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Greetings,

Citizen Soldier Connection (CSC) was founded in 2006 at the urging of MG Robert Mixon (USA, Retired). MG Jeff Bannister (USA, Retired) and Don Addy founded and led the organization during its start-up and early years. The mission initially began to connect our soldiers and their families to the local community. Over the years, it expanded to include connecting soldiers to local resources across all local military members, veterans, and their families.

In 2017, we began providing emergency funding for urgent needs. Our emergency funding capability has evolved into one of our key elements and can be delivered as quickly as 24-72 hours from the initial request. Since the beginning of CSC, we have served thousands of military members through several programs and partnerships by raising tens of thousands of dollars.

In honor of the late MG Jeff Bannister, Citizen Soldier Connection is excited to ask for community nominations for military and civilian community members who have shown exemplary dedication to serving our active duty and retired veteran population in the Pikes Peak Region. Citizen Soldier Connection wishes to recognize the efforts and accomplishments of one military veteran/active duty and one civilian within our community for their devotion to helping those committed to serving our county. Nominated individuals will possess outstanding characteristics in volunteer service to military members, veterans, and their families.

Following MG Bannister's example, nominees should be volunteers at any level who have demonstrated a high standard of dedication to active duty, veterans, and their families. The instructions and requirements for a nomination can be found in the attachment to this email. The deadline for a nomination is April 17, 2023. The winners' names will be memorialized on a traveling trophy that will reside in the headquarters of the winning military installation. The winners also receive a plaque to commemorate their accomplishment. The winners will be announced at the Citizen Soldier Connection Gala to be held on May 19, 2023.

Sincerely,

David L. Jones, Major, USMC (Retired)
Citizen Soldier Connection, President