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Thanks,
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Boards and Commissions Application

Board/Commission or position applying for:	Veterans' Service Officer
First and Last Name	Stephen Otero
Address	PO Box 3387
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Why would you like to serve on this Board or Commission?	My name is Steve Otero and I am a 34 year old, father of two. I am also an honorably discharged veteran of the US Air Force, who served in both Iraq and Afghanistan. In December of 2009, while in Afghanistan, I was involved in a suicide bombing that forever changed the course of my life. However, it turns out that it was for the best because I discovered my passion for

servitude to the veteran community. While in the Air Force from December of 2000 to March of 2012, I worked as a combat cameraman and public affairs officer. Since leaving the military after injury, I have worked tirelessly to be involved in the veterans service industry. Serving my brothers and sisters in a variety of capacities. I've worked VA mortgage and financial counseling, as an advocate for wounded vets at the state and local government levels in Texas, as a promoter of veterans service events within the media, fundraising for nonprofits, hosting networking events for veterans hiring initiatives, and as a contractor for the federal wounded warrior programs at both the service and DoD levels. Serving the county as a representative charged with caring for and educating veterans from all generations would be my great honor. I hope to be involved with promoting all the Gunnison Valley has to offer veterans as well as developing and implementing future veterans service programs as the commissioners and our constituents please. Additionally, I've worked with veterans wilderness therapy programs across the nation, to include the Adaptive Sports Center, CB. As an ASC volunteer leader, I have assessed and selected participants to participate in programming based on mental and physical health status and their ability to adapt to building community quickly. I facilitate morning and evening programming (post-sport participation), as well as nutrition based education. I recently graduated from a National Outdoor Leadership School semester program. Taking time to better myself in my communication, leadership, and facilitation skills. Throughout the semester, I worked around the clock with a unique, multigenerational team of educators. We focused effort on teamwork, feedback and discussion leading, presentation skills, various targeted leadership styles, and genuinely caring peer mentorship/leadership. I hold myself to high standards and deliver high quality customer service to clients, peers and fellow leaders. I am currently self employed and have been a contractor working with businesses, governments, and non-government organizations interested in developing veterans related projects. It would be my hope to learn more about the county as time goes on in order to continuously better serve our vets as the population numbers increase. As a resident of Gunnison County for two years now, I am currently working towards planting my family roots deep into our community, living in CB. I wish for my four year old twins, Dustin and Sophia, to learn what it takes to care for people by seeing their father work fervently to better our neighborhoods and community as a whole. With my deep knowledge of servant leadership, I request to be nominated to the position of veterans service officer, Gunnison County.

Please reach out to me anytime to discuss at 713-823-5828.

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