

You are invited to attend a
Dedication Ceremony
to honor and remember deceased
employees of the Rocky Mountain Region,
U.S. Forest Service.

*Saturday
May 6, 2017*

*9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Time to walk through the grove and
informal greeting*

*11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Memorial Ceremony
Tree Dedication
and Plaque Installation*

*1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Chili Lunch*

Plan to be at the site by 10:30 so program
can start on time.

- Remember . . .
to bring some warm clothes and rain
gear, just in case. Everyone is welcome
to bring a salad or dessert to share. There
are unimproved camping and parking
areas available (without hookups) for
those who wish to stay overnight.



*"Gambler"
In Appreciation For Being With Us
For Many Years*



*To all the Forest Service
employees, retirees, families, and friends
who gather here at the
Memorial Grove to honor and reflect.*

Thank You!

*This annual event is made possible
by your support and the support of the
Pikes Peak Ranger District
and the*

*Rocky Mountaineers
(a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization)*

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Memorial Grove



**U.S. FOREST SERVICE
Rocky Mountain Region**

Saturday
May 6th, 2017

Monument, Colorado

What is The Memorial Grove ?

The Memorial Grove was established in 1920 to honor Rocky Mountain Region soldiers killed in WW1. The next year a memorial ceremony was held on May 29, 1921, at the Grove and 30 trees were planted to recognize not only the four soldiers killed during World War I but also for other Forest Service employees who had died while officially with the Service. The original Grove had a memorial tree named, mapped and planted for each of the employees who had lost their lives.

The Grove is located on the grounds of the old Monument Tree Nursery, now the Monument Fire Center on the Pike's Peak District of the Pike and San Isabel National Forest. The Memorial Grove was established by using transplanted Englemann spruce, blue spruce and Douglas-fir trees from the Fremont Experimental Forest on nearby Pikes Peak.

Today's Memorial Grove continues to recognize and celebrate the careers, dedication and contributions of all those Rocky Mountain Region employees who have died and left their legacies for future generations to help manage the National Forests and Grasslands of the Rocky Mountain Region. The Memorial Grove ceremony also offers a special time and place to honor family members and friends of Forest Service employees for their critical support and personal sacrifices that contributed to the success of their loved and honored ones and the mission of the USDA-Forest Service.

After the Berry Fire in 1989, which partially burned a part of the Grove, it was decided a fitting monument with individual name plaques, attached annually, would be an appropriate replacement to honor past employees. One young tree continues to be added each year to the Grove to commemorate all honorees of the year, and to maintain a living memorial to those who personally served the Rocky Mountain Region and their country.

Since 1995, a memorial ceremony has been conducted on the first Saturday in May to highlight and reflect on those special employees who helped make the Rocky Mountain Region a special place to live, work and raise families. Substantial work has been done on the Memorial Grove site to make it unique setting for solitude and reflection.

The awareness of the Grove and its role in maintaining the special character and history of the Rocky Mountain Region continues to grow. Current and retired employees of the Region, the Pikes Peak Ranger District, and the Rocky Mountaineers sponsor the dedication ceremony, and deeply appreciate the support and financial contributions of employees, family and friends to maintain this very special setting and the memories it provides.



2016 Honorees

James William (Jim) Bailey
 Linda Kay Bledsoe
 Jeni Bradley Evans
 Martin Cole (Marty) Everitt
 Ronald Frederick (Ron) Greenwald
 Gordon W. Griswold
 Betty K. Harden
 Stephen R. (Steve) Hemphill
 Robert Earl (Bob) Houser
 Lynn Edward Laumer
 Donald D. (Don) Loff Sr.
 Walter B. (Walt) Metcalf
 Charles Dwight Minnemeyer
 John T. Minow
 Harry R. Nickless
 Stephen G. (Steve) Nielsen
 Willard Charles Rambo

2016 Honorees (continued)

Samuel Carl (Sam) Schroeder
 Clarence J. (Sime) Simones
 Teresa Olivia Towry
 Wendal G. (Van) Van Scyoc
 John Carey Watt
 Madeline V. Worden

Not Forgotten

Doyle William Ashby
 Daniel (Danny) Gomez
 Gary P. Hendricks
 Mike Mata
 Kenneth Earl (Kenny) Sallee
 Morris LeRoy Shiley

Directions:

- leave I-25 at Exit 161 – Monument, Colorado;
- follow 2nd Street west through town 1 mile (cross RR);
- turn south on Mitchell Ave;
- go .6 miles;
- turn west on Mt. Herman Road;
- go 1.5 miles;
- turn left onto Nursery Rd., continue 1 mi.;
- Nursery Rd. turns into Shilling Ave.
- Continue west to the Grove parking area

