

Recent MVCC events around Colorado by Frank Scholer

A few weeks ago, I was contacted by MVCC member Ken Chavez about bringing my Vietnam tribute gun truck to the Vietnam travelling wall display to be held in Walsenburg, CO. I said I could and arrangements were made to transport it on a gooseneck heavy haul trailer from my house in Franktown to Walsenburg and back. The semi arrived at my house on the morning of June 17. It took about 30 minutes to load it and then we were off to Walsenburg. I followed along in my truck and after about a 2-1/2 hour drive we arrived at the Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center Park and Veterans Community Center. After unloading the gun truck, I spent about 90 minutes getting the display all set up and talking to the event people from the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 16, of Walsenburg. I also got time to look at the wall which was still finishing up before heading back home to prepare for the car show in Castle Rock on Saturday. I got up at 6am Sunday and arrived at the wall by 9am. I spent the day meeting people and talking about the gun truck and the history of gun truck in general. I did meet a few vets who had served, one of whom was a gun truck driver for three tours in Vietnam. I had missed another on Saturday. I got a rubbing of a friend's name who was a pilot in the US Air Force and was shot down over Vietnam after only about 10 days in country. He is buried in Arlington Cemetery. My lunch was provided as well as motel room for Sunday night. When the event closed down, I packed up all my display gear and went to the motel. Early Monday I awoke to rain that had started during the night. I was glad I had packed up the previous evening. I returned to meet the heavy haul driver and load up the gun truck for the trip back to Franktown. We left by 8:30 and I was home by 11:30 after a fuel stop along I-25.





