

# *Equal Justice Foundation*

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## **2017 Annual Report**

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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, and in support of charitable efforts with veterans.

2015 was our fifteenth 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 EJF members.

## Projects in 2017

### Domestic violence, families, marriage, children

As we have since our founding, the Equal Justice Foundation continued to provide solace and hope to men and women hit with the draconian laws fostered by berserk feminists.

Without question, false allegations of domestic violence have continued unabated and are now coupled with a growing problem with far too often unsupported and trivial charges of sexual

assault and harassment. In addition, the legislature has created a whole new category of drug offenses that cater to district attorneys seemingly insatiable appetite for locking people up and destroying their lives.

The EJF does what it can and our records indicate we helped 64 individuals in 2017 with cases involving domestic violence or related issues, typically including marriage, child custody, false allegations, and a host of similar issues. But those 64 cases are but the tip of an iceberg as most calls or emails asking for help are not logged, usually because there is little or nothing we can do. For example, the man has already taken a plea bargain, he has already been sentenced and is in jail as a result, or they either don't or are possibly unable to document their case with a timeline. Further, it usually isn't a man that contacts us, but his mother, wife, girlfriend, daughter, female neighbor, etc., and we never manage to make direct contact with the man. All too often people call us on Sunday and they are going to court on Monday. Frustrating!

Of course, most simply use our web sites, and those have grown to encyclopedic length and they find the information they need there. Often, as well, when they call for help they are simply referred back to our web sites as the information they seek is spelled out in detail there.

Given our extremely limited resources we are extremely proud of the global impact the Foundation has, and the work we have done and continue to do.

## **Working with veterans**

One of the cruelest aspects of what happens to veterans is that under current laws any manifestation or expression of post traumatic stress (PTS) or a traumatic brain injury (TBI) is defined as "domestic violence." As a result, veterans are far too often arrested and jailed, their marriages and relationships destroyed, their jobs and careers lost, and they are left homeless with only drugs and alcohol for consolation. The Equal Justice Foundation is working to end that injustice! Treatment is cheaper and more effective than incarceration for conditions they suffered in service to their country!

The Crawford House is a VA and community-supported shelter for homeless veterans in Colorado Springs that we work closely with. During 2017 we provided new service flags, food and clothing, and helped veterans to find jobs. We also assisted several veterans with obtaining quality cars at auction for very low cost.

In November 2015 the Foundation donated an advanced massage chair to the [Colorado Institute of Massage Therapy](#) that is used in a cooperative program we've established with the school to provide free massages for homeless veterans in the VA PHP substance abuse program and at Crawford House. That project continues and the massage chair, when available, is open for use by veterans any time the school is open.

The Foundation also participates in the Colorado Integrated Military Support (CIMS) group and cooperates and works with other veteran support groups who are also in CIMS.

On August 18<sup>th</sup> Dr. Corry, speaking for the Equal Justice Foundation, together with related community organizations and veterans presented an afternoon seminar to the El Paso County, CO Department of Human Services and child protection services (DHS/CPS) case workers on problems veterans face and why they often get in trouble. The EJF handouts on post traumatic stress (PTSD) and traumatic brain injuries (TBI) were found to be very helpful to the case workers.

## Veteran court and treatment of veterans under the law

In 2008 the Equal Justice Foundation helped pioneer the first [veteran court](#) in Colorado and in 2010 worked to get enabling legislation for the entire state passed.

In 2008 no one in the county had any idea of how many veterans were being arrested, or on what charges. The Foundation approached the El Paso County Sheriff and, with some trepidation, his office began producing a daily report on veteran arrests in mid-2010 that is distributed via email. Dr. Corry has been tabulating these daily reports since July 20, 2010, and we have published [two reports and additional information](#) on our findings.

El Paso County, CO, is unique in that it has five large military bases within its boundaries. In addition to tens of thousands of active-duty military personnel, in 2017 there were ~85,000 resident veterans. By December 31, 2017, some 10,892 veterans and active duty military had been arrested some 20,043 times. Thus, 13% of all veterans in the county have been arrested and rearrested ~20,000 times since July 2010.

The various charges were analyzed after the [first year](#) in an extensive report that was widely distributed and is still often referenced. In a review of that report, Jeff Wright pointed out that [When Johnny Comes Marching Home, Again...He Goes To Jail](#), which is far, far too often the literal truth.

The only way we've found to describe what is being done is as a [war against veterans](#).

It is clear that the arrest and conviction often makes the veteran homeless, unable to get a job, get a security clearance, and many other lifetime penalties that too often lead to despair and death in a downward spiral over an estimated period of five or so years. In cooperation with the El Paso County Coroner, the EJF has published a [preliminary study](#) of veterans who were first arrested and then died in the county. That study continues as time permits.

## Courts

As we have done since our inception, we continued to monitor courts and judges. Our findings on [Colorado judges are presented here](#).

In 2017 we became aware of how inadequate the pretrial release program was in El Paso County, Colorado, and testified before the county commission for additional funds to add six new personnel (they only had two people previously for the largest county in Colorado). Then we met with the program directors to offer ideas on how the pretrial release system might be improved and more incarcerated citizens safely released from jail while awaiting trial or disposition of their case. As one example, no use was being made of ankle monitors. Additional methods of bonding were also proposed and discussed. But more people dealing with pretrial release will be needed.

## Web sites

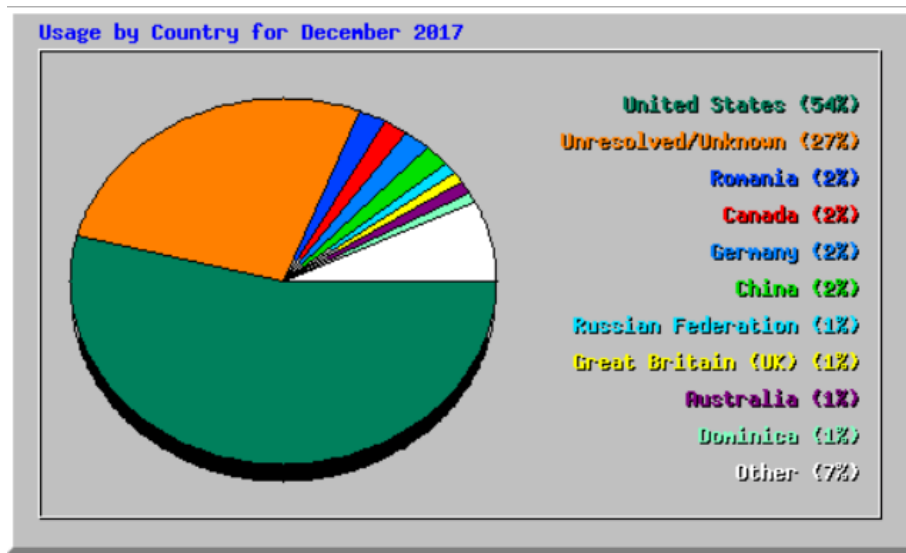
The [domestic violence against men in Colorado](#) web site is heavily used by both men and women in over a hundred other countries, as well as people in every state in the United States. We get similar usage of the [global domestic violence](#) book where domestic violence against men stories are presented from every state except North Dakota, as well as our and others research articles on domestic violence.

In addition to our work on domestic violence, our sites on [civilization; families and](#)

[marriage; courts, veteran courts, and civil liberties; prohibitions and War on Drugs; vote fraud and elections issues;](#) as well as a [FaceBook page](#), attract global attention and usage.

Our [help site](#) remains very popular and about once a week we are asked to add another site link and description to the existing tabulation.

By non-profit standards our web site usage is huge. In 2017 they averaged **2,400 unique visitors a day**. For comparison we often receive emails offering to improve our visibility and numbers. One offer is that for \$50/month they will guarantee the Foundation web sites will receive **1,000 visitors a month**. However, in 2017 we averaged **72,000+ visitors a month!**



Breaking that down a bit further, for December 2017 on [ejfi.org](#) alone we received 41,476 visits from people or bots in 167 countries as shown in the following pie chart. For the same month our [dvmen.org](#) web site received 37,415 visits from people or bots in 165 countries. Note that visitors without a country code in their

address are typically unresolved as to location and we have no way to know how many of the “visitors” are bots. However, since we find our research reposted and referenced all over the world, and people from at least 45 countries are on our newsletter mailing list, it is safe to say we have a global reach and appear to be reaching ~500,000 people each year around the globe.

Incidentally, if you want to check usage statistics for yourself for any month from June 2009 on, you can enter [ejfi.org/webalizer/usage\\_yyyymm.html](#) for the parent site and [dvmen.org/webalizer/usage\\_yyyymm.html](#) for the domestic violence site in your web browser, and substitute the four digit year for *yyyy* and the two digit month for *mm*. Or leave off the *~/usage\_yyyymm.html* and you will get currently available statistics for up to the past twelve months.

Also on our web site we make available a number of [brochures and reports](#); reports on what experience has led us to regard as a [war against veterans](#); handouts for [domestic violence, restraining orders, and rape](#); reports, videos, and forms to help with [courtwatching and describing our efforts at court reform](#); and the best form of advertising there is, [bumper stickers](#). And if you have problems with trespassers we also have [No Trespassing signs](#) available and as [“Red Flag” laws](#) proliferate citizens are likely to need more of these. We also distribute these reports and flyers widely whenever opportunity offers. Others are encouraged to download and distribute them as well!

## Help desk

In 2017 we attempted to set up separate phone number and email with a volunteer to man it. Unfortunately, the girlfriend of the volunteer decamped with the computer EJF provided and virtually everything else he owned. Thus, we remain without a separate help desk and a reliable volunteer *sans* lunachic is needed.

## Future efforts

Our longitudinal studies of veteran arrests will continue. In addition we are considering attempting the following:

- Locating and contacting incarcerated veterans who need legal advice and providing it;
- Disclosing and trying to compensate for the total inability of psychiatrists/psychologists to provide quantitative diagnoses ([Anatomy of an Epidemic by Robert Whitaker](#));
- Establishing an employment cooperative for veterans with criminal convictions in conjunction with other veteran groups.

## Board of Directors and Officers

Under its Articles of Incorporation, Directors of the Equal Justice Foundation serve staggered three year terms. Terms expire as of the spring meeting of each year.

At the end of 2017 the board members were:

*Dr. Charles Corry* (term ends in spring of 2019)

*Col. Harold Emick, USA ret.* (term ends in spring of 2020)

*Robert Alvarez* (term ends in spring of 2021)

Col. Emick has served in combat from Vietnam up through the Iraq invasion, where he was wounded for the third time and then retired.

Dr. Corry and Alvarez, both former Marines, worked together in 2008-2010 to help pioneer veteran courts in Colorado when Alvarez was previously on the board.

## 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

*Vacant* — 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.

## 2017 board meetings

Directors and officers of the Foundation met on June 26, 2017 and again on November 19, 2017.

## Treasurer's report

### Income

As in all previous years, during 2017 the Foundation was entirely supported by members and contributions. On January 1, 2017, our total assets amounted to \$1,213.

Dues from new and renewing members amounted to \$350, and contributions totaled \$3,556. Total income was thus \$4,306, as compared to \$5,704 in 2016.

Our assets as of December 31, 2017, were \$673 and the Foundation is broke.

### Operating expenses

Program expenses for legal, accounting, advertising and promotion, supplies, postage, shipping, and printing totaled \$1,356 in 2017 as compared to \$2,896 in 2016.

Information technology continued to be the major expense again in 2017 and totaled \$2,193. Those expenses involve Internet connection (includes VOIP telephone), web site maintenance, computer repairs and replacements, as well as software and upgrades without which the Foundation could not function in a technological world. These were major problems in 2017!

In addition the Foundation supplied disabled veterans with used computers, software, and help with vehicle expenses for a total cost of \$321.

### *Management costs*

Accounting costs, legal, and corporate registration, totaled just \$73 and therefore our overhead ratio was a minuscule 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 2017 were \$3,870. In essence, we ended the year broke.