

What our customers have said about us

"The medical care is outstanding in both the nursing home and domiciliary. My wife is in the nursing home, and I live in the domiciliary, and we know that the entire staff cares about us in many ways. Our children don't worry about us the way they did before we moved to Homelake."

— Travis S., Resident

"All my needs can be met in one location. I live in the Dom now, and when the day comes that I need more care, I can just move to the nursing home. Several friends have started their care in the nursing home and have ended up moving into the Dom once they got stronger."

— Richard G., Resident

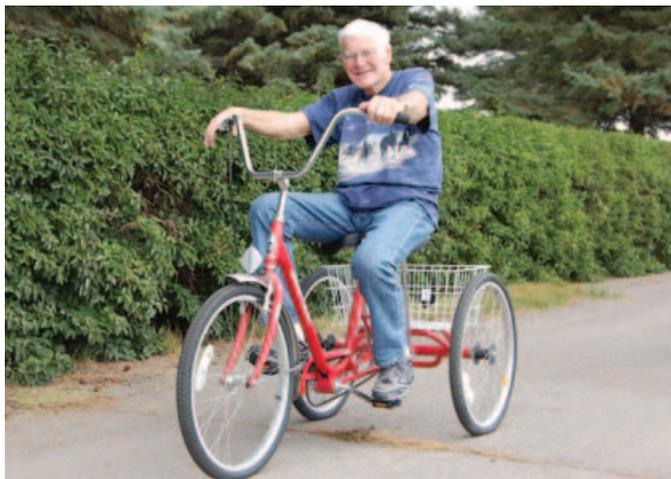
"We choose our meals, mealtimes and activities. I like to sleep late and eat a big breakfast. No problem. Whatever I choose and whenever I choose is the way it is for me and everyone else living at Homelake. That makes me happy."

— Betty S., Resident

"Our meals are great. My family and friends can't believe the choices and quality of food. I follow a gluten-free diet, and the dietary department works with me to meet my needs."

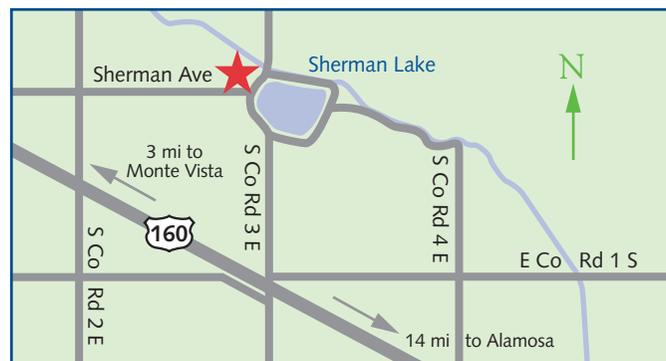
— Mona T., Resident

In recent years, family members' reported levels of satisfaction have exceeded both state and national averages on nearly all questions on the survey. The surveys are conducted by a national long-term care evaluation firm with the largest set of senior care satisfaction data in the nation.



Where you can find us

We are located in the beautiful San Luis Valley between Walsenburg and Durango.



From Alamosa, go west on Hwy 160 about 14 miles. Turn right/north on S. County Road 3 East at the "State Veterans Center Homelake" sign and "3E/1S" highway sign. We're about 1 mile up the road surrounded by tall pine trees just west of the lake. Come to the building with the double doors.

How to contact us

For information, admission packet, video or tour:

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Our mission

Under the direction of the Colorado Department of Human Services, the mission of the Division of State Veterans Nursing Homes is to honor and serve our nation's veterans, their spouses and Gold Star Parents by creating opportunities for meaningful activity, continued growth and feelings of self-worth in resident-centered long-term care and supportive living environments.

Our vision

Our vision is that residents experience compassion, dignity and companionship in communities filled with life, love and laughter.

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of Human Services
people who help people

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Caring communities that
honor America's heroes!

Who we are

Colorado State Veterans Center at Homelake was established in 1889 as the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, providing a peaceful home for aging and disabled Civil War veterans. Homelake — which believes in honoring its residents with compassionate, dignified care — has been preserving memories and honoring veterans from every major war in U.S. history.

Who we serve

Honorably discharged veterans, veterans' spouses or widows and "Gold-Star" parents who meet medical criteria are eligible for long-term or short-term care in our Home.

Which forms of payment we accept

Private pay and Medicaid are accepted for long-term care. Medicare and Medicare supplemental insurance are accepted for short-term rehabilitation. Help is offered with Medicaid and VA applications.

What we offer

Assisted living-like cottages (domiciliary/"dom")

Our 48 domiciliary cottages (similar to assisted living) are available for individuals who do not require 24-hour care. Medical services are provided in an outpatient clinic 11 hours a day. Emergency medical care is available through the nursing home.

Nursing home

Our 60-bed long-term care skilled nursing home provides medical and non-medical care, including registered nurse coverage 24/7; physical, occupational and speech therapy; social activities; and assistance with bathing, dressing and other activities of daily living.

Short-term rehabilitation

Physical, occupational and speech therapies are available for individuals seeking to return home following a qualifying hospital stay. Therapy specialists work with each individual to regain skills and improve physical strength, endurance and aerobic capacity.



Other services

We also offer short-term "respite" care when homecare providers or family members are unavailable as well as end-of-life/hospice services. All residents receive individual care plans and have access to services from physicians, a social worker and veteran service officer. Residents also enjoy the convenience of their own post office, banking services, pool hall, recreation hall and woodshop.

What makes us different

Comprehensive daily rate

Our economical daily rate covers many "extras," including all medications; primary care physician services provided on site; oxygen, wheelchairs and other medical supplies; physical, speech and occupational therapy; transportation to medical appointments; and more! (Reduced rates given to veterans.)

Two levels of care

Homelake is the only Colorado State Veterans Home offering two levels of care: a skilled nursing home and assisted living cottages. These options enable residents to transfer between levels of care while remaining in a familiar environment. Life-enhancing friendships can be maintained, and couples with different needs for care still can reside on the same campus.

Setting and environment

The nursing home and assisted living-like cottages are set on a beautiful rural campus with historic buildings, the Homelake History Center and the Homelake Cemetery, with close access to fishing and abundant wildlife. Surrounded by towering spruce trees, our 25-acre campus combines a sense of tranquility with comprehensive medical care.

Resident empowerment

Residents are empowered with choices regarding meals, activities, physician selection, aspects of their care and preferred times for bathing, sleeping and dining. The vision for our residents says it best: *"We are encouraged and empowered to choose the daily care and services we receive in our home. This fosters our independence, freedom and the opportunity to participate in life-enhancing friendships with respect and dignity — eliminating helplessness, boredom and loneliness."*

Activities and community events

Our diverse activity program offers intergenerational programs, a drama club, a greenhouse and gardening opportunities. We organize a Veterans Day open house, Valentine's for Veterans event, Memorial Day observance and other events to engage our residents in meaningful activities while providing veteran camaraderie and a sense of purpose. Homelake also involves residents in parades and other local activities, recognizing veterans for the heroes they are.

