



## **Veterans Affairs Asks**

### **New Veterans Administration Hospital**

- We support the request for federal funding for the construction of the new Veterans Administration Hospital at Fitzsimons.
- Thank you for authorizing \$800 million and appropriating \$307.3 million in funding for the new facilities.
- We support the request for appropriating \$450.7 million for FY 2011 for construction of the VA Hospital, with the remainder to be appropriated in FY 2012 (approximately \$42 million).

### **New Veterans Administration Cemetery in Southern Colorado**

- We support the effort to direct federal funding towards the construction of the new Veterans Administration Cemetery in Southern Colorado.
  - The Department of Veterans Affairs has confirmed that representatives from the National Cemetery Administration and VA's Office of Construction Management have screened several potential sites for a new national cemetery in southern Colorado, including the Kane Ranch property in El Paso County.
- The budget prospectus for the Southern Colorado Cemetery is being developed and will be delivered to Congress in September or October of 2010.
  - VA construction projects over \$10 million get a budget prospectus done which outlines the scope of work, number of grave sites and milestones.
- The VA does have money set aside in an Advanced Planning Fund to help get the project planned. This is a general pot of money for VA construction projects and is not tied to any specific project in particular.
  - There is also another pot of VA money used to buy land when necessary, however this money cannot be used for construction. Again, this is general money and is not tied to a specific project.