

# VA facility named for Army hero

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A Colorado Springs soldier who earned the Medal of Honor in World War II will have his name affixed to the new Department of Veterans Affairs clinic on Fillmore Street.

After months of delays, the Senate late Wednesday approved naming the clinic after Pfc. Floyd K. Lindstrom, the final step in a process that began nearly 18 months ago.

"I was really surprised to see it," said Colorado Springs Army veteran Keith LaMee, who led the effort to name the clinic after Lindstrom.

Lindstrom earned the medal on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 1943, when he charged a German machine gun nest in southern Italy while serving with the 3rd Infantry Division.

Lindstrom, who never married and had no children, died in combat three months after earning the medal, which was awarded posthumously in April 1944. He's buried in Evergreen Cemetery and his medal is part of the collection of the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum.

"I'm just so glad they decided to honor him," LaMee said. "His name was pulled

from the dustbin of history."

In 1914, Lindstrom arrived at the Myron Stratton Home, a Colorado Springs charity established through a mining millionaire's philanthropy to shelter the poor. After leaving the home in 1931, he worked as a soda jerk and then a truck driver known for delivering loads safely and on time.

"In his 11 years of driving not a fender of the trucks he drove was scratched," Herbert Sommers, who employed Lindstrom, told The Gazette after the medal was awarded. "Floyd was absolutely dependable."

Colorado Sen. Mark Udall, a Democrat, and Republican U.S. Rep. Doug Lamborn pushed the bill to name the clinic after Lindstrom.

"The new veterans clinic bearing his name will serve as a lasting tribute to a Colorado Springs hero who put his own safety on the line so that others might live," Udall said in a statement.

The clinic opened in August. The 76,000-square-foot facility at Centennial Boulevard and Fillmore Street replaced three smaller facilities spread around the city.

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