The background of the entire page is a photograph of the Statue of Liberty, showing her head, crown, and right arm holding the torch. To the left, a large, flowing American flag is partially visible. The scene is set against a clear blue sky.

# Rocky Mountain Eagle & United We Serve Award Ceremony



***Presented by the Colorado Federal Executive Board  
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# ROCKY MOUNTAIN EAGLE & UNITED WE SERVE *Employee Awards Ceremony*

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## Program

10:30 am	Welcome National Anthem	Jeff Hinson, CFEB Chair
10:45	Keynote	Doug Miller
11:15	Awards Presentation	
12:00 pm	Reception	
12:30	Adjourn	

### *Doug Miller, Keynote Speaker*



Doug Miller is passionate about communication and has a gift for inspiring organizations and individuals reach their full potential. He has spoken throughout the country and literally all over the world. He actively invests in individuals through his presentations, coaching relationships, mentoring and facilitating at conferences & seminars.

Doug is the founding pastor of Plum Creek Church in Castle Rock, Colorado and is also a certified consultant and StratOp facilitator passionately helping businesses, nonprofits and churches think strategically to get further faster.

Doug has been married for over 23 years to Beth and has 4 children. His free time is spent with his family, especially his kid's athletics as well as fly-fishing in the beautiful mountains and rivers of Colorado.

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN EAGLE AWARDS

These annual awards are one of the most important forms of non-monetary recognition available to federal government employees within the State of Colorado, and they give us the opportunity to communicate to the public the outstanding achievements of federal employees who have dedicated their careers to public service. Many thanks to the nominators, nominees and our winners – for all you do.

## ***Timothy Anderson***, *USDA Food & Nutrition Service*

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR



Tim is a native Coloradan who received a BA from Colorado State University in Fort Collins and a MLS from Regis University in Denver. Tim discovered his passion for assisting vulnerable populations when he began working for the City and County of Denver as a Food Assistance Case Management Coordinator in 2010. Seeking a greater understanding of the policy that shapes public assistance programs, Tim moved to the Colorado Department of Human Services in 2012. Tim since moved to the Mountain Plains Regional Office of the USDA Food and Nutrition Service in 2014 and proudly serves as a Senior Program Specialist specializing in SNAP policy.

Tim is most content coaching his son, Riley, in youth sports or watching his daughter, Kelsey, in dance classes.

## ***Jeffrey Rodrigue-Bailey***, *DCMA Lockheed Martin*

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR



Jeffrey Rodrigue-Bailey is a Contract Administrator for Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) in Littleton, Colorado. During his two year tenure with DCMA he has administered over \$6 Billion in government contracts, de-obligated \$20 million of unused funds, completed 100% contract dispute resolutions, and closed contracts in excess of \$780 Million. Additionally, Jeff has 20 years with the federal government including his active duty service in the United States Air Force. In addition to his Master of Business Administration Degree he possesses multiple Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) certifications including Level II in Contracting and Level I in Financial Management. Jeff is a dedicated member of his community and serves by volunteering for the Excel Day of Service at the Englewood Family Tree to help victims of child abuse and domestic violence. Most recently he was selected as the Vice President of Public Relations for the Littleton Toastmasters, an organization dedicated to enhancing professional communication, speaking, and leadership.

**Mark Stevenson**, *DOD Defense Health Agency*

SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR



Mark J. Stevenson, FACHE, CHIE has served as the Director, Aurora Operations, TRICARE Regional Offices North & South since 2010. He is responsible for two \$23B+ federal health care contracts with oversight and delivery of health care services for over 6.0 million beneficiaries in 33 States, a 400,000+ provider network as well as the adjudication of over 36M claims annually. Mark has over 30 years of experience and success in managing healthcare programs, facilities, leading teams, policy, and patient care delivery in the federal and private sectors including the DoD, U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force, Department of Veterans Affairs, and Express Scripts, Inc.

Mark is a distinguished Veteran, retiring from the Navy after 25 years on active duty in the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Navy. He holds a BS degree in Healthcare Management from Southern Illinois University, an MHA degree from Chapman University, and an MS degree in Management from the Naval Postgraduate School. Additionally, he hold numerous certifications in health care management and is an Adjunct Professor in Webster University's MHA program. Mark is Board Certified in Health Care Management and a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE) & serves on various boards and committees within ACHE as well as the Board of Directors for the Epilepsy Foundation of Colorado.

**Julie Bednar**, *DOI Interior Business Center*

EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR



After obtaining a Bachelor's of Science degree in Business Administration from Colorado State University, Julie began her federal civilian career in 1991 as a GS-4 Secretary with the Internal Revenue Service. Within a year, Ms. Bednar was promoted to Personnel Procession Clerk in the Denver IRS HR Office. Her jobs at the IRS included working as a Personnel Clerk, HR Assistant, HR Specialist and finally as a Lead HR Specialist.

Julie transferred to the Department of the Interior, Interior Business Center in 2001. Starting as an HR Specialist, she quickly rose through the ranks to Lead HR Specialist, HR Supervisor, HR Officer, and culminating in her current position as Deputy Associate Director for the IBC's HR Directorate. Her wide range of experience in federal human resources includes all fields of HR including classification, staffing, benefits, employee relations, labor relations and HR systems.

In July, Julie will have 25 years of federal civilian service. She enjoys outdoor activities, good food and spending time with her husband, two dogs, family and friends.

***Stella Nash, USDA Food & Nutrition Service***

OUTSTANDING CUSTOMER SERVICE



Stella Nash is originally from Gould, AR. She is a Registered Dietitian, having completed her Dietetic Internship at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, IL. She completed her undergraduate work in Dietetics at the University of Arkansas- Pine Bluff, and her Master's Degree in Nutrition Education at New York University.

Stella leads the External and Internal Nutrition Committees, and the Health and Wellness Team for the USDA FNS Mountain Plains Regional Office as well as the State Nutrition Action Coalition for the Mountain Plains Region. She is a member of the Federal Partners of Region VIII, Federal Interagency Council on the Homelessness, and the Workforce Development Council of the Colorado Federal Executive Board. Additionally, for the past eleven years Stella has participated in the World Food Prize for Agriculture.

In 2005, Stella represented the United States of America at the International Congress on Nutrition in Durban, South Africa where she presented Poster Sessions on the USDA Federal Nutrition Assistance Programs and the nutrition education efforts of the Food Nutrition and Consumer Service. Stella received the USDA Secretary's Honor Award for excellence in nutrition education and has presented workshops, published, appeared on radio and TV, and exhibited at many national and local conferences or meetings.

***Lisa Simon, OPM Western Management Development Center***

IMPROVED FEDERAL IMAGE



Lisa Simon joined the Office of Personnel Management's (OPM) Western Management Development Center in Aurora, Colorado in July of 2011. As an OPM Education Program Director, she serves as a strategic partner to a variety of federal agencies assessing organizational development needs and building leadership, management and coaching programs that support managerial and executive human capital development initiatives and investments. Her current client focus includes responsibility for delivery of OPM's year-long leadership development programs in Colorado, Utah and New Mexico as well as supporting the strategic goals of several Department of Defense and civilian agencies through the design and delivery of comprehensive, multi-level leadership development programs.

Prior to joining OPM's Western Management Development Center, Ms. Simon's federal career has included leadership and management positions related to civilian and military human resource development including positions as the 10<sup>th</sup> Force Support Squadron Force Development Flight Chief at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Chief of Education Services for Air Force Space Command, Education Guidance Counselor at Peterson AFB, Adjunct Faculty for the USDA Graduate School, and the Civilian Training Officer at Tooele Army Depot, UT. During a five-year break in federal service, she was instrumental in the creation and establishment of the Success First Alternative High School in Colorado Springs, CO where she served as a teacher and guidance counselor. Ms. Simon began her federal career as a Department of Army (DA) Intern in 1987 and holds an MS in Psychology/School Counseling and a BA in Liberal Arts/Business Administration from Utah State University.

## **Jay Maitri**, *HHS Centers for Medicare & Medicaid*

### SPECIAL PROJECT OR ACHIEVEMENT



Jay Maitri is a Financial Analyst with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. In 2011, Jay began his career at HHS with the Office of Inspector General, Office of Audit Services (OAS) as a Staff Auditor. While with OAS, Jay spent two-plus years on three Medicaid supplemental payment audits in Colorado and Utah that identified over \$8 million in Federal share questioned costs.

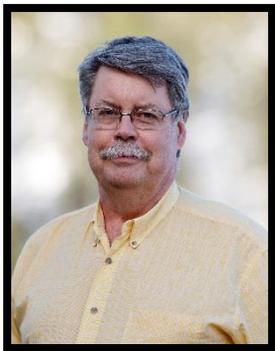
Prior to joining HHS, Jay worked for many years as a government contractor in a variety of leadership positions where he was responsible for safely removing unexploded military ordnance from former military training sites and bases throughout the United States and abroad.

Jay is a U.S. Marine Corps combat veteran, where he served for over 10 years as a staff non-commissioned officer, and he is currently a non-commissioned officer serving in the Army Reserves as an explosive ordnance disposal technician.

Jay graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting in 2010 and graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Behavioral Science in 2005 from Metropolitan State University of Denver in Denver, Colorado.

## **Robert Brobst**, *Environmental Protection Agency*

### SCIENTIFIC PROJECT OR ACHIEVEMENT



Robert B. Brobst is a senior environmental engineer for the United States Environmental Protection Agency in Denver, CO. He has conducted inspections and process evaluations of wastewater facilities and biosolids land-application sites for the last 30 years. Currently, his responsibilities as a senior environmental engineer include Regional Biosolids Program Manager, Co Chair of EPA's Pathogen Equivalency Committee, and Subject Matter Expert for biosolids.

Bob has conducted research in the beneficial use of biosolids in reclaiming arid lands and areas devastated by wildfires. Current research interest include enhancing biophysical properties of soil to remediate contaminated soils. In his spare time Bob is a faculty affiliate, teaching introduction to soils labs at Colorado State University, Department of Soils and Crop Sciences. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate in soil physics at Colorado State University, Department of Soils and Crop Sciences. He is a registered Professional Engineer in Colorado.

# UNITED WE SERVE AWARDS

The United We Serve awards recognize city, county, state, and federal government employees in Colorado who have demonstrated sustained excellence in volunteer service leading to significant positive outcomes for their communities. The award recipients have demonstrated exceptional leadership skills in recruiting, inspiring, and coordinating groups of volunteers, devoted substantial time and effort to the advancement of volunteerism, or shown a deep commitment of voluntary action to address community needs – all in their off-duty hours as public employees.

## **Bryon “Torch” Barr**, *City of Littleton Fire Rescue*

### CITY CATEGORY



Bryon “Torch” Barr’s fire service career began in 1987 at the Cunningham Fire Protection District in Arapahoe County. He began working for Littleton Fire Department in January of 1990, where he currently holds the rank of Paramedic Engineer. Torch is a member of the Dive Team, a Littleton Police SWAT team TEMS Paramedic, and is the respiratory SCBA program manager.

Torch’s involvement in Special Olympics Colorado began in February 1989 through a fellow firefighter who was working as an equipment team volunteer at the State Winter Games. Torch enjoyed the experience so much that he immediately became a regular volunteer. He has held many volunteer positions from director for the state Fall Classic to support services and has also as a participated as a unified partner in golf, basketball, softball, and powerlifting.

Torch’s many other volunteer activities including the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control as a Driver Operator Committee Board member and a Regional Proctor Coordinator, Rock Canyon High School Fire Science program, various motorcycle ride fundraisers including the Children’s Hospital Toy Run, and assisting in hockey tournament fundraisers. He has been married to his wife Sue for 17 years.

## **Heather Savalox**, *Routt County Environmental Health*

### COUNTY CATEGORY



Heather Savalox is a Senior Environmental Health Specialist with the Routt County Department of Environmental Health in Steamboat Springs, Colorado and has 20 years of experience in the field of Environmental Health.

Heather founded *It Takes Courage* in response to the death of her niece Kristina Calco. Her suicide, at the age of 15, resulted from years of bullying. Serving Northwestern Colorado communities, *It Takes Courage’s* mission is to raise awareness of the impacts of bullying and decrease incidents of suicide among our youth. Heather and her volunteers do this by promoting the importance of standing up and speaking out to eradicate bullying and by providing young people and their families with the tools that instill courage and inspire growth of empathetic communities.

*It Takes Courage* is volunteer-driven and operates as a program under REPS (Reaching Everyone Preventing Suicide). Heather works collaboratively with the Mind Springs Health Center of Steamboat Springs to provide Anti-Bullying and Suicide Prevention Programs in elementary, middle, and high schools throughout Routt County. Since its inception in 2012, *It Takes Courage* has touched the lives of over 2,500 students and staff.

***Gerald "Gerry" Smith***, *State of Colorado, Governor's Office of Information Technology*

STATE CATEGORY



As an IT director for the Governor's Office of Information Technology, Gerry is well into his third career. After discharge from the Marine Corps, he worked 21 years with Pathmark Stores Incorporated, a supermarket company on the East Coast as their Director of Computer Services. He then went to work for IBM Global Services in the outsourcing field, specializing in delivery of IT services to commercial customers, with a special focus on budgets, cost control, and the delivery of business applications to commercial customer sets. In 2004, he started working for the State of Colorado at the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, and was appointed Deputy CIO in 2006. After being promoted to IT Director, he supported both Department of Natural Resources and Department of Local Affairs.

Gerry volunteers as a Domestic Violence Advocate for the Adams County District Attorney's Office, and is presently chairman of the Adams County VALE committee, (Victims Advocates and Law Enforcement). This group does the important work of awarding grants to organizations that provide victim services.

Gerry and his wife Linda live in Westminster and have three children, Gerrilynn 44, Jonathan 41, and Jason 37. Six grandkids come with that package!

***Marlene De La Rosa, DOJ Executive Office for Immigration Review***

FEDERAL CATEGORY



Marlene De La Rosa has lived most of her life in Denver and has worked for the Department of Justice for nearly 30 years with the US Immigration Court. She is the mother of 21 year old twins TaShina and LaPhonso and 12 year old Aaliyah. She has been committed to improving education for the youth of Colorado since she was a teenager. At the age of 15, she cared for children while their parents attended parent education and leadership training. She has served as board member and committee member for the following organizations over the past 20 years Mile High Montessori, Denver Great Kids

HeadStart, Circle of Latina Leadership, Hispanic Chamber Education Foundation, LatinasGive and the parent organizations at each of her children's schools. Marlene was instrumental in improving parent engagement and parent leadership within Denver Public Schools.

Most recently Marlene has focused on improving graduation and college attainment with the youth in her neighborhood by volunteering at North High School. Marlene has been the "Team Mom/Manager of the boys basketball team for 9 years. This year she started an athlete support program in partnership with Athletics and Beyond. The players participated in 9 sessions, two community projects and will be going on a trip to the Capitol. Their participation in the basketball program has encouraged them to maintain their grades and continue their pursuit of education. She follows the philosophy of "Servant Leadership" and challenges these scholar athletes to work to their highest potential and to find their personal purpose in life. Her hope is they too will work toward the greater good and serve their communities in the future. And most of all, she has her hearts desire and that is to have lots of children.

# COLORADO FEDERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Federal Executive Boards (FEBs) were established by Presidential Directive in 1961 to be communication conduits from The White House and Washington DC to the heads of federal field offices in the geographic region served by the FEB. The President directed the head of every Executive Branch Agency to be the official member of the FEB so they could collaborate and create partnerships with their peers to strategically address common issues and management challenges to better meet agency missions and goals.

The Colorado Federal Executive Board (CFEB) is one of twenty-eight boards across the United States and serves ~53,000 civilian federal employees at over 300 field offices throughout the state and 40,000 military personnel at the six military installations in Colorado.

The CFEB is governed by an Executive Committee comprised of federal executives that volunteer their time and expertise to work for the greater good of the federal community, our partners and stakeholders, and the citizens we proudly serve.

## **2016 CFEB Executive Committee**

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