

COLORADO FREEDOM MEMORIAL

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MAY 25, 2019

The event started for us, the day before, on Friday to spot the museum in the parking lot servicing the Colorado Freedom Memorial (CFM). Sawaya provided transportation services with Rob Barnes as driver. After the trailer arrived I thought I would get a head start and pull the exhibit material out of the cabinets. One thing led to another and pretty soon all the flat services were covered with our exhibit material gaining us an hour in the morning. Since Saturday was a short day, 0800-1000 and 1130 to 1300, everyone showed up early, including George Mayl, Bill Robie, Bill Bates, Rick Beaver, Doug Neal, Cliff Lawson, and of course, Candy and I. Mike Silva and Susie came by later in the day.

The Monument is dedicated to those soldiers that gave their lives on foreign shores for our Freedom and that have not returned. The day was spent Honoring those soldiers and all those that have given their lives in pursuit of our freedoms. Ceremonies included an Invocation, Posting of the Colors, wreath laying ceremony, TAPS, and Benediction, all hosted by Rick Crandall, Founder and President of the CFM. The CFM is also gaining a new monument to the grounds, The Gold Star Families Memorial Monument to be installed later this year.

We had approximately 300 visitors to the Museum possibly more. Actually not bad considering our exposure time was limited due to ceremonies at the memorial site. Pancake and sausage breakfast was available to all and many of us took advantage. The "Crusadors, Valor for Veterans" came by and formally thanked us for our donation and pictures were taken. We ended up with approximately \$225 in sales and \$75 in donations not bad for a 3 and a half hour show. We were packed up and gone by 1330. The Museum was picked up later and returned to the Sawaya Trucking facility where our annual DOT inspection will be performed before it is returned to Golden.

Thank you to everyone who helped out and supported this event. The next event will be in Golden at Lions Park for the 4th of July. Put the date on your calendar and volunteer to help out. It has been a big event for us in the past and averages approximately 700 visitors. We could really use your help.

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