

STATE OF COLORADO

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

MEMBERS

COLORADO BOARD OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

ORDERED:

That the following named persons be and they are hereby appointed and reappointed to the:

COLORADO BOARD OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

effective June 30, 2017 for terms expiring June 30, 2021:

Lacey Golonka of Castle Rock, Colorado, an Unaffiliated and a veteran who has been honorably released or separated from the Armed Forces of the United States, appointed;

Bennie Jack Rudder of Alamosa, Colorado, to serve as an Unaffiliated and a veteran who has been honorably released or separated from the Armed Forces of the United States, reappointed.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this twenty-fifth day
of May, 2017.

John Hickenlooper
Governor



STATE OF COLORADO

APPLICATION - 2015
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JOHN W HICKENLOOPER

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DB SS 6/27/16

SLOT _____

Please attach a resume and fill ALL fields.

Please be advised that applications will not be processed if unsigned or resume is not attached and a board or commission is not specified.

BOARD OR COMMISSION FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING (Only one per application, your application will not be processed if left blank)

Veterans' Affairs, Colorado Board of

Name (Last, First Middle) Golonka, Lacey		County Douglas	Cong/District 4 ✓	Senate District 4 ✓	House District 45 ✓
Home Address: 3764 Tranquility Trl.		City: Castle Rock	State Colorado	Zip Code 80109	
Mailing Address:		City:	State	Zip Code	
Date of Birth:	Driver's License #	Gender Female	Registered Voter? Yes	Ethnicity: Asian	
	SSN #		Party Affiliation? Unaffiliated ✓		
Present Employer/Title Xcel Energy/ Veteran and Diversity Consultant		Business Phone # 303-294-2679	Home Phone # (808) 428-0875		
		Cell Phone # (808) 428-0875	E-mail golonka lacey@gmail.com		
Business Address 1800 Lanmer St.		City Denver	State Colorado	Zip Code	

EDUCATION AND GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

LEVEL	NAME OF SCHOOL	LOCATION	No. Years Attended	Did You Graduate?	Major Course of Study
High School					
College					
Graduate Studies -or- Trade/Business/Correspondence					

Memberships in Organizations And Offices Held (Indicate if Past or Present)

Veterans of Foreign Wars - Post 1
American Legion - Post 206
Volunteers of America VetServ Advisory Committee
Arapahoe/Douglas Workforce Board

REFERENCES (List three persons, not related to you, who you have known for at least one year.)

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE #
Geoff Essman	4582 Sunridge Terrace Dr. Castle Rock, CO 80109	(719) 510-8263
Ken Engle	9505 Pep Rally Lane Waldorf, MD 20603	(808) 372-0847
Becca Montgomery	1127 Sherman St. Denver, CO 80203	(303) 518-4658

Have you ever been a party to or the subject of or otherwise involved in any legal proceeding that might adversely affect your qualifications to serve on this board or commission? Is there anything in your background that might be an embarrassment to the Governor or you if it were to become public? (On Pg. 2 if applicable) Response: No

If appointed, you are expected to attend fully to the duties of the position. How much time are you capable of committing?: Approximately 15 hours a month

Please explain why you wish to serve on a board or commission. (On Next Page)

I certify that the facts contained in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize investigation of all statements contained herein and the references listed above to obtain any and all pertinent information, personal and otherwise. I further authorize the Office of the Governor to conduct a criminal background check, including requesting a criminal history from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. I release all parties for all liability for any damage that may result from furnishing such information. I understand that the Colorado Open Records Act may require that certain information contained in this application be available for inspection by the general public.

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO
Romaine Pacheco, Director
Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions
136 State Capitol Bldg.
Denver, CO 80203
Fax 303 866 6368
boards@state.co.us

SIGNATURE: Lacey Golonka DATE: 06/25/2016

I wish to serve on this commission so that I can share my experiences as a 12 year OIF and OEF veteran and National Guardsmen in order to provide a voice and perspective for the new era veterans and the constantly evolving military. I constantly learn from those that I serve with as well as those that work to support service members in the community. I have always felt such great gratitude when working with service organizations that serve veterans. Serving on this board would be a great honor and privilege to continue to work towards making Colorado the best state to be a veteran and service member in.

Lacey Golonka

3764 Tranquility Trl.
Castle Rock, CO 80109
Cell (808) 428-0875
gonlonka.lacey@gmail.com

Summary

Twelve-year veteran that works well in either team or independent environments. Experience with non-profits, federal and state entities and possesses strong communication skills, with a “can-do”, challenge driven attitude and strong desire to thrive in fast paced, highly dynamic environments in order to work towards a better end state for veterans and communities.

EDUCATION

Colorado State University – Greenwood Village, CO
Bachelor of Science – Social Sciences – 96 credit hours
Overall GPA 4.0

QUALIFICATIONS

- Deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom
- Veteran with 12 years service; still serving in the Army National Guard
- More than 8 years experience in customer service and outreach communication
- Outstanding technical, customer service and organizational skills

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Proficient in Microsoft Office on Windows or Mac
- Experienced in tracking programs and intelligence production programs
- Familiar with geospatial programs and other classified programs

CUSTOMER SERVICE AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS

- Placed as the veterans team lead to address toughest cases
- Worked with over 50 congressional liaisons from various federal agencies throughout the nation on a daily basis to provide better access to services for veterans.
- Contracted as a web developer continuously working with military and civilian public affairs office to update external website in a timely manner
- Assisted in initiating social media network for Department of Defense organization Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command
- Provides expertise on veteran issue areas in order to implement potential legislation to address veteran issues while incorporating other community stakeholders and service organizations in the problem solving process.

ORGANIZATIONAL AND ACCOUNTABILITY SKILLS

- Appointed as the Service Academy Nomination Program Coordinator for U.S. Senator Michael Bennet, meeting every deadline
- Coordinated meetings between state and federal agencies and local community based non-profit organizations to facilitate communication for a fluid partnership to address veterans issues in rural communities.
- Over 7 years of experience coordinating with clients and customers to resolve problems and provide solutions while taking into account the audience and context of information.

MANAGEMENT/LEADERSHIP SKILLS

- Managed government cell phones and PDAs issued to over 30 users
- Appointed as the outreach coordinator for the state of Colorado to facilitate communication between more than 30 veteran organizations and 50 state, federal and local organizations
- Selected to train new constituent advocate hires because of casework quality, ability to track due dates to include strong organizational and prioritization skills of cases.
- Managed administrative, technical, and operational communication and generated monthly technician work order performance reports

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Veteran & Diversity Consultant	Xcel Energy – Denver, CO	2015- Present
Veteran Advocate & Outreach Coordinator	U.S. Senate - Denver, CO	2012 – 2015
Receptionist	Comfort Dental – Lakewood, CO	2011 – 2012
Webmaster	Chenege Advanced Solutions Engineering, LLC – Hickam AFB, HI	2010
Watch Cell Non-Commissioned Officer	Army National Guard – Honolulu, HI	2009
Helpdesk Administrator	Chenege Advanced Solutions Engineering, LLC – Hickam AFB, HI	2006-2009
Intelligence Analyst & Human Intel. Collector	U.S. Army – Denver, CO	2004 – Present

HONORS & AWARDS

- Bronze Star – For meritorious service in support of Operation Enduring Freedom
- Army Commendation Medal with Oak leaf cluster – For meritorious service in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom
- Joint Service Achievement Medal – For superb performance as part of the drive team, intelligence section, and mentor during Operation Enduring Freedom
- Air Force Achievement Medal – For outstanding professional skill, knowledge, and ceaseless efforts as the intelligence analyst during Vigilant Guard Exercise

Responsible, dependable and hard-working



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Veterans' Affairs, Colorado Board of

Name (Last, First Middle): Rudder, Bennie Jack	County: Rio Grande	Cong. District: 3	Senate District: 35	House District: 62
Home Address: 115 Alamosa Ave	City: Alamosa	State: Colorado	Zip Code 81101	
Mailing Address:	City:	State:	Zip Code	

[Redacted]	Gender: Male	Registered Voter? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ethnicity: Caucasian
		Party Affiliation? Unaffiliated	

Present Employer/Title Rio Grande County/ Veteran Service Officer	Business Phone # 719-852-5118	Home Phone # (719) 589-9393	
	Cell Phone # (719) 588-9838	E-mail jack9393@man.com	
Business Address POBox 97	City Homelake	State Colorado	Zip Code

EDUCATION AND GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS

LEVEL	NAME OF SCHOOL	LOCATION	No. Years Attended	Did You Graduate?	Major Course of Study
High School	Rye High School	Rye, Colo	4	1966	Gen Ed
College	ASC	Alamosa, Co	3	1979	Education
Graduate Studies -or- Trade/Business/Correspondence	ASC	Alamosa, CO	3	1984	Education

Memberships in Organizations And Offices Held (Indicate if Past or Present)
Dickie-Springer Post 113, American Legion, Past Commander, presently Adjutant, Life Member
La Jara Post 13, Disabled American Veterans, Post Service Officer, Life Member
Colorado Board of Veteran Affairs, Strategic Planning Committee

REFERENCES (List three persons, not related to you, who you have known for at least one year.)

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE #
"Mickey" Hunt	5868 S. Revere Parkway Centennial, CO 80112	(720) 250-1510
Duane Dailey	POBox 254 Hot Sulphur Springs, CO 80451	(970) 725-3122
Larry Crowder	0777 N. Rd. 102 Alamosa, CO 81101	(719) 850-2459

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136 State Capitol Bldg.
Denver, CO 80203
Fax: 303.866.6368
boards@state.co.us

SIGNATURE: Bennie J. Rudder DATE: 05/03/2017

I have served on this board for the past 2 1/2 years and feel that having a voice on the board from rural Colorado is vital to serving all of Colorado's veterans.

Bennie "Jack" Rudder

3749 Sherman St.

Monte Vista, Colorado 81144

719-852-5118

Work Experience

Rio Grande County

Del Norte, Colorado

Certified Veterans Service Officer

- Aid Veterans and their dependents file for Federal Veterans Administration benefits.
- Coordinate and provide military honors for Veteran's funerals and memorials.
- Represent Rio Grande County as the Veterans Service Officer at civic and public functions.

Education

Rye High School

Rye, Colorado

High School Diploma, June 1966

Adams State College

Alamosa, Colorado

Bachelor of Arts, Industrial Arts Education, May 1979

Master of Arts, Secondary Education and Principal's License, August 1984

Additional Skills

Emergency Medical Technician, Intermediate, for San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center from 1984 to 1995

Professional Experience

Sanford Public Schools, District 6J

Sanford, Colorado

Teacher and Principal, I worked as teacher, athletic director and principal of Middle School and High School in rural, agricultural, community. August 1979 until my retirement in June 2004

United States Air Force

Colorado Springs, Co

Staff Sergeant, I repaired all radio, electronic navigational aids, and Search and weather radar on a multitude of aircraft types. September 1966 to June 1970. Southeast Asia November 1968 to December 1969

Additional Information

I'm nationally certified and accredited as a Veteran Service Officer by National Association of County Veteran Service Officers. I am a Life time member, past commander, and currently adjutant for Dickey-Springer Post #113 of the American Legion, Alamosa, Colorado. I'm also a Life time member of Disabled American Veterans, Post #3, La Jara, Colorado. I've been active in Veterans Affairs in rural/southern Colorado for over 30 years.

VA



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Office of the General Counsel
Washington DC 20420

In Reply Refer To:

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Organization:
National Association of County
Veterans Service Officers

Mr. Bennie J. Rudder
Rio Grande County VSO
P.O. Box 97
Homelake, CO 81135

Dear Mr. Rudder:

I am pleased to welcome you as an accredited representative of the above-named organization for the preparation, presentation, and prosecution of claims before the Department of Veterans Affairs under the laws relating to veterans' benefits.

Your accreditation is an honor which carries certain responsibilities. As an accredited representative, you may inspect the claims folder of any claimant from whom your organization has a proper power of attorney, but you must observe the limitation imposed by VA regulations in disclosing information to the claimant and others. With respect to these veterans' records, you occupy a very confidential position, and we rely on your integrity.

Other privileges and responsibilities that you acquire through accreditation are mentioned in the VA regulations governing representation of claimants, in title 38, Code of Federal Regulations, §§ 14.626 through 14.635.

Congratulations, and we wish you the best.

Sincerely yours,


Y. Ken Lee
Deputy Assistant General Counsel

Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

Hereby acknowledges that

Jack Pudder

has completed annual training for the Colorado Veterans Service Officer Program, and is thereby certified by the Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs to assist Veterans of Colorado in securing U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs benefits this twenty-fifth day of April, 2014.



William "Bill" Conroy

*William "Bill" Conroy, Director
Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs*

Ben Mestas

*Ben Mestas, Deputy Director
Colorado Division of Veterans Affairs*

Certificate of Training



*To all who shall see these presents, Greetings:
This is to Certify that*

Jack Rudder

Has successfully completed a course of Instruction in Veterans' Benefits established for the career objective of Accredited Representative, as prescribed by the Code of Federal Regulations 14.629(a)(1)(i)(ii), for the purpose of representing Claimants before the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs in matters pertaining to claims of veterans, widows and orphans. Given at Westminster, Colorado on this 24th Day of May, 2013

Tom Risch
Contract Training Chair

Doug LeValley
NACVSO Instructor

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT RECORD
SAFEGUARD IT.

PERSONAL DATA	1. LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE NAME RUDDER BENNIE JACK		2. SERVICE NUMBER FR572643594		3. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 572 64 3594		
	4. DEPARTMENT, COMPONENT AND BRANCH OR CLASS "AIR FORCE RegAF"		5. GRADE, RATE OR RANK SSGT	6. PAY GRADE E5	7. DATE OF HANS 1 May 70		
	8. U.S. CITIZEN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	9. PLACE OF BIRTH (City and State or Country) Pueblo, CO		10. DATE OF BIRTH 24 Dec 47			
SELECTIVE SERVICE DATA	11. SELECTIVE SERVICE NUMBER 5 6 47 1176		12. SELECTIVE SERVICE LOCAL BOARD NUMBER, CITY, COUNTY STATE AND ZIP CODE LB #6, Pueblo, Pueblo, CO 80200			13. DATE INDUCTED NA	
	14. TYPE OF TRANSFER OR DISCHARGE RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY		15. STATION OR INSTALLATION AT WHICH EFFECTED ENT AFB, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO				
TRANSFER OR DISCHARGE DATA	16. REASON AND AUTHORITY AFM 39-10, Chap 3, Sec B, Para 3-8j, SDN413, COG.		17. EFFECTIVE DATE 5 Jun 70				
	18. LAST DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND MAJOR COMMAND 4600 CAM Sq (ADC)		19. CHARACTER OF SERVICE HONORABLE		20. TYPE OF CERTIFICATE ISSUED DD Form 1725		
	21. DISTRICT, AREA COMMAND OR CORPS TO WHICH RESERVIST TRANSFERRED AFRES		22. REENLISTMENT CODE 1				
	23. TERMINAL DATE OF RESERVE/UMTS OBLIGATION 31 Aug 72		24. CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE OTHER THAN BY INDUCTION a. SOURCE OF ENTRY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ENLISTED (First Enlistment) <input type="checkbox"/> ENLISTED (Prior Service) <input type="checkbox"/> REENLISTED <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER		25. TERM OF SERVICE (Years) 4		26. DATE OF ENTRY 1 Sep 66
27. PRIOR REGULAR ENLISTMENTS NONE		28. GRADE, RATE OR RANK AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO CURRENT ACTIVE SVC AB E1		29. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE (City and State) Denver, CO			
30. HOME OF RECORD AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE (Street, RFD, City, County, State and ZIP Code) Box 13 (Pueblo Co) Rye CO 81069		31. STATEMENT OF SERVICE					
32. SPECIALTY NUMBER & TITLE 30150ACFT Radio Repairman		33. RELATED CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND DOT NUMBER Radio Repairman 720-281		34. CREDITABLE FOR BASIC PAY PURPOSES		35. YEARS MONTHS DAYS	
				36. NET SERVICE THIS PERIOD 03 09 05			
				37. OTHER SERVICE 00 000 00			
				38. TOTAL (Line (1) plus Line (2)) 03 09 05			
				39. TOTAL ACTIVE SERVICE 03 09 05			
				40. FOREIGN AND/OR SEA SERVICE 01 01 02			
36. DESIGNATIONS, ED, LT, BADGES, COMPLETION OF STAY ON AND CAMPAIGN REWARDS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED AFGCM (1Sep66-31Aug69) AFM 900-3. SAEMR SOG-392, 10Oct66 HQ LMTC NDSM AFM 900-3.							
37. EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMPLETED Acft Radio Tech (AN/ACR-34 AMF30170-33) Compl - 67. Acft Rad Tech (AN/ACR-27) AMF30170-31 Compl - 67. Aircraft Radio Rpmn Crse 30150 Compl - 67. Comm Elect Rpmn Crse 30000 (ECI) Compl - 67. Upgrade Tng Gen Subj Crse 10000 (ECI) Compl - 67. Acft Radio Tech Crse AMF 30170-30 Compl - 67. Acft Radio Rpmn Crse AMF 30170-30 Compl - 67.							
VA AND EMP SERVICE DATA	38. NON-PAY PERIODS/TIME LOST (Preceding Two Years) No Time Lost		39. DAYS ACCRUED LEAVE PAID BY EMPLOYER (INSLI or USGLI) 13	40. LIFE INSURANCE IN FORCE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		41. AMOUNT OF ALLOTMENT NA	
	42. VA CLAIM NUMBER c- NA		43. SERVICEMEN'S GROUP LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000 <input type="checkbox"/> NONE				
REMARKS	44. REMARKS High School - Graduated Blood Group - A POS AQE Scores G-90, A-85, M-95, E-95 Limited National Agency Check Completed 10 Oct 66 on file DOD NACC						
	45. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES AFTER TRANSFER OR DISCHARGE (Street, RFD, City, County, State and ZIP Code) Box 532 (Eagle Co) Avon, CO 81620			46. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING TRANSFERRED OR DISCHARGED <i>Bennie J. Rudder</i>			
AUTHENTICATION	47. TYPED NAME, GRADE AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZING OFFICER T. N. MCGLYNN, MSGT, USAF CHIEF CBPO-CAC			48. SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN <i>T. N. Mc Glynn</i>			