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And all of this was done with less than \$7,500!



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What is the Equal Justice Foundation?

The Equal Justice Foundation is chartered and steadfastly stands for:

- The defense of human and individual rights as secured by law;
- The elimination or reduction of prejudice and discrimination; and
- To promote equal treatment of both sexes in custom and under the law.

Toward these goals the Foundation undertakes charitable acts; develops, provides and disseminates educational materials; and initiates and publishes scientific studies.

The Equal Justice Foundation has no paid staff. Financially the Foundation is entirely supported by members dues and contributions and such funds are used solely for essential expenses, e.g., computers and office supplies.

2013 was our thirteenth year of continuous operations.

Mission

The Equal Justice Foundation is a nonprofit organization of citizens from all walks of life incorporated in February 2001 and working to:

- Reduce family violence.
- Preserve families and marriages.
- Restore due process.
- Reverse the loss of our civil liberties.
- Ensure equality for all citizens before the bar, especially the disabled.
- Establish judicial accountability.
- Reestablish the rule of law.
- Preserve the secret ballot.
- Ensure transparent, fair, and honest elections.
- Make the Bill of Rights a living document in our time.

Our viewpoints and findings are presented by an eclectic array of *male* and *female* authors from a wide variety of fields, backgrounds, and positions on the issues, including many comments from EJP members.

Major operational changes in 2013

With regard to our mission two major changes occurred in 2013.

The EJT is no longer participating in the Combined Federal Campaign

First, after ten years the Foundation dropped out of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). That campaign was taking upwards of six weeks a year of Dr. Corry's time and efforts as well as at least a week's time from each of the directors and officers of the Foundation to comply with and participate in the various CFC activities.

Additionally, overhead taken by the CFC organizers was ~20% of the total donations made by federal employees to the EJT. And every year at least one of the campaigns in Colorado and Utah could not understand what the Foundation does so we would have to file an appeal, expending more time and energy. We were also required by government regulations to provide various statistics that were simply a waste of our time.

We also found that our costs for printing flyers, banners, displays, etc. amounted to roughly half of what donations we received after the CFC overhead was taken out.

Further, experience showed that many of the people who approached the Foundation worked for the federal government as contractors and could not and did not participate in the CFC.

Personal advice and assistance has been greatly limited

Second, we have never successfully recruited long-term, committed volunteers to provide timely and meaningful responses to those seeking personal advice and assistance after they become embroiled in a legal morass and, usually, falsely accused.

Providing such individual assistance has always been a secondary function of the Foundation. As such, and in order to accomplish our primary research mission with available resources, such personal assistance was largely stopped in 2013 with few exceptions, usually for disabled veterans or for those willing to pay for personal advice and assistance.¹

1. Our response to help requests now reads in part:

We do not, and will not work anonymously. Research is the primary mission of the Equal Justice Foundation. Our research is published on our web sites, listed below, and it is very likely that you can find the information you need on these sites. Time and resources do not permit us to locate that information for you.

If our research and information is of help to you, your support would be very much appreciated. Brief queries by EJT members whose dues are current will be answered as time permits.

Personal advice and assistance. Should you wish to employ the Equal Justice Foundation or Dr. Corry for personal advice or assistance the fee is \$100/hour with a two-hour minimum paid in advance. Note that Dr. Corry is not an attorney and cannot provide legal advice. The Equal Justice Foundation does not directly employ any attorneys and has no paid staff.

Family and intimate partner violence

Help for abused men and women

The Equal Justice Foundation (EJF) performs research intended to reduce family violence of all forms regardless of sex, gender orientation, age, religion, or ethnicity.

We provide one of the very few programs offering succor to abused men² and the support we provide is now primarily web based. Our flyers on domestic violence and protection orders are consistently downloaded well over 3,000 times per month³ and that appears to be a more effective way to reach the broadest possible audience than any attempts at individual assistance.

As an exception, and when possible, both active-duty and discharged veterans from all branches of the Armed Forces were provided what help possible in 2013. Usually they were having problems with domestic violence or other family issues associated with post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injuries (TBI), or other combat-related issues, the subject of an extensive EJF research project discussed later.

The Foundation frequently intercedes with police, district attorneys, courts, Veteran Administration, defense attorneys, or other veteran support groups on behalf of victims of government tyranny.

The Foundation also conducts extensive research on the demographics⁴ and other factors involved in intimate partner violence. Our research on intimate partner violence is extensively used in all 50 states and at least 26 other countries. For example, the Maine Supreme Court recently ruled that their domestic violence laws violated the state constitution. The defense attorney writing the brief contacted Dr. Corry for assistance and research information.

Reducing family violence

Family violence seldom occurs in a vacuum. Typically there are many precursors, ranging from mental and emotional disorders, biological factors, substance abuse, the stress of combat, and accidents or wounds, such as a blow to the head, that negatively affects family relationships.

The Equal Justice Foundation seeks to identify these factors and minimize or eliminate the effects whenever possible in order to reduce family conflicts. It is of note that in our experience incarceration and criminal convictions have virtually always made problems worse, or completely destroyed the family.

Our objective is to fix the problem, not the blame.

By reducing family violence we help to preserve families and marriages and keep children with their parents or close relatives, e.g., their grandparents, aunts or uncles, in most situations.

2. See Domestic Violence Against Men in Colorado at dvment.org.

3. See ejfi.org/What_you_can_do.htm#handouts.

4. Data and analyses for 1998 through 2010 are available at dvmen.org/dv-90.htm and following sections. There is always a one-year delay in posting this data due to the need for data from a variety of sources, e.g., census, state court administrator, police departments, etc.

Individuals, both male and female, and families use EJF research to help them sort out their problems, show them how to protect themselves, direct them to appropriate agencies, find them competent legal counsel, etc.

The Foundation also advocates for reform with educational material and information with various groups, media, agencies, bar associations, attorneys, judges, district attorneys, and legislators.

Often the personal stories of those who seek help from us are used, with their permission, to illustrate the problems and provide guidance to those with similar issues.⁵

Helping abused or disabled men and women

Our original mission, and a major portion of our continuing efforts, is to provide information and what assistance we are able to men and women, often disabled, who are abused by their intimate partners or are caught up in the nightmare of a dysfunctional legal system.

- *Most often the individual simply needs some information*, or an explanation of the situation they find themselves in, and what options they have. In most cases the information they need is available on our web sites and members simply need some guidance as to where to find what they need.
- *Help for disabled abuse victims*. EJF VP Sheryle Hutter also works with the Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition and, together with her son Don who is also an EJF member, provides advice and help insofar as possible for disabled citizens sucked into the maw of the domestic violence, divorce, and child protection industries.
- *Help for disabled veterans*. When possible we also work directly with disabled veterans and their partners to assist them with whatever problems they face.

The Equal Justice Foundation works with the Veterans Administration, psychiatrists, psychologists, domestic violence treatment providers, Army and Air Force officers on a number of military bases, and other community groups to find both active-duty and military veterans the help they need.

- *The Equal Justice Foundation is member supported and works as a cooperative with its members*. In many cases a member asking for help will be referred to another member who lives near them who has experience with the issues the individual is dealing with on a local level. In such cases our members can often provide the needed advice and assistance on a volunteer basis.

Abused men

While not a statistically valid sample, the abused men we have helped over the past thirteen years shows their problems tend to cluster into specific types. By identifying these patterns with our research it is sometimes possible to forestall their occurrence in current and future cases.

Abused men who contact us, or whose problems are brought to us by those close to them, have typically:

5. For examples see *In Women's Own Words* — Chapter 5 at www.ejfi.org/DV/dv.htm.

- *Lost their jobs, homes, and professional licenses.* This category includes cases where the men lost their security clearances or could no longer carry a gun (affects police, security guards, and military particularly in Colorado Springs). We also have many members who were medical doctors, school teachers, engineers, etc., whose lives have been destroyed by false and malicious allegations.
- *Are now destitute and often living on the streets, in their car, with relatives, or in friend's homes.*
- *Called the police because she attacked him, usually with a weapon, and the police came and arrested him, or made no arrest at all.* For revenge, she then commonly called the police and claimed he attacked her, and the police then arrested him. To add credence to her claim she will commonly scratch or bruise herself, or break things in the home before the police arrive.
- *Called the police because she was abusing the children and, when he tried to protect the little ones, she attacked him.* When the police were called they arrested him and the courts subsequently gave her full custody of the children she is abusing.
- *Found evidence his wife was having an affair.* She then charged him with domestic violence or got a restraining order to cover her adultery. By doing so she got possession of the kids, the house, the car, the checking account, and everything else he owned. For married men this is the largest single grouping with about 50% of married men who contact us falling in this category. More than half the men we've heard from were married or they were living together (common law).
- *Found he is being stalked by a former wife or girlfriend who is using the legal system to harass him with DV charges and restraining orders in addition to the phone calls, vandalism, visitation games, etc., she is playing.* Often when she finds him she uses her cell phone to call police and claim he has violated the restraining order and has him arrested. A variation on this are vindictive girlfriends who get a restraining order that keeps a man from his own home or apartment, which she then often trashes or steals everything out of.
- *Have lost all contact with their children for months and years.* Commonly they were arrested or harassed if they've tried to contact their children. Often the never see the children again until the kids reach age 18, if then.
- *Found the woman has an uncontrollable substance abuse problem, a mental disorder, or both, and is using the legal system, victim's advocates, and women's shelters to harass and charge him with various false allegations.*
- *Found that their military or police service is used against them in court and they are addressed as "trained killers."* Such *ad hominem* attacks seem to be most common against men who have served in the elite branches of the military, e.g., Marines, Seals, Special Forces (Green Berets), and Rangers.
- *Have spent from three months to ten years or more in jail though they had no police record prior to meeting this woman and very often there is no evidence of violence whatsoever.* Includes cases where men lost their jobs because of the false allegations she made against them, were laid off, or the court "imputed" income they did not have and could not pay child support, and they were jailed for contempt of court (debtor's prison).
- *Are suffering from one or more symptoms of post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), virtually without exception.* Sleeplessness, paranoia, nervousness, nightmares, impotence, physical or mental breakdowns, etc., are so common we hardly even ask about them, and simply take

them as a given and recommend treatment. Many men were, or have become physically disabled by the abuse and false allegations against them. PTSD episodes are indistinguishable from domestic violence under current laws and all too often results in an arrest.

Abused women

Women who contact the Equal Justice Foundation for assistance are quite frequently suffering the same sorts of problems as tabulated above for men with simply the gender reversed. That is particularly true for problems women have with a dysfunctional legal system.

Shelters for abused women do not address these common issues and we have numerous examples where shelters and other advocacy groups have worsened the woman's problems before they contacted us for help.⁶

The problems women face with current facilities can't be fixed until they have been documented. Toward that the EJF has posted numerous vignettes from abused women who have contacted the Foundation for help. To further our efforts they then agreed to have their stories published In Women's Own Words⁷ describing the nightmares they have been through.

Unbiased help to all men and women

The above is a fair summary of what many of the men and women who make up our clientele face. Apparently the EJF is one of the few groups that also offers unbiased help to homosexual men and women who are, in several cases, military veterans.⁸

Making people aware of the problems

As there is very little help available for abused men, abusive women, or men and women and children whose families have been destroyed by the legal system and DV industry, the basic problem is to make citizens aware of what we do and how we can help. That is done in several ways:

- *The EJF partners with members and groups* that have similar goals and missions such as the Domestic Abuse Helpline for Men and Women in Maine. Referrals for abused men and women are frequently exchanged with other groups to ensure individuals receive the best care and advice possible.
- *Locations of shelters for men and women.* Links are provided to the few groups across the United States, and in other countries that provide direct assistance and shelter to *both* men and women.⁹
- *Encyclopedic web sites.* Our original web site, Domestic Violence Against Men in Colorado, at *dvmen.org* contains sixteen chapters on such topics as how to deal with domestic violence, extensive information on protection orders, etc., and is used by thousands of men and women every day.

6. With the help of volunteers the EJF has documented many of the problems with shelters for battered women. See Chapter 6 at ejfi.org/DV/dv.htm.

7. See Chapter 5 at ejfi.org/DV/dv.htm.

8. For example see the Help page on Gay and Lesbian issues at ejfi.org/Help/Help-9.htm.

9. See list of shelters that help both men and women at ejfi.org/Help/Help-3.htm#abusedmen.

In addition, the EJF parent web site, *ejfi.org*, contains additional research and information on domestic violence as well as five other books on problems as fundamental as preserving our civilization, families and marriage, courts and civil liberties, prohibitions and the war on drugs, and vote fraud and election issues. Additional sections on finding help, the saga of Dr. Timothy Emerson¹⁰ in defense of the Second Amendment, newsletters and press releases, and what people can do to help are also included.

- *Public presentations* are made before various groups, commissions, and committees; and through various media outlets, e.g., newspapers and radio talk shows, as a result of which personal contact is often made with abused men and women.
- *A newsletter is published* several times a year and these are widely reposted and forwarded to other groups and individuals.¹¹
- *Word of mouth* has proven to be very effective in spreading our message and it is not uncommon for someone to call us who has not seen our web sites, brochures, or newsletters.
- *Flyers on the facts about what to do if charged with domestic violence¹² or placed under a restraining order¹³* are downloaded from our web site by more than 3,000 people a month.
- *EJF research is widely reposted.* In many cases EJF members, students, attorneys, or other groups use our research and information to produce handouts to fit their local situation or repost our research on their web sites. Such repostings are found on web sites all around the world.

What the Foundation accomplishes

Individuals needing help contact us by email, telephone, personal contact, or office visits. Once contact is established some consultation is required to determine what their problems are, and what help, if any, we might be able to offer to our members and contributors.

- *Most often the individual simply needs some information*, or an explanation of the situation they find themselves in, and what options they have. The information they need is usually available on our web sites and they simply need some guidance as to where to find what they need.

The volume of such requests has made it necessary to require individuals wanting personal assistance or advice to join the Equal Justice Foundation and employ Dr. Corry as a consultant. That requirement helps financially support the Foundation.

- *Help for disabled abuse victims.* The Foundation has extensive and personal experience dealing with disabled victims of abuse of many different kinds. In recent years conservatorship/guardianship fraud and associated elder abuse cases have absorbed a great deal of our efforts. Our experience dealing with disabled veterans subject to intimate partner and abuse by the justice system continues to increase. Issues with child abuse, or often the lack thereof and abuse of parents by child “*protective*” services (CPS) are always before us.

10. Dr. Emerson’s story is available at ejfi.org/emerson.htm.

11. Past newsletters and press releases are available at ejfi.org/Press_releases.htm.

12. See ejfi.org/PDF/Facts-Domestic%20violence.pdf

13. See ejfi.org/PDF/Facts-Restraining%20orders.pdf

- *In many cases the person needs an attorney.* The EJF maintains an extensive published list of cooperating attorneys, plus a private list of less-than competent attorneys, to try and insure these men and women receive informed and comprehensive legal representation. To ensure impartiality the Equal Justice Foundation receives no fees for attorney listings.

Many attorneys link to our web sites and often reproduce critical information and research we provide on their web sites.

The EJF also works closely with a number of prosecutors, criminal defense, and family law attorneys throughout Colorado.

It is also well worth noting that the Equal Justice Foundation has become the place attorneys turn to for expert advice when they are charged with domestic violence or subjected to restraining orders.

In other cases we help members find a private investigator or a paralegal to assist them, or in cases of paternity fraud, how, when, and where to get court-acceptable DNA genetic testing done.

- *Abused men and women often simply want their story to be heard.* Women and men have often told us that they simply want their stories to be heard, and their anguish known so that others understand they are not alone.

We publish many such stories in the hope that other men and women can avoid the trauma and heartbreak of an abusive relationship. Such stories also provide much needed information on how individual situations have been resolved and what mistakes to avoid.

- *And there are always the depressing cases where nothing can be done to help.* That is usually because the individuals have waited too long to contact us or our resources are simply stretched too thin. Time after time people contact the EJF after spending their life savings on incompetent, and all-too-often dishonest attorneys, with problems that could have been readily, or much more inexpensively solved or avoided.

Cases where men and women have been coerced into a plea bargain without any awareness of the dire and irreversible consequences to their families, children, and marriage are particularly frustrating.

It needs to be emphasized that, sadly, many of the problems brought to the Equal Justice Foundation have no solution that will save their children, families, and, all too often, their lives.

Marriage and families

Preserving families and marriage

It is a fundamental tenet of the Equal Justice Foundation, and substantiated in numerous research studies, that children need both parents in order to develop into healthy, educated, and productive citizens. We continue to work toward keeping children with their biological parents whenever possible or with close relatives, e.g., grandparents, when circumstances or disabilities make it impossible for parents to care directly for their sons and daughters.

However, it must be admitted that we are losing these battles. For years the EJF has pointed out that under current laws a man has to be functionally insane to marry and a drooling idiot to

sire a child. As awareness spreads, more and more men are avoiding marriage and women are becoming single mothers, an unsustainable trend if our civilization is to survive.

For couples, both hetero- and homo-sexual who wish to live together in a permanent manner and acquire property and raise children, we advise drawing up a revocable living trust defining in advance the various contingencies and disasters that might occur in their relationship. Such a revocable trust gives each party a contract with defined, enforceable legal rights without putting them into the maw of the family “*justice*” system if the relationship dissolves, as happens with a marriage license.

Protecting children

The Foundation may be called on to help parents, particularly military families, who have come in contact with their county Department of Human Services (DHS), notably child protective services (CPS).

Such problems frequently arise as the result of domestic violence (often associated with PTSD/TBI), divorce, custody disputes, poverty, etc. The EJF provides, advice and whatever assistance we can, and may intercede with DHS, county commissioners, state representatives, and other officials on behalf of the parents. But, as best we can tell, the situation has gotten worse with time.

CPS in many counties across America have become adoption rings using legalized kidnapping to steal children from parents over the least sign of trouble in the family, or simply inventing excuses. And these disgusting practices are fueled by funding from an increasingly socialist/ Marxist government that presumes the State can do a better job of raising children than biological parents. The Equal Justice Foundation stands firmly opposed to these practices and the underlying ideology.

Paternity fraud

For over a decade the Equal Justice Foundation has been fighting for the rights of men and women enslaved by paternity fraud wherein a court has ordered a man to involuntarily support children he is not the biological father of and who no longer reside in his home. This practice is a modern form of slavery.

Since DNA paternity testing has become readily available approximately 30% of the tests have shown the man tested is not the father of the child, or children in question. Often times paternity fraud makes it impossible for a man to support his biological children, and wives are often forced to help pay support for children who have no relation to their husband.

In many cases we help members find a private investigator or a paralegal to assist them in cases of paternity fraud, and how, when, and where to get DNA genetic testing done.¹⁴ But all too often non-payment of the court-ordered support lands men in debtor’s prison.

14. See paternity fraud section at ejfi.org/Help/Help-3.htm#paternity and known DNA testing labs by state at ejfi.org/Help/Help-2.htm.

Marriage fraud

Years of experience and data collected by federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) have shown that roughly one-third of marriages by American men to foreign women are fraudulent and used simply to gain immigrant or citizenship in the United States. But there are many variants on this con.

Typically marriage fraud involves a foreign bride coming to America and after six months or so filing charges of domestic violence against her American husband. Under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) ICE is then required to immediately issue her a Green Card granting her residency status and expedite her citizenship application.

Former EJF Director John Sampson is a retired federal officer formerly with ICE who investigated marriage fraud. Presently he operates CSI Consulting and Investigations helping men and women nationwide stung by such fraudulent marriages.¹⁵

Work with the disabled community

EJF Vice President Sheryle Hutter works tirelessly throughout the state to help disabled citizens together with several other EJF members. In 2008 her efforts were recognized by two statewide awards and those efforts have carried forward at a somewhat slower pace in 2013 due to family health issues. Mrs. Hutter has also served on the board of the Colorado Cross Disability Coalition and has received a number of awards for her work with the Special Olympics.

Mental health problems

The EJF has extensive experience dealing with cases of PTSD and TBI in both military and civilians, as well as a number of personality disorders frequently associated with intimate partner violence. Research, described below, has shown that manifestations of PTSD and TBI are indistinguishable from domestic violence under current laws.

One of our members is a Doctor of Psychology and works extensively with veterans with TBI and their families in Colorado Springs, and they hold her in high regard. She has been particularly effective in dealing with issues involving child protective services.

We also work with attorneys to help them recognize and deal with mental health problems in clients and opponents.

The Foundation also works with disabled veterans and active-duty military to help them find food, shelter, and physical and mental health care in cooperation with other agencies.

As a result of our work the Veterans Administration, defense attorneys, and military commands often refer veterans to the Equal Justice Foundation for assistance.

15. See his web site at csiinvestigations.vpweb.com.

Veteran arrests and courts

Veteran court

In 2008 the Equal Justice Foundation helped pioneer a veteran court in Colorado's Fourth Judicial District (El Paso and Teller counties) to support the thousands of veterans and active-duty military in the area who become involved with civilian courts as a direct or indirect result of their combat injuries and stress, e.g., PTSD and TBI. In 2010 the Foundation worked to pass enabling legislation for veteran courts statewide.

A major objective of our efforts is to try and stop the downward spiral into alcoholism, homelessness, incarceration, and suicide many veterans are enduring in the present justice system within the military bastion that is El Paso County.

Implementation of a functional veteran court is critically dependent on accurate demographic information. In July 2010 we began tabulating veteran arrests in El Paso County based on daily arrest reports provided by the sheriff. In February 2011 we completed an initial analysis of the first 1,000 veteran arrests,¹⁶ and in 2012 we prepared a report on the veteran arrests in El Paso County based on data from the entire year of 2011. After review by a number of combat veterans we published that report in April 2013.

Abstract of an analysis of veteran arrests, El Paso County, Colorado¹⁷

Beginning in July 2010 an investigation of veteran and active-duty military arrests in El Paso County, Colorado, was undertaken based on daily arrest and booking reports provided by the sheriff. This report encompasses veteran arrest data from 2011 as the base year and data collected since.

El Paso County contains five separate military bases and is the third-largest concentration of military forces in the United States. All police departments within the county and all five bases use the county criminal justice center (CJC) for detention.

In 2011 ~3,200 veterans and active-duty military were arrested and booked into the CJC. Statistical analysis of these arrests and associated charges is summarized in eighteen tables, five figures, and four appendices. There is nothing in this data that implies the current justice system deters crime or violence by veterans. In fact, evidence suggests the present system is criminogenic. In many cases interaction with the justice system increased a veteran's potential for violence, up to and including homicide. Current policies of "catch, convict, and release" were plainly a factor in increased rates of homelessness, suicide, and homicide among veterans.

The wars of the 21st Century have resulted in many thousands of casualties returning to El Paso County suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and the signature wound of these wars, Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI), as well as many other combat injuries. The characteristics of these injuries make it very likely that the veteran will be brought to the attention

16. The report is available at ejfi.org/PDF/EPSO_vet_arrest_report.pdf.

17. The complete 124-page report is available at ejfi.org/PDF/EJF_EPCO_vet_arrest_study.pdf.

of peace officers, who often have little option but to make an arrest under current laws. As this report illustrates, that amounts to several thousand veterans arrested each year in this one county.

A criminal conviction often makes it impossible for veterans to obtain employment and frequently devastates families and children.

Cases involving domestic violence, an add-on charge in Colorado, are the most common basis for arrest in this study. Some 30% of the veterans booked into CJC in 2011 were arrested for domestic violence. But in only half of those cases did the charges include an actual violent act.

Behaviors characteristic of PTSD, TBI, and many other combat injuries are indistinguishable from the definition of intimate partner violence under current laws. As a result, the justice system, and concurrent legal abuse syndrome, exacerbates the veteran's injuries. The end result is a justice system, that, in effect, punishes veterans for serving their country.

Our analysis repudiates the widespread adoption of a drug-court model for veteran courts. In this study, only 13% of charges are for drugs or alcohol. Further, a “drug-court” model is of no value in domestic violence or traffic cases, which constitute the bulk of veteran arrests in this study. Treating substance abuse alone in cases where the veteran has PTSD/TBI is contraindicated as it does not address the underlying problems.

Another startling result is that while arrests of civilians tapers off sharply after age 30, arrests of veterans continues steadily regardless of age. After age 50 virtually all the inmates in the CJC are veterans and the county jail effectively becomes an Old Soldiers Home. Available data make it evident that veterans who remain in El Paso County after their first arrest will keep getting arrested over and over again.

Injuries like TBI are clearly associated with early onset of dementia and in many cases veterans are being arrested for that. Other biological factors, e.g., perimenopause in females, correlate with veteran arrests.

Clearly these veterans are bringing back a psychological plague that is not being properly or fully diagnosed, that is not being addressed at the critical time to prevent more harm and violence, and is spreading to family and friends. And evidence in this report makes it clear that the epidemic today will echo down the decades until at least mid-century even if the wars ended today.

The repercussions are magnified by OIF/OEF veterans who have endured multiple combat tours and survived injuries that would have been fatal in previous conflicts.

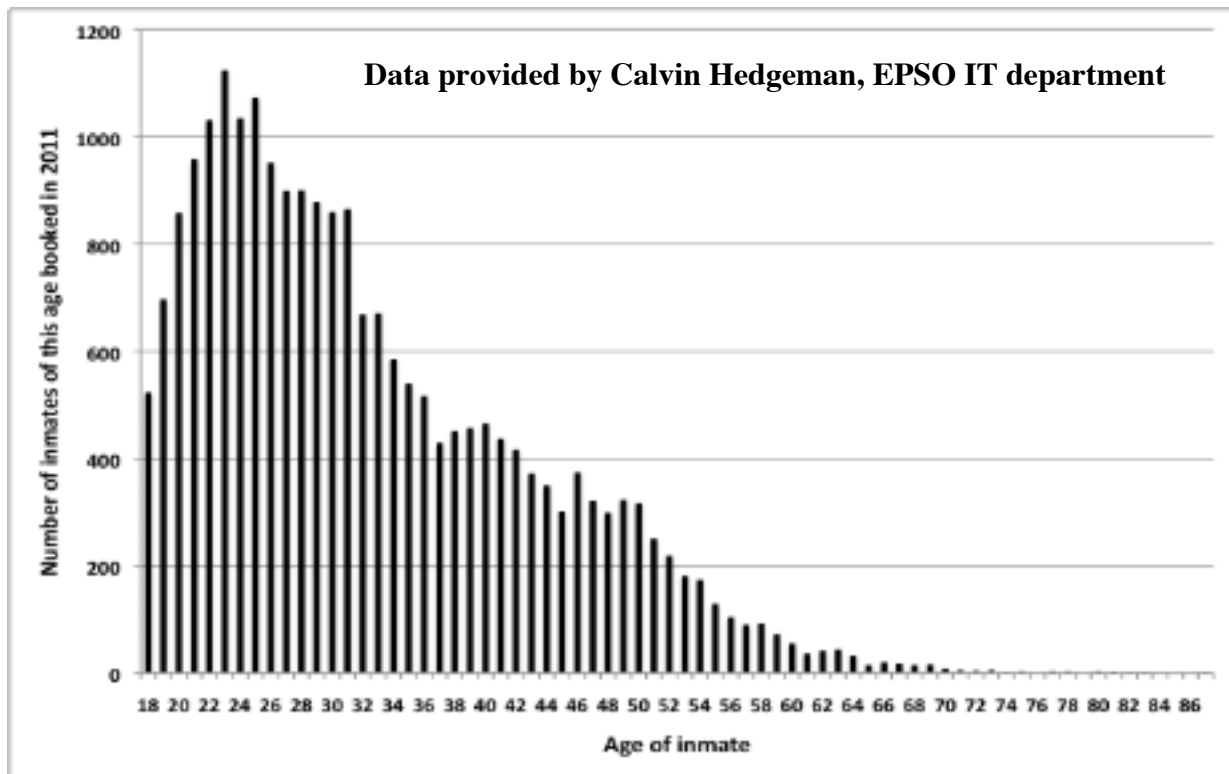
When comparing Iraq and Afghanistan veterans with those from Vietnam it is clear that the passage of many new laws, e.g., the War on Drugs, domestic violence statutes, sexual assault and rape shield laws, has a dramatic negative effect on the ability of veterans to reintegrate into society. However, we find no evidence that these draconian measures have improved public safety.

Our study is ongoing and our next effort is to incorporate court outcomes for many of these veteran arrests now that we have sufficient longitudinal data.

Veteran arrest data

One of the major findings of our study was the distinct age difference between civilians and veterans who are arrested. Figure 1 shows the age distribution of all inmates booked into the El Paso County Justice Center (CJC) in 2011. In accordance with other studies the largest number of inmates are in their 20's and there is a sharp drop off past age 30.

Figure 1. Age distribution of all inmates booked into CJC during 2011



However, in Figure 2 we have plotted just the ages of discharged veterans booked into CJC during 2011. Note that the rapid drop off in numbers after age 30 isn't present when we plot just veterans and this distinctly different age distribution is clear evidence that veterans are a separate problem for the justice system.

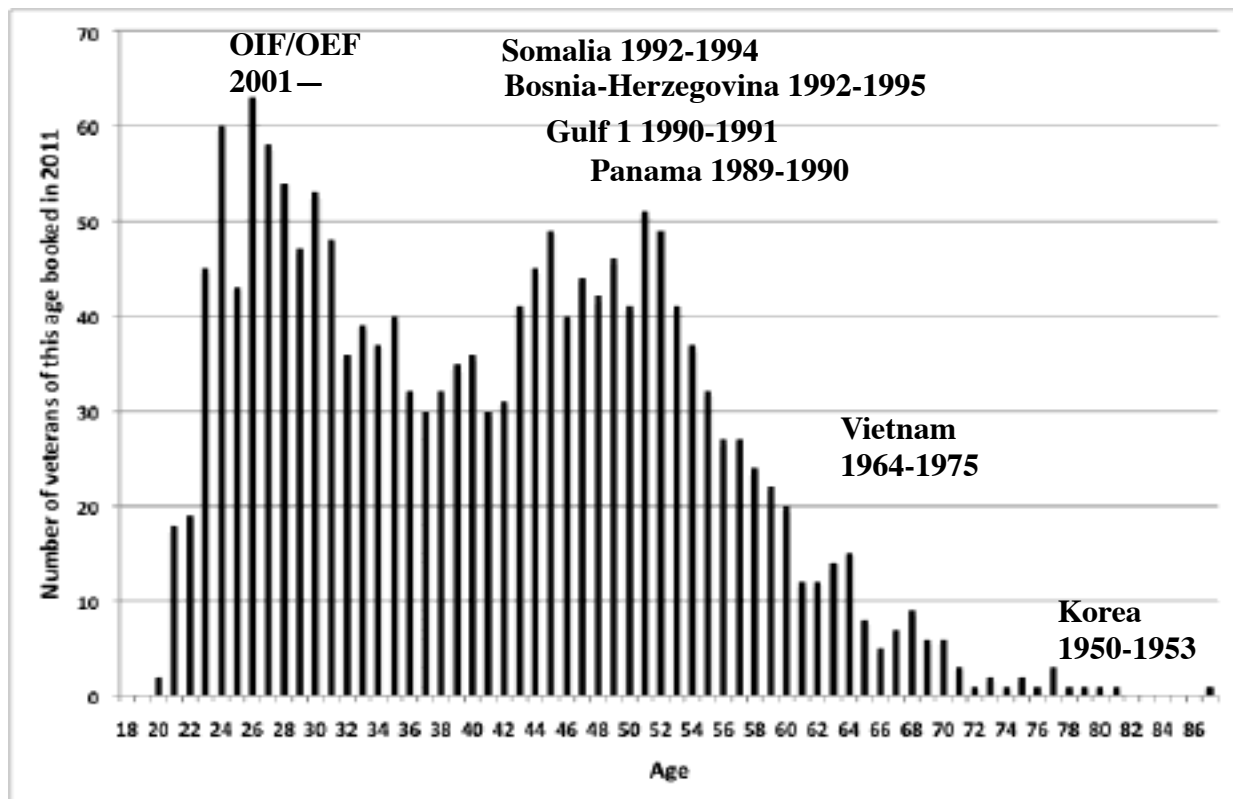
In fact, if we assume that veterans first see combat around age 20 it is possible to plot veterans of past conflicts by peaks in the age concentrations, e.g., Somalia veterans were around age 40+ in 2011.

That correlation with past conflicts continues out until veterans are in their 50's, which results in the sad conclusion that the negative effects of PTSD continues indefinitely. Further, whatever efforts were made to treat these veteran's injuries have not been effective.

We can also predict the problems with incarcerated veterans will increase in the future as the wars in Iraq (OIF) and Afghanistan (OEF) were of much longer duration, involved many more troops, and they were deployed multiple times, often to both conflicts. Additionally, improved body and vehicle armor, together with better medical treatment of wounds, resulted in much higher survival rates for injuries that would have been fatal in previous conflicts. That is particularly evident in TBI where veterans have endured multiple tours and often been blown up four, five, or more times before they were discharged disabled, or worse, discharged under less than honorable conditions due to their erratic behavior as a result of their injuries.¹⁸

18. See the Pulitzer Prize winning series Other Than Honorable in the Colorado Springs Gazette at cdn.cs gazette.biz/soldiers about this problem. Former EJF Director Robert Alvarez participated directly in the studies underlying this series.

Figure 2. Age distribution of discharged veterans booked during 2011

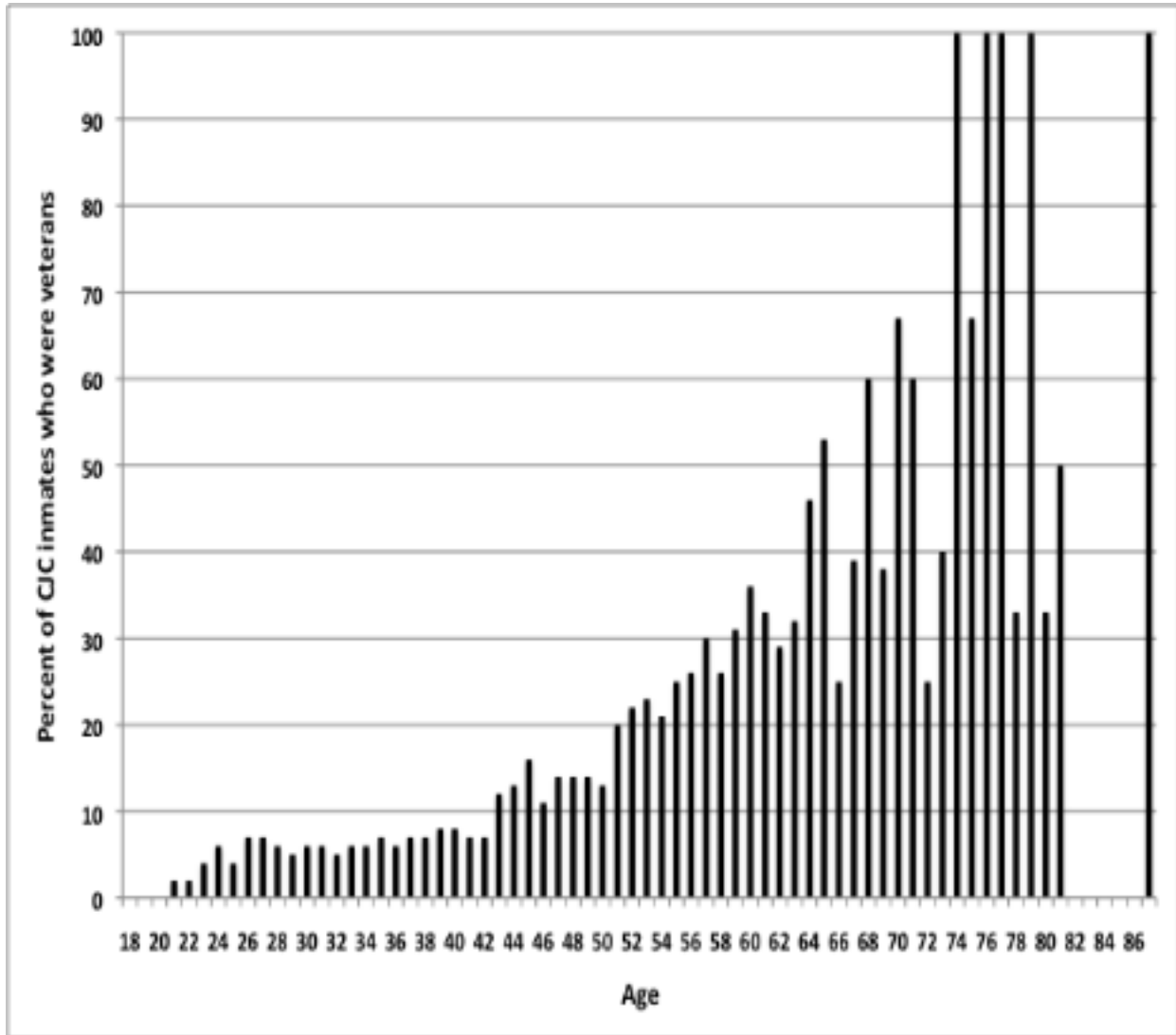


Studies have shown that eventually 50% of veterans who served in-country during the Vietnam conflict exhibit symptoms of PTSD. Those veterans are now in their 60's yet Figure 2 shows a sharp decline in the number of incarcerated veterans past age 50. However, the data do not support a finding that older veterans are arrested less than younger ones.

As illustrated in Figure 3, one of the most distressing findings of our study is that inmates in the county jail over age 50 are nearly all veterans. The drop in the number of incarcerated veterans past age 50 apparent in Figure 2 is attributed to the early mortality of Vietnam veterans. Fewer than one-third of those who served in-country are still alive, a sad commentary on America's imperial military adventurism.

Unfortunately, experience has shown that the veteran court in Colorado Springs, which has only dealt with some 200+ veterans in three years, has proven to be simply a multimillion dog-and-pony show. A primary failing of the court is the insistence a veteran plead guilty to whatever crimes the district attorney charges them with before they can be admitted.

Figure 3. Percent of inmates booked into CJC versus age



Veteran arrest study as of the end of 2013

By the end of 2013 we have tabulated ~10,000 arrests of ~6,000 discharged veterans and active-duty military in El Paso County in a mySQL database using PHP for interactive data input.

Our current plan is to continue collecting veteran arrest data through the end of 2015 and then issue a comprehensive report covering the five year period 2011-2015.

Colorado judges — □ Citizens's review

The Equal Justice Foundation continues to review the conduct of Colorado judges and publish reviews of misconduct as well as recognizing exemplary service.

In many cases an EJF officer, director, or member attends court hearings with those needing assistance to provide reassurance, act as witnesses, and document judicial behavior. Other EJF members do courtwatching as their time and interest permit. The Foundation provides a standard form for evaluating courts and child protective services that has been widely adopted in Colorado and across the United States.¹⁹ When appropriate, completed forms are published and linked to the responsible judge.

Prior to the November 2012 election the Foundation published a review of judicial performance in Colorado state courts.²⁰ As part of that effort we distributed a table showing how both the judicial review commissions and the EJF/attorneys voted to retain or not retain all judges standing for retention in that election to all Colorado residents on our mailing list.²¹ Using the same standard of how attorneys voted we went back and updated our chapter on Colorado Judges — Citizen's Review²² to reflect all available judicial performance reviews. To our knowledge this is the first attempt to provide a quantitative, statewide comparison of judicial performance and we plan to repeat that effort for the 2014 election.

Amicus curiae briefs

A recurring issue are requests that the Equal Justice Foundation provide amicus curiae briefs in court cases related to our mission. This question was presented and debated with the EJF Board at the November 4, 2006, fall meeting.

As a result of the discussion and prior experience the following criteria and policy for amicus curiae briefs has been agreed to by the EJF Board and remains unchanged:

1. The requester must have been an EJF member for at least one year prior to making the request.
2. There must be clear-cut circumstances defining why this is an exceptional case that merits the support of the EJF.
3. The case should be in federal court although state court cases might be considered.
4. Member must present their case for consideration by the entire EJF Board.

19. A courtwatching form is available at ejfi.org/PDF/Courtwatcher_form.pdf that is known to be used across the country, as well as in Colorado.

20. See EJF newsletter at ejfi.org/News/Courts-October_13_2012.htm.

21. This table is available at dvmn.org/PDF/2012_CO_judicial_performance.pdf.

22. Available at dvmn.org/dv-2.htm#chapter7.

Vote fraud and election issues

The Equal Justice Foundation works to preserve Constitutional rights embodied in open, honest, and fair elections using secret ballots. Dr. Corry works with election officials and activists both statewide and nationally attempting to preserve a secret ballot, insure ballots are tabulated accurately, provide for adequate standards and testing of electronic voting machines, document and attempt to correct the problems with the statewide voter registration database, and point out and, hopefully, correct the problems with mail ballots. In doing this Dr. Corry has testified as an expert witness on election issues in court and many times before state committees and the legislature. He also publishes in newspapers statewide on election issues and appears on both local and national radio talk shows concerning election problems.

The Foundation has been particularly active in requiring and monitoring security and operational standards for electronic voting equipment. We have also been actively documenting the problems with fraud in mail ballot elections.²³

Since its inception in 2001 Dr. Corry has served on the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) voting equipment standards committee attempting to set workable national standards for electronic voting equipment. During 2013 Dr. Corry continued work with the IEEE P1622²⁴ standards committee for the electronic distribution of election results.

The Equal Justice Foundation compiles and publishes a great deal of information on vote fraud and election issues. Currently that book²⁵ comprises thirteen chapters containing more than 100 essays and examples of election fraud, corruption, and incompetence. A tabulation of problems with electronic voting machines in forty-one states is also included.

Sadly, our efforts have largely been a failure. The IEEE P1583 voting equipment standards committee was disbanded without agreeing to any standards for electronic voting machines. The IEEE P1622 group is working on common data formats for election equipment and may, someday, produce such standards.

In the interim voting equipment manufacturers along with the Colorado legislature, among others, have been destroying virtually every protection and procedure evolved over more than a century. In some sense it appears that the February 24, 2013, EJF newsletter²³ describing what we have lost with mail ballot elections was used by the Colorado legislature as a guide to destroying election integrity. We note that other states are rarely far behind and some are worse.

23. See the February 24, 2014, EJF newsletter Mail Ballots and Elections — What We Have Lost at ejfi.org/News/Voting-February-24-2013.htm.

24. Available at grouper.ieee.org/groups/1622/

25. Vote fraud and election issues ejfi.org/Voting/Voting.htm.

Publications

The results of our studies are widely distributed by use of the World Wide Web, newspaper and magazine articles, scientific meetings and journals, via our newsletter, and to legislative bodies and individual legislators. One measure of the fact that our studies and research are being widely used is the fact that page views on our web sites drop by about 50,000 per month when schools and universities are not in session.

Newsletters

As listed in individual sections above, a newsletter is distributed several times a year to a general list of subscribers. These individuals are located in every state of the United States, many of its territories, and at least forty five other countries.

The EJF mailing list includes media representatives, academics and graduate students, legislators, attorneys, judges, medical practitioners, engineers, scientists, psychiatrists and psychologists, social workers including DV treatment providers and victim's advocates, election activists, housewives, active-duty military, veterans, all the hundreds of abused men and women who contact us, as well as many others.²⁶

Experience shows that our newsletters are widely reposted and forwarded across the Internet. That nets us new subscribers and members as well as greatly expanding the exposure of our work. In 2013 it is again estimated that EJF newsletters are seen by upwards of 200,000 readers around the globe.

EJF newsletters published in 2013²⁷

- January 1, 2013 — Marijuana use and sales in eastern El Paso County
- February 6, 2013 — Domestic violence and honey traps
- February 24, 2013 — Mail ballot elections — What we have lost
- April 22, 2013 — Analysis of veteran arrests, El Paso County, Colorado
- April 29, 2013 — When Johnny comes marching home again...he goes to jail by Jeff Wright
- August 14, 2013 — The low-road to disaster — advocacy research
- September 5, 2013 — Feminists have paved my way to success...Really, how? by Angela McCauley O'Neil
- September 29, 2013 — In defense of Faith and Reason lecture by Stephen Baskerville, Ph.D.
- December 25, 2013 — What is shared parenting?

In addition, EJF members are sent periodic notices of events, legislation, and other items of interest to the Foundation.

26. Note that about one third of all email users change their address each year and updating the EJF mailing list represents a major effort.

27. EJF newsletters are available at ejfi.org/Press_releases.htm.

Web sites

In addition to our newsletters and numerous public presentations, a principal means used to communicate with the public are two web sites: a parent site at *ejfi.org* and our original site, Domestic Violence Against Men in Colorado at *dvmen.org*. It should also be noted that nearly half the authors on our sites are women in a deliberate attempt to provide diverse and balanced viewpoints on the issues we work on. However, that should not be taken to mean we only accept, or promote a “*politically correct*” view. **Far from it!**

Our work is not for the easily offended or the dogmatic ideologue. Our interest is with truth and equal justice as best we can determine those goals through research, logic, and reason.

Equal Justice Foundation web site

The *ejfi.org* site currently contains six books:

- **Families and Marriage** — www.ejfi.org/family/family.htm.
- **Global Domestic Violence** — www.ejfi.org/DV/dv.htm.
- **Civilization** — www.ejfi.org/Civilization/Civilization.htm
- **Prohibitions and War on Drugs** — www.ejfi.org/Prohibition/Prohibition.htm.
- **Courts and Civil Liberties** — www.ejfi.org/Courts/Courts.htm.
- **Vote fraud and Election Issues** — www.ejfi.org/Voting/Voting.htm.
- **Six additional supplemental sections** — The war against veterans, Emerson story, newsletters, introduction, what an individual can do to help, and an extensive list of:

*Links to more than 1,000 related web sites are provided covering:*²⁸

- Men's And Women's Resources — By state for forty-nine states.
- Issues of Public Interest — Sites in the United States for fourteen issues.
- Issues of Public Interest — Twenty-six countries other than the United States.
- Authors, Columnists, Institutes, and Newspapers.
- Mental Health.
- Children, Family, Marriage, And Elder Abuse.
- Veterans Issues and Resources
- Women's Issues.
- Gay And Lesbian Issues.
- Surveillance Hardware And Software.
- Law Research And Legal Help.
- State of Colorado.
- United States Government.

The fact that we constantly receive requests from other groups and companies to be added to our Help lists is proof that this feature is widely used.

28. URL is ejfi.org/Help/Help.htm

Domestic Violence Against Men In Colorado web site

This web site includes sixteen chapters with more than one-hundred-fifty essays by thirty-four male and female authors, as well as numerous vignettes outlining the experience of abused and murdered men in Colorado.

The demographics of domestic violence in Colorado currently covers the years 1998 through 2010. Note that there is a one year delay in posting demographic data as reports from many different agencies, e.g., Census Bureau, must all be collected and collated. Work on issues with veteran arrests in 2012 and 2013 and a lack of volunteer help has delayed posting 2011-2012 demographic data.

During 2012 the many stories told in women's own words of the horrors visited on females as well by the DV industry grew to the point that they were expanded into a separate chapter and moved to the Global Domestic Violence book.²⁹ That section continued to grow in 2013.

Web site usage through 2013

After several years of rapid growth, usage of our web sites has leveled off since 2006. 2010 was the first complete year for which unique visitor data was available.

Combined usage for both EJF web sites in 2013 averaged 216,000+ page views and 40,000+ unique visitors per month. Usage of each site is roughly equal and the sites continue to be widely used by schools and universities.

Facebook

Beginning in 2010 the EJF established a Facebook page where links to articles of interest are posted.³⁰ Also pictures of EJF events, members, directors, and officers are posted as well as discussion items regarding topics of interest.

EJF members and others are encouraged to Like and post on the EJF Facebook page.

Other public service

Bear Creek Park, Colorado Springs, Colorado



The Equal Justice Foundation headquarters are located adjacent to Bear Creek Park on the west side of Colorado Springs. One part of the park is owned and operated by the city and the other part by El Paso County with the EJF located basically on the dividing line between the two parks.

29. See Chapter 5 at ejfi.org/DV/dv.htm.

30. URL is www.facebook.com/ejfi.org.

Several years ago Dr. Corry and Ms. Vaughn took on litter control on Bear Creek Road that follows Bear Creek up the canyon to Pike National Forest.

In October 2006 a Colorado Springs City sign (shown above) acknowledging EJF was installed in Bear Creek Park. El Paso County Parks later installed a similar sign for their portion of the road. We now have three signs promoting the Equal Justice Foundation on Bear Creek Road. Since Bear Creek parks are immensely popular we have received a great deal of attention from these signs. Even a tourist from Washington, D.C. wrote and commented he'd seen the signs while visiting Colorado Springs.

Other EJF members are encouraged to adopt local roads and parks and seek similar recognition for the Foundation in their localities as such advertising is invaluable for our efforts.



Board members and meetings

The affairs and management of the Foundation are under the control of a Board of Directors consisting of three members who serve staggered three year terms without compensation.

Board meetings are held twice yearly, one in the spring and one in the fall although directors and officers often meet informally more often. Correspondence between officers and directors by email or telephone typically occurs several times a month. In addition, significant events and information about the Foundation and its activities are also sent to all EJF members several times a year via email.

Meetings and the agendas are announced in advance to all Foundation members, who are welcome to and do occasionally attend. Visitors to these meetings are also welcome.

2013 formal meetings

The spring meeting, the twenty-fifth biannual meeting of the Equal Justice Foundation directors, officers, and members convened on Sunday, April 28, 2013, at the Golden Public Library, Golden, Colorado.

The fall meeting, the twenty-sixth biannual meeting, convened on Sunday, November 3, 2013, at the Golden Public Library, Golden, Colorado

Minutes of the board meetings are distributed to EJF members in order to keep our far-flung constituency aware of the Foundation's goals and functions.

Board of Directors

As of the end of 2013 the board members are:

Dr. Charles Corry (term ends in spring of 2016)

LaRae Musselman (term ends in spring of 2014)

Fred Bibik, Esq. (term ends in spring of 2015)

Dr. Charles Corry, Colorado Springs, Colorado, was elected to his fourth three-year term as a director at the spring 2013 board meeting. Dr. Corry is an internationally-recognized research scientist and a founder of the Equal Justice Foundation.

Mrs. LaRae Musselman from Longmont, Colorado, completed her second term as a Director at the Spring 2009 meeting and stepped down. She was then replaced by Mr. Robert Alvarez. Unfortunately, Mr. Alvarez's work with the Army Wounded Warrior (AW2) program overwhelmed him and he had to step down. Mrs. Musselman volunteered to fill the remainder of his term, which ended at the Spring 2011 meeting. Mrs. Musselman then agreed to accept yet one more term as a Director, which will end at the spring meeting in 2014. Her stability and continued support of the Foundation has been invaluable.

At the spring 2012 meeting Fred Bibik, Esq. was elected to the board. Dr. Corry has been working with Mr. Bibik since he was falsely accused of domestic violence in June 1997. A number of other EJF members have since used Mr. Bibik as legal counsel in their cases and have uniformly praised his work on their behalf. He is currently with O'Brien, Thomas, and Bibik, LLC, in Lakewood, Colorado.

Officers

The officers of the Equal Justice Foundation serve from year-to-year at the pleasure of the Board of Directors. According to the bylaws, one of the officers must also be on the Board of Directors.

The current Foundation officers are:

Dr. Charles Corry, Colorado Springs — President and Founding Director.

Sheryle Hutter, Aurora — Vice President

Paulette Vaughn, Colorado Springs — Treasurer

Sharall Kinnison — Secretary

Officers receive no compensation for their time and efforts on behalf of the Foundation and their many years of devoted service to the Foundation is deeply appreciated.

National and international recognition

In 2013, for the fifteenth consecutive year, Dr. Corry's humanitarian efforts and research were recognized by his inclusion in Who's Who in the World and Who's Who in America.

Treasurer's report

Income

As in all previous years, during 2013 the Foundation was entirely supported by members and contributions. On January 1, 2013, our bank balance was \$836.

Dues from new and renewing members amounted to \$1,486, and contributions totaled \$5,884. Total income was thus \$7,370, as compared to \$5,858 in 2012.

The bank balance as of December 31, 2013, was \$1,554.

Operating expenses

Program expenses for legal, accounting, advertising and promotion, supplies, postage, shipping, and printing totaled \$1,620 for the year 2013.

Information technology was the major expense again in 2013 and totaled \$4,960. Those expenses involve Internet connection (includes VOIP telephone), web site maintenance, computer repairs and hardware, and software and upgrades without which the Foundation could not function in a technological world.

Note that two of our computers are now a decade old and need replacement with concurrent software upgrades. A Mac Mini was purchased with a special donation by a member in order to develop a database and interactive input for our ever growing tabulation of veteran arrests. The Mac Mini is slowly being upgraded with software and hardware to replace our aged Mac G5 machine. Support for the Windows XP system on our PC will end in early 2014 and will require an upgrade or replacement.

Management costs

Accounting costs, legal, and corporate registration, totaled just \$72 and therefore our overhead ratio was a miniscule 1.1%.

As a public charity we receive a substantial discount in fees on dues and contributions submitted via PayPal and that payment method has proven a great boon to our fundraising efforts. However, checks are still most welcome!

Total expenses

Total Foundation expenses for the year were \$6,652.

And all of this was done with less than \$7,500!