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**Colorado Aviation Business Association (CABA)  
Hosting 3rd Annual Holiday Charity Drive for Veterans**

**Denver, CO – December 3, 2013** – The Colorado Aviation Business Association (CABA) is proud to announce the 3rd Annual Holiday Charity Drive & VFW Airlift to benefit the State of Colorado's Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). CABA has collected toys and nonperishable foods to aid military veterans and their families in rural communities throughout the state. Collection efforts began in early October with donation boxes placed in numerous airport and business locations along the Front Range and Western Slope. While those collections ended on November 30<sup>th</sup>, donations will continue at the annual CABA Holiday party to be held December 6. Limited registration is open to all members of the Colorado aviation industry and attendees are asked to bring \$40 worth of charitable items in lieu of a purchased ticket.

Ensuring timely delivery before the holiday season, CABA has again partnered with the Metropolitan State University of Denver's Precision Flight Team. On December 8, Flight Team pilots and additional private pilots, all donating their time and expenses, will fly the food and toys to the following cities: Montrose on the western slope, Trinidad and Alamosa in southern Colorado, and Burlington on the eastern plains. At those locations, teams from Colorado's VFW posts will greet the estimated 15 total aircraft and help distribute donations to veterans and their families for the holiday season.

Previous charity drives have been very successful and set the standard in moving forward this year. Mike Straka, Chair of the 2013 event explains, "Last year we were able to distribute 3,500 pounds of food and toys to Colorado veterans and their families. Our goal this year is to collect 10,000 pounds and continue to grow the operation to be more and more effective for the veterans, who really are the inspiration for all of us. As a fellow veteran I am extremely proud of our effort by CABA, the Flight Team, the VFW, and the many volunteers who together have made this possible." For more information and a complete list of donation locations, visit [www.mycaba.org](http://www.mycaba.org).



Prior to departure of the 2012 CABA-VFW Holiday Airlift: CABA board members, Metropolitan State University of Denver Precision Flight Team, and volunteers gather in the staging area at Mayo Aviation (Centennial Airport).

**Note to Editors:**

*The mission of the Colorado Aviation Business Association is to promote the value of business and general aviation across the State of Colorado. Founded in 1994, CABA acts 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; to preserve the state's airport related businesses as valuable economic assets to the community at large; and to provide for the training of future aviation professionals through its scholarship fund.*

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