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Advisory for event Thursday, Sep. 27, 12 p.m. MT

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**State Fails to Act on Veteran Petition to Allow Medical Marijuana for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder –
In Response, Vets Form Group to Support Amendment 64**

***"Veterans for 64" will join Sensible Colorado at a news conference TOMORROW (Thursday, Sep. 27) at
12 p.m. in front of El Paso County Court House in Colorado Springs (270 S. Tejon St.)***

COLORADO SPRINGS – A group of Colorado veterans will gather on the east side of the El Paso County Court House on Thursday, Sep. 27, at 12 p.m. to announce the formation of Veterans for 64, which will support Amendment 64, the initiative on this year's ballot to regulate marijuana like alcohol.

The group is being established in response to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's second denial of a petition to add post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) to the list of qualifying conditions for medical marijuana. In order to approve the petition, the Health Department *must* schedule a Public Hearing in front of the Board of Health within 120 days. Since 120 days have elapsed since the petition's filing without a Hearing being scheduled, the petition is effectively denied.

"The state's failure to act is an effective denial of this compassionate petition," said Vietnam veteran Bob Wiley. "Our only option is to support Amendment 64, which will ensure that Coloradans 21 and older who suffer from PTSD will no longer be subject to arrest and prosecution for using marijuana."

WHAT: News conference to announce formation of Veterans for 64 in response to state's second denial of petition to add PTSD to list of qualifying conditions for medical marijuana

WHEN: Thursday, September 27, 12 p.m. MT

WHERE: East side of the El Paso County Court House, 270 S. Tejon Street, Colorado Springs

WHO: Joe Hatcher, Iraq War veteran with PTSD

Bob Wiley, Vietnam veteran and chair of Veterans for 64

Brian Vicente, executive director of Sensible Colorado

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