

“ At Loving Thunder,  
**EVERYONE**  
learns to ride...

*Regardless of whether their challenges  
are physical, mental, or behavioral.*

If You're a Wounded Warrior,  
★ **THIS MEANS YOU!** ★

**YOU WILL:**

- Improve Balance & Coordination
- Improve Your Gait
- Improve Your Core Strength
- Improve Your Self-Esteem

**YOU CAN:**

- Rehabilitate OUTSIDE a Hospital Setting
- Achieve A New Level of Independence
- Learn New Skills
- Improve Your Quality of Life
- Build Connections to People AND Horses
- Participate in a Competitive Sport



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SERVED FOR FREEDOM**



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**Call Today & See Where  
Equine-Assisted Riding Takes YOU!**

**Now  
be FREE to  
ride!**



# **SERVING** *Wounded Service Personnel & Veterans*

How We Are

## ★ **DIFFERENT** ★

Loving Thunder is NO STANDARD horse ranch! Our horses are SPECIALLY TRAINED to accept riders of ALL SKILL LEVELS and to fit the PHYSICAL and/or BEHAVIORAL needs of those who have suffered injury, PTSD, or trauma in any form. These special animals quickly convey respect to their riders and respond in a loving, non-judgmental way. You won't find any easily-spooked "wild stallions" here!

Our volunteers include other SERVICE MEMBERS of the armed forces, police and sheriff departments, as well as other public servants. These TRAINED EXPERTS have devoted time to offering you supportive guidance, in HONOR OF YOUR SERVICE. Our riders retain full control of their lesson's pacing, and assistance is available as-needed.

Loving Thunder wishes to return some of the FREEDOM you fought to defend, by assisting and instructing veterans who have EARNED THE RIGHT TO RIDE FREE! Our goal is to celebrate your newfound independence in every aspect of HORSEMANSHIP, including: Groom, Tack, Warm Up, Riding, and Self-Directed Lesson Structure.



## ★ **PARTICIPANTS** ★

Veterans with physical, mental, or behavioral challenges of ALL TYPES are INVITED to ride!

Here's a few concerns we address:

- **AMPUTATION:** Many participants of equine-assisted riding have obtained quicker and more consistent gaits while transitioning to their new PROSTHETICS.
- **PTSD:** After forming deep and meaningful connections to our horses, many have expressed their transition to civilian life was eased by FEWER FEARS and LESS STRESS.
- **BRAIN INJURY:** Riders have reported IMPROVED COGNITION and a heightened ability to SEQUENCE THOUGHTS.
- **RESOCIALIZATION:** By issuing volunteer SOLDIERS as sidewalkers and instructors, our veterans are reassured that NO ONE is required to take their journey ALONE.
- **ANXIETY:** The natural grace and beauty of the equine form promotes a sense of CALM and TRANQUILITY that must be experienced to be fully understood!

## ★ **VOLUNTEERS** ★

Loving Thunder Therapeutic Riding, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation and a Premier Accredited Center for the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship, International. (PATH, Intl)

In partnership with the Wounded Warrior Project, we are proud to offer equestrian services to the men and women who have given sacrifice to the service of our country.

Our instructors are certified and honored to uphold the highest standards in Equine-Assisted Riding obtainable. Whether you have challenges to overcome as a rider, or wish to continue to serve your fellow citizens as a volunteer, WE NEED YOU TO CALL NOW!

**CALL NOW** to VOLUNTEER or DONATE!  
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