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PIKES PEAK ROAD RUNNERS TO HOST THE FIRST ANNUAL CSC VETERANS' HOME RUN

COLORADO SPRINGS -- Pikes Peak Road Runners will be hosting their first annual Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) Veterans' Home Run on Sunday, July 2nd at 7:00 am in Memorial Park (Prospect Lake). The race is held to bring awareness and support to the Colorado Veterans Coalition's Crawford House. This 5K run/3K walk event is open to anyone in the community who would like to serve and honor those who have served and honored this country.

Registration forms can be found at your local running store. Primary Sponsors of the race include The Rotary Club of Colorado Springs and Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC).

The Colorado Veterans' Coalition is a Colorado Springs based, non-profit organization that operates the Crawford House to serve southern Colorado veterans who are struggling with serious life issues by providing them with a supportive living environment. Once in the program, local veterans will receive a room, meals, employment counseling, mental health services, alcohol and drug dependency counseling and medical support so they may confidently step back into the community.

The Crawford House derives its name from William Crawford, a Colorado Springs hero. While serving in WWII, "Army private Crawford discovered three hidden German machine gun nests. Alone and unable to alert his fellow soldiers of the awaiting ambush - Crawford took

matters into his own hands. He single handedly engaged the enemy - with only his rifle and grenades he destroyed all three enemy placements. As his company advanced, he volunteered to stay behind to aid a wounded friend,” where he was captured by German soldiers and endured nineteen months in a Nazi prison camp. With his family presuming him dead, his father was presented Crawford’s Medal of Honor posthumously. In 1945, Crawford was released from Germany and returned to Colorado Springs. As a retired Army Private, he took a job as a custodian at the Air Force Academy and mentored young cadets. At the 1985 Air Force Academy graduation ceremony, Ronald Reagan presented William Crawford with the Medal of Honor.

William Crawford’s widow, Eileen Crawford, will serve as the CSC Veterans’ Home Run honorary race starter. The residents and staff of the Crawford House will be participating as water stop helpers and some will tackle the event as runners and walkers.

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