

## Wounded Warrior Flights

### **Overview:**

Peak Aviation Center provides flights over the Colorado Springs area to the soldiers and family members of the Warrior Transition Brigade and other units on Fort Carson in appreciation of the sacrifices these soldiers and their families have made. These flights are at no cost to the soldiers or their families and have occurred weekly since November 2008.



### **Mission:**

Peak Aviation Center typically flies an aircraft to Butts Army Air Field to meet the soldiers and their family members one day per week. A second day has been added when there were enough soldiers requesting flights. The date and time for each mission is as approved by the Ft Carson leadership. An option is for the soldiers and family members to meet the aircraft and pilot at the Peak Aviation Center location. Transportation to/from Butts or the Peak Aviation Center Colorado Springs airport location is the responsibility of the soldiers. Approval for these flights has been given by the Warrior Transition Brigade leadership and Butts Army Air Field Base Operations. Prior Permission Required (PPR) numbers by Butts Base Operations are received prior to each flight.

Each mission provides two or three 45 minute flights to two or three participants beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m. This schedule is flexible and has been modified when required by weather or other factors. The Wounded Warrior flights began on 18 November 2008 and will continue as long as there are Wounded Warriors interested in taking advantage of the flights.



Two routes of flight are considered for each mission: North over the city of Colorado Springs to include the Garden of the Gods and, if able, the Air Force Academy; or, Southwest towards Canon City to overfly the Royal Gorge bridge. (Weather or other factors may make one route preferable over the other, as determined by the pilot.)

Soldiers and family members are selected by the Warrior Transition Brigade leadership. They should be able to get into a high wing Cessna aircraft with some assistance. Medical and physical conditions are taken into consideration to prevent situations that may negatively impact the participants.

The pilot always has final authority as to whether or not the flight can be undertaken safely. The intent of this donation is to provide a meaningful and enjoyable flight for the participants.

All aircraft are fully compliant with all Federal Aviation Administration maintenance and system requirements. The pilots for these missions are certificated flight instructors. The primary pilot will be one of the co-owners.



### **Peak Aviation Center:**

Peak Aviation Center is located at 1360 Aviation Way, Colorado Springs, CO 80916. It has been in operation for over ten years. The owners are retired military with approximately 30 years of aviation experience each. More information on the Peak Aviation Center can be found at [www.cospilot.com](http://www.cospilot.com) or by contacting Allen "Al" Mathews at (719) 573-4452 or by cell phone at (719) 310-1317.