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**CABA ENCOURAGES HOLIDAY GIVING IN 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL CHARITY DRIVE**

The Colorado Aviation Business Association (CABA) is proud to announce the first annual Holiday Charity Drive to benefit the State of Colorado's Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). The association is collecting toys and nonperishable foods to aid veteran families throughout the state. Collection efforts began mid-October with donation boxes placed in various airport and business locations statewide as notated below. Although collections will end on Nov 30<sup>th</sup>, food and toys donations will continue at the first annual CABA Holiday party on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. Limited registration is open to all members of the Colorado aviation industry and attendees are asked to bring \$20 worth of charitable items in lieu of purchasing a ticket.

As part of the effort CABA has also teamed up with the Metropolitan State College of Denver's (MSCD) Aviation Department's Flight Team. On Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011 students of the MSCD program will fly the donations to three locations across the state. These students have donated their time and money for aircraft rentals. Ensuring timely delivery before the holiday season, the pilots will fly the food and toy donations to Montrose located on the western slope of the state. Other locations include Trinidad in southern Colorado and finally Burlington on the eastern plains. Members of the Colorado's Veterans of Foreign Wars will greet the 13 aircraft at each location and help distribute the food and toys to those in need in the local area.

**Drop Box Locations Around Colorado**

<b>Centennial Airport</b>	<b>Rocky Mountain Airport (KBJC)</b>	<b>Other Locations:</b>
Signature Flight Support	Denver Air Center	WestStar (Grand Junction)
Sunborne	Mountain Aviation	Wings Over the Rockies (Denver)
Mayo Aviation	Pilatus Aircraft	MSCD Aerospace Bldg (Denver)
TAC Air	Colorado Heli-Ops	Signature Flight Support (DIA)
Denver Jet Center		Journeys Aviation (Boulder)
XJet		

CABA would like to thank the VFW and Students of MSCD who have so graciously given to help with this year's efforts. Special acknowledgement is also due to all of the aviation partners both locally and nationwide who have stepped forward to help so many this season with their sponsorship of the event. These sponsors include: WestStar Aviation, Signature Flight Support, Centennial Interport, Colorado Heli-Ops, Bombardier Aerospace, Denver Air Center, Cerretani Aviation, Aircell, M&N Aviation, Falcon Development.

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*About Colorado Aviation Business Association:*

*CABA's mission is to foster and promote aviation and related business throughout Colorado; to collectively address and respond to issues impacting Colorado Airports, including safety and operational effectiveness; to educate the general public about all aviation activities in the state, and to preserve the state's airport related businesses as valuable economic assets to the community at large. For more information on CABA and this year's Charity Drive visit us at [www.mycaba.org](http://www.mycaba.org)*