need to go through your COTRAIN account and search "Statewide Supervisor Certificate Program". If you don't have a COTRAIN account, you can create one by following the Creating a COTRAIN Account Guide at the link below.

If you have not already set up a COTRAIN account, when asked during registration, the code to register is DMVA.

This four-day, cohort-based program is designed to prepare supervisors and leaders with essential skills and knowledge to be successful.

Research has shown that leadership is an acquired set of skills and not something people are born with.

Additionally, good leaders use what they have learned to guide their team to success.

The Statewide Supervisor Certificate provides the skills and knowledge supervisors need to know in order to be successful.

The certificate consists of classes held one day per week for one month. It is instructor-led and delivered online.

For more information about this opportunity go to:

<https://www.train.org/colorado/>

Job Listings

See below for current openings:

-Airfield and Facility Ground Maintenance

Arapahoe County

-Design and Construction Program Manager

Arapahoe County

-Facility Craftsman at Ft. Carson

Colorado Springs

-Heavy Equipment Shop Mechanic

Arapahoe County



DMVA Deputy Executive Director Michael Bruno was promoted to Brigadier General in the Colorado Air National Guard on 1/7

Major Events Last Month

Division of Veteran Affairs:

-U.S. Army Col. Carrie Worrell briefed the capabilities of the J9 Resiliency Directorate to legislators and state leaders at Joint Force Headquarters, Centennial, Dec. 13.

Civil Air Patrol:

-The Colorado Wing of the Civil Air Patrol conducted their Winter Encampment at Ft. Carson in Colorado Springs. Cadets received training on leadership, military drill and ceremony, and aerospace education.

CO National Guard:

-Gov. Jared Polis signed an executive order authorizing the support of up to 100 CONG members to assist civil authorities at warming centers across the Denver metropolitan area and Boulder, Dec. 20

- The Colorado Hoist Rescue Team, including one UH-60 Black Hawk aircrew with four CONG Soldiers from the High-Altitude Army National Guard Training Site in Gypsum, supported a search and rescue mission for two injured men in the vicinity of Eagle County, Dec. 19.

Upcoming Events

Division of Veteran Affairs:

-Fort Logan is looking to volunteers to help pick up wreaths as part of Wreaths Across America. This will take place at Ft. Logan on Saturday, Jan 14th. If you are interested please email:

jeni.ft.logan.waa@gmail.com

Civil Air Patrol:

-The Colorado Wing and Pikes Peak Composite Squadron will host an in-person Training Leaders of Cadets (TLC) Basic Course at Peterson Space Force Base in Colorado Springs on Saturday, January 21st. TLC-B is designed to prepare adult leaders to contribute as Cadet Programs Officers on a squadron staff

CO National Guard:

-The COARNG and COANG will support the National Western Stock Show Military Appreciation Night with tactical vehicles, a national anthem singer, and several service members who will ride in a stagecoach, at the Denver Coliseum, Jan. 17

-The COANG will support the Colorado Emergency Management Association Annual Conference with an F-16 flyover, in Loveland, Feb. 14.

Western Stock Show Tickets Available!

The DMVA has complimentary tickets for 7:00 pm at the Denver Coliseum on Tuesday, January 17. We encourage everyone to show their support for our military counterparts by dressing western on Tuesday, January 17 and showing up to cheer them on!

Due to the low availability, the DMVA is allowing only two tickets per person. If the department has extra by the 11th or 17th, an email will go out and you will be able to pick them up at the HR Office. Send your request for tickets directly to tamy.calahan@dmva.state.co.us. There will be no early release for the Western Stock Show.