

COLORADO SPRINGS REALTOR® JEAN PLANK EARNS MILITARY RELOCATION PROFESSIONAL (MRP) CERTIFICATION

COLORADO SPRINGS , COLORADO, USA, July 11, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Jean Plank is a United States Army Veteran who is dedicated to building solid relationships with his real estate clients. He is a Broker Associate with Sellstate Alliance Realty in Colorado Springs, Colorado and recently attained his Military Relocation Professional (MRP) Certification.

Jean was born in Augsburg, Germany where his father was stationed. The family moved frequently, including a transfer to Fort Benning, Georgia for three years, then back to Manheim, Germany and then to Fort Lewis, Washington for three years, and back to Manheim for another three years - finally PCS'ing to Fort Lewis where his father retired from the Army. He says, "It was nice to finally settle down and feel accepted in an area where I knew I was going to stay."

After graduation from Sultan High School in Washington, Jean enlisted in the Army. "I wanted to follow in my father's footsteps and serve my country."



Jean went through basic training at Fort Dix, New Jersey and continued advanced training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma in Field Artillery Weapons Systems. He then relocated to Fort Carson, Colorado and served in the 1st Battalion 27th Field Artillery. It was here that a friend introduced him to his future wife Kimberly. They got married and had their first child, Ricky, before transferring to Wertheim, Germany where they welcomed twin daughters, Alexandra and Ashley.

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Jean was then deployed on a one-year tour in the first Gulf War in Iraq where he served in combat operation. He recalls that experience as being very hot, dirty and dusty. He says, "I tell my friends to take a steamy shower until they're sweating, then blow dry their face and imagine the hot sand blowing on their body. That is similar to my experience while living in the desert of Iraq." He continues, "We were shooting rockets for four straight days with no sleep – pushing the enemy as far back as we could push them from Kuwait into Iraq. The counter-fire was tremendous and it was very scary."

Jean then transferred to Fort Stewart, Georgia for three years, then back to Fort Sill for another three

years before going to recruiting school at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He then reported to his recruiting station in Fayetteville, Arkansas for another three years. He returned to Fort Sill where he served three years before he retired as an Operation Sergeant after serving 20 years.

Jean then spent eleven years in retail management, working in Oregon, Washington and Nebraska. He ran the stores and the fuel operations for the two leading 24-hour truck stops in the industry: Pilot Travel Center and Love's Travel Stops.

Jean decided to move to Colorado Springs to be closer to his children and grandchildren. Since he had used his VA loan to purchase houses in Oklahoma, Washington State, Nebraska and Colorado, he thought that it would be a good fit for him to get into real estate. He says, "I like helping people. It gives me pleasure to help people find a home, just as people helped me. I enjoy talking and interacting with people. The Military presence has a great impact on our local economy and I look forward to assisting as many Active-Duty Soldiers and Veterans with their real estate needs as I can."

Jean procured his real estate license in December of 2015 and began working at Sellstate Alliance Realty. Sellstate Realty is a very unique franchise system. Unlike most franchises, which begin as a single successful location where the founder(s) later decide to expand, Sellstate was designed as a national franchise from the very beginning. Because of this, Sellstate's foundation was conceptualized and created with nationwide systems that make life for a broker easier and more efficient while providing agents with everything they need to succeed. Sellstate's Technology acts as the technological backbone for their entire network, eliminating the majority of administrative duties from the office level. This is what helps Sellstate to be the best real estate franchise for brokers and agents.

Jean found out about the Military Relocation Professional (MRP) Certification through a local realty group. "I felt it was very important to have the MRP designation," he says, "I know the Military and I know how they operate. I know what's important to Military families. There's a camaraderie with the Military that you can't find in any other organization in the world. I've always been connected to the Military and I want to stay connected to the Military, because it's in my blood."

The Military has a very strong presence in Colorado Springs.

There is the United States Air Force Academy; Cheyenne Mountain Complex; North American Aerospace Defense Command; Peterson Air Force Base; Schriever Air Force Base and Fort Carson Army Base.

Colorado Springs ranks in the Top 10 "fastest-moving real estate markets" in the country because it has so much to offer including: The Garden of the Gods; Pikes Peak; Cave of the Winds; Cheyenne Mountain Zoo; Seven Falls; The United States Olympic Training Center; Royal Gorge Bridge & Park; Air Force Falcons and The Ghost Town Museum.



Colorado Springs made the Forbes list of the best places to retire in 2016 and Downtown Colorado Springs ranked #9 in the Top 10 Best Downtowns of 2016. Downtown Colorado Springs has a small-town feel with big-city amenities. The area offers a variety of shopping, dining, museums, parks, festivals and events and is a designated Creative District in the state of Colorado.

Jean says, "Colorado Springs is the perfect place for me to live and work. We call it 'The Springs' and aside from all of the wonderful things to do here, the mountains look so close you sometimes feel like you can reach out and touch them."

For more information about "Military friendly Agent" Jean Plank, please visit these important websites:

<http://www.jplanksellscolorado.com/>

<http://mvarep.org/profile/JeanPlank>

<https://www.facebook.com/jean.plank.39>

VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aaNs-OfNL6E>

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