

The Shepherd Project

Veteran & Farmer Resource Guide 2022-2023

Military Installations in Washington State

[13th Coast Guard District: Sector Puget Sound](#)

[Camp Murray - Air Guard Station](#)

[Fairchild Air Force Base](#)

[Joint Base Lewis McChord](#)

[Naval Air Station- Whidbey Island](#)

[Naval Base- Everett](#)

[Naval Base Kitsap](#)

[Naval Magazine Indian Island](#)

Veteran Affairs Resources:

[U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](https://www.va.gov/) - (<https://www.va.gov/>) The United States Department of Veterans Affairs is a Cabinet-level executive branch department of the federal government charged with providing life-long healthcare services to eligible military veterans at the 170 VA medical centers and outpatient clinics located throughout the country.

[VA Office of Rural Health](https://www.ruralhealth.va.gov/) - (<https://www.ruralhealth.va.gov/>) Conduct, coordinate, promote and disseminate research on issues that affect the nearly five million Veterans who reside in rural communities.

[WA Dep. Veteran Affairs](https://www.dva.wa.gov/) - (<https://www.dva.wa.gov/>) WA 1-800-562-2308
Veteran benefits, resources, and services.

[OR Dep. Veteran Affairs](https://www.oregon.gov/odva/Connect/Pages/About.aspx) - (<https://www.oregon.gov/odva/Connect/Pages/About.aspx>) OR (503) 373-2085
Veteran benefits, resources, and services.

[Idaho Division of Veterans Services](https://veterans.idaho.gov/benefits-services/) - (<https://veterans.idaho.gov/benefits-services/>) ID (208)-780-1300
Veteran benefits, resources, and services.

Women Veteran Services:

[Center for Women Veterans](https://www.va.gov/womenvet/) - (<https://www.va.gov/womenvet/>)

The Center for Women Veterans' (CWV) mission is to monitor and coordinate VA's administration of health care, benefits, services, and programs for women Veterans.

[WDVA - Women Veterans](https://www.dva.wa.gov/councils-committees/women-veterans) - (<https://www.dva.wa.gov/councils-committees/women-veterans>)

The mission of the WDVA Women Veterans Advisory Committee shall be to ensure that Washington's women veterans have equitable access to federal and state veterans' services and benefits.

[Women Vets USA](https://www.womenvetsusa.org/benefits-services/organizations/women-veterans.php) - (<https://www.womenvetsusa.org/benefits-services/organizations/women-veterans.php>)

Connect women with military service to resources promoting lifelong well-being and self-sufficiency.

[Outreach And Resource Services \(OARS\) for Women Veterans](http://oars4vets.org/) - (<http://oars4vets.org/>)

To provide re-adjustment services including, resources, information, and outreach to women who are or have served in the Armed Forces of the United States.

[Women Veterans for the Land](https://attra.ncat.org/women-veterans-for-the-land-program-to-offer-resources-in-pacific-northwest/) - <https://attra.ncat.org/women-veterans-for-the-land-program-to-offer-resources-in-pacific-northwest/>

Offering a series of listening sessions, learning circles, and regional convenings, and support non-formal education to provide veteran women the necessary skills, training, and experience to be successful in agriculture.

[Mission Continues' Women Veteran Leadership Program](#) - Help change the narrative on what it means to be a woman veteran by leveraging your leadership skills and authentic self.

National Veteran Support & Farmer Training Orgs:

[AgrAbility](http://www.agrability.org/resources/veterans/) - <http://www.agrability.org/resources/veterans/>

The National AgrAbility Project is committed to helping military veterans who choose agriculture as their "Next Mission," as well as beginning farmers with disabilities or other functional limitations.

[Aquaponics Association](https://aquaponicsassociation.org/) - <https://aquaponicsassociation.org/>

Expanding the Practice of Aquaponics through Education, Advocacy, and Connection

[Art For Vets](#) - provides access to the art and wellness experiences in our galleries and classrooms on a weekly basis, year-round for veterans, active military, and their immediate family members.

[ATTRA](https://attra.ncat.org/about/) - <https://attra.ncat.org/about/>

ATTRA is a trusted source of sustainable agriculture information and maintains a knowledge base of practical multimedia resources for farmers, ranchers, and educators. NCAT's agriculture specialists work directly with farmers, ranchers, land managers, and others across the country to provide individualized technical assistance, offer practical learning opportunities, and facilitate meaningful connections among producers, experts, researchers, and industry professionals.

[EMentor](https://www.ementorprogram.org/home/about/) - <https://www.ementorprogram.org/home/about/>

Online mentoring program for military personnel, Veterans and military spouses that connects individuals for mentoring experiences that move them forward in their personal and professional lives.

[Farmer Veteran Coalition](https://farmvetco.org/hbh/) - <https://farmvetco.org/hbh/>

We cultivate a new generation of farmers and food leaders, and develop viable employment and meaningful careers through the collaboration of the farming and military communities.

[Heroes To Hives](https://www.miffs.org/heroestohives) - <https://www.miffs.org/heroestohives>

The Heroes to Hives program has been leading the nation in training military veterans, National Guard members, Active Duty personnel, Reservists and their dependents in the art and science of beekeeping.

[Homegrown by Heroes](https://farmvetco.org/hbh/) - <https://farmvetco.org/hbh/>

The Homegrown By Heroes label (HBH) is the official farmer veteran branding program of America and is administered nationally by the Farmer Veteran Coalition. It certifies ranchers, farmers, and fisherman of all military eras to sell their product as veteran owned and produced.

[IVMF](https://ivmf.syracuse.edu/programs/) - <https://ivmf.syracuse.edu/programs/>

Programs for transitioning veterans looking for career training, inspiring entrepreneurs, helping communities, and furthering education.

[Make the Connection](https://www.maketheconnection.net/) - <https://www.maketheconnection.net/>

Watch, read and listen to stories like yours. Veterans and their loved ones talk about their experiences, challenges, and recovery.

[NCAT Armed to Farm](https://www.armedtofarm.org/) - <https://www.armedtofarm.org/>

Armed to Farm is a sustainable agriculture training program for military veterans. The National Center for Appropriate Technology, a national nonprofit organization based in Butte, Montana, developed Armed to Farm through a cooperative agreement with USDA-Rural Development.

[Office of Veterans Business Development](https://www.sba.gov/about-sba/sba-locations/headquarters-offices/office-veterans-business-development) - <https://www.sba.gov/about-sba/sba-locations/headquarters-offices/office-veterans-business-development>

Business development services, including business training, counseling, and mentoring, as well as referrals for Veterans owning or considering starting a small business.

[Outward Bound - For Veterans](https://www.outwardbound.org/veteran-adventures/outward-bound-for-veterans/) - <https://www.outwardbound.org/veteran-adventures/outward-bound-for-veterans/>

Outward Bound for Veterans helps thousands of returning service members and recent veterans readjust to life at home through powerful wilderness courses that draw on the healing benefit of teamwork and challenge through use of the natural world.

[Permaculture Institute of America \(PINA\)](https://pina.in/) - <https://pina.in/>

PINA provides integrated support for Permaculture designers to address critical challenges in climate, land, and communities.

[PNW Vets](https://www.facebook.com/groups/WAVeteransHelp/about/?_rdr) - https://www.facebook.com/groups/WAVeteransHelp/about/?_rdr

The purpose of PNW Vets group is to connect Veterans, first and foremost. This can be through sharing resources, sharing stories, setting up events, and asking questions.

[PNW Veterans Offroad & Outdoor Network](#)

This group is a gathering place for all the like-minded US Military veterans in the PNW to discuss, share stories, plan events and gather to share the brotherhood we all experienced (and often miss) while serving our country.

[Project Apis M.](https://www.projectapism.org/) - <https://www.projectapism.org/>

Project Apis m.'s mission is to fund research and efforts to improve honey bee health and vitality.

[Project Healing Waters](#) - offers high-quality, full-spectrum fly fishing experiences to an ever-expanding number of Veterans in need at over 200 locations nationwide.

[Project Sanctuary](https://projectsanctuary.us/) - <https://projectsanctuary.us/>

We reconnect families, restore hope, and change lives through therapeutic retreat and long-term family support services.

[Team Red, White & Blue](https://www.teamrwb.org/) - <https://www.teamrwb.org/>

We believe that veterans are America's most resilient citizens — and it's time for more veterans to prioritize their well-being first. Team RWB exists to guide them through that journey with real-life and virtual opportunities focused on building a healthier lifestyle because a strong focus on mental and physical health is critical to ensuring veterans' best days are ahead.

[Team Rubicon](https://teamrubiconusa.org/) - <https://teamrubiconusa.org/>

Team Rubicon is a veteran-led humanitarian organization that serves global communities before, during, and after disasters and crises.

[The Mission Continues](https://www.missioncontinues.org/) - <https://www.missioncontinues.org/>

We're on a mission to connect veterans with under-resourced communities. Our programs deploy veteran volunteers to work alongside nonprofit partners and community leaders to improve educational resources, tackle food insecurity, foster neighborhood identity, and more.

[Tragedy Assistance Programs for Survivors](https://www.taps.org/) - <https://www.taps.org/>

Provides compassionate care to all those grieving the death of a military loved one through peer-based emotional support, grief seminars for adults, & camps for children.

[Travis Mills Foundation](https://travismillsfoundation.org/) - <https://travismillsfoundation.org/>

Supporting recalibrated Veterans and their families through various programs that help these heroic men and women overcome physical and emotional obstacles, strengthen their families, and provide well-deserved rest and relaxation.

[U.S. Department of Agriculture](https://www.usda.gov/our-agency/initiatives/veterans/veterans-and-entrepreneurship) - <https://www.usda.gov/our-agency/initiatives/veterans/veterans-and-entrepreneurship>

As a veteran, you may find it challenging to determine what to do after military service, and to figure out how your experience can transfer to other career fields. USDA wants you to know that your experience and skillset can immediately and directly transfer to the field of agriculture.

[USDA Grants & Opportunities](#) - List of grants and resources guiding you through the grant-writing process.

[Veterans Crisis Line](https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/) - <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>

Call 1-800-273-8255 Press 1, Or Text: 838255

[Veterans Business Outreach Center \(VBOC\)](https://businessimpactnw.org/veterans-business-outreach-center/) - <https://businessimpactnw.org/veterans-business-outreach-center/>

A program of the US Small Business Administration, VBOC provides business coaching, training, and resource partner referrals to transitioning service members, Veterans, National Guard & Reserve members and military spouses to start or grow a small business.

[Veteran Owned Businesses](https://www.veteranownedbusiness.com/975/farms) - <https://www.veteranownedbusiness.com/975/farms>

Find Veteran Owned Businesses.

[Veterans to Farmers](#) - Veterans To Farmers offers free courses in market farming, controlled environment agriculture, & urban farming for Veterans.

[Wounded Warrior Project](https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/) - <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>

Provides services to Veterans who incurred a physical or mental injury, illnesses, or wound, co-incident to their military service on or after September 11, 2001. It also provides services to

their family members and caregivers.

WA State Veteran Support & Farmer Training Orgs:

[Farmer Veteran Coalition - Washington Chapter](https://www.facebook.com/Washingtonfarmvetco) -

<https://www.facebook.com/Washingtonfarmvetco>

We cultivate a new generation of farmers and food leaders, and develop viable employment and meaningful careers through the collaboration of the farming and military communities.

[Growing Veterans](https://growingveterans.org/) - <https://growingveterans.org/>

Our mission is to end isolation through creating purpose & belonging. We strive to accomplish this by growing food, community, and each other.

[Healing Through Hives](https://nwbeekeeping.com/healing-through-hives/) - <https://nwbeekeeping.com/healing-through-hives/>

Training and Certifying Veterans as beekeepers at all levels; providing apiary space and 1-on-1 mentorships to grow the number of successful beekeepers in Washington.

[Northwest Battle Buddies](https://www.northwestbattlebuddies.org/) - <https://www.northwestbattlebuddies.org/>

Northwest Battle Buddies gives professionally trained service dogs to Veterans battling PTSD, helping them regain their freedom and independence.

[Path With Art](#)- Path with Art offers multi-disciplinary arts programming, offered quarterly with a specific emphasis on the veteran experience. All classes and workshops are free for Veterans, with classes offered both online and in-person at their art complex in downtown Seattle, WA.

[Puget Sound Veteran Businesses Directory](http://www.pugetsoundveteranbusiness.com/) - <http://www.pugetsoundveteranbusiness.com/>

Welcome to a new era of Veteran business in the Puget Sound

[The Fallen Outdoors - Washington](https://thefallenoutdoors.com/washington/) - <https://thefallenoutdoors.com/washington/>

Offering year-round hunting trips throughout WA state for Veterans

[Tilth Alliance - Farmer Training and Resources](http://www.tilthalliance.org/about/farmer-training-and-resources) - <http://www.tilthalliance.org/about/farmer-training-and-resources>

Through education, funding, advocacy, and resources, we support farmers around Washington State in the adoption and employment of organic, regenerative, and sustainable farming practices.

[Veterans Conservation Corps](https://www.dva.wa.gov/node/677) - <https://www.dva.wa.gov/node/677>

The VCC provides opportunities for veterans to connect with nature in their own way while restoring Washington's natural resources

[Veteran Rites](https://www.veteranrites.org/) - <https://www.veteranrites.org/>

Veteran Rites initiates Veterans into true identity, purpose, and belonging after military service. In neighborhoods, we convene Circles of Return that get to the heart of what we carry so we don't have to shoulder it alone. At the Rite of Return, we answer the soul's call for deep healing in the wilderness, separated from society, in order to cross the line to who we are truly called to be once we've hung up the uniform

[Washington Farm Bureau](https://wsfb.com/) - <https://wsfb.com/>

Washington Farm Bureau is a voluntary, grassroots, advocacy organization representing the social and economic interests of farm and ranch families at the local, state, and national levels.

[Washington State Beekeepers Association](https://wasba.org/) - <https://wasba.org/>

Washington State Beekeepers Association serves hobbyist and professional Beekeepers in Washington State. Our mission is to help local beekeeping organizations, assist the agricultural community, promote beekeeping and bee products and more.

[Washington State Department of Veteran Affairs](https://www.dva.wa.gov/) - <https://www.dva.wa.gov/>

The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs helps connect veterans and their family members to the benefits and services they earned through their military service.

[Washington State University - Cultivating Success](https://www.cultivatingsuccesswa.org/) - <https://www.cultivatingsuccesswa.org/>

Educational programs to increase the number and foster the success of sustainable small farmers and ranchers in WA.

King County Veteran Support & Farmer Training Orgs:

[ANEW - Renton, WA](https://anewcareer.org/) - <https://anewcareer.org/>

Providing quality training, employment navigation, and supportive services leading to successful family wage careers

[Farm King County](https://www.farmkingcounty.org/) - <https://www.farmkingcounty.org/>

Your one stop resource for information and assistance for your farm operation in King County

[King County Conservation District](https://kingcd.org/) - <https://kingcd.org/>

King Conservation District is a nonregulatory, special purpose district, funded by you, with a mission to promote the sustainable use of natural resources through voluntary stewardship in King County.

[King County Resources for Veterans / WDVA](https://www.dva.wa.gov/veterans-their-families/veterans-benefits/housing-resources/king-county-veterans-services) - <https://www.dva.wa.gov/veterans-their-families/veterans-benefits/housing-resources/king-county-veterans-services>

WDVA contracts with King County Veterans Services to provide programs and services to King County Veterans and their Families.

[King County - Veterans, Servicemembers and their Families](https://kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/adult-services/veterans-servicemembers-families.aspx) -

<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/community-human-services/adult-services/veterans-servicemembers-families.aspx>

We support veterans through investments and services to improve and stabilize their housing, finances, health, social engagement, and strengthening the network of veterans services.

[The Mission Continues - Service Platoon Seattle](https://www.missioncontinues.org/service-platoon/Seattle/) - <https://www.missioncontinues.org/service-platoon/Seattle/>

Grounded in asset-based community development's principles, our operations are taking action to foster high impact initiatives that improve neighborhoods in emerging communities.

Mason County Veteran Support & Farmer Training Orgs:

[2020 Mason County Farm Fresh Guide](https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/2064/2019/05/Mason-Farm-Map20web-1.pdf) -

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The growers shown on this map will sell products directly to you. We hope that you enjoy your visit to their facilities and that you enjoy their fine products. Thank you for supporting local farms!

[Mason Conservation District - Farm Assistance Program](https://www.masoncd.org/farmassistance.html) -

<https://www.masoncd.org/farmassistance.html>

The Farm Assistance Program is designed to help improve your horse or livestock operation with free site assessments and financial assistance.

[Mason County - Food Program](https://www.co.mason.wa.us/health/environmental/food/index.php) -

<https://www.co.mason.wa.us/health/environmental/food/index.php>

The purpose of this page is to promote food safety strategies and interventions throughout Mason County, both for consumers and industry alike.

[Mason County Veterans](https://masoncountyveterans.com/) - <https://masoncountyveterans.com/>

Veterans resources page for Mason County

[The Mason County Small Farms Program](https://extension.wsu.edu/mason/agriculture/) - <https://extension.wsu.edu/mason/agriculture/>

WSU is working with the Mason County community to foster profitable family farms, land and water stewardship, and access to healthy food.

Pierce County Veteran Support & Farmer Training Orgs:

[JBLM Community Gardens](https://jblm.armymwr.com/happenings/community-garden-plots) - <https://jblm.armymwr.com/happenings/community-garden-plots>

Eat healthy, save money and get outside with the JBLM Community Garden plots!

[Nine9Line](https://nine9line.org/) - <https://nine9line.org/>

Our team of volunteers focus on helping veterans improve their lives, through housing, employment, and wellness.

[Pierce Conservation District - Farm Foundations](https://pierced.org/276/Farm-Foundations) - <https://pierced.org/276/Farm-Foundations>

The Pierce Conservation District works with local landowners and public agencies to conserve natural resources that are essential to both our economy and our region's quality of life. Our collaborative efforts with citizen volunteers to create a just food system, improve water quality, promote sustainable agriculture, and recover wildlife habitat, are the heart of our mission.

[Pierce County - Farming](https://www.co.pierce.wa.us/3421/Pierce-County-Farming) - <https://www.co.pierce.wa.us/3421/Pierce-County-Farming>

Pierce County's Agriculture Program helps local agricultural producers and processors navigate permitting procedures and interpret County regulations, works to improve relationships between agricultural operations and County government, and establishes partnerships with other agricultural service providers in the County and region.

[Pierce County Resources for Veterans / WDVA](https://www.dva.wa.gov/resources/county/Pierce) -

<https://www.dva.wa.gov/resources/county/Pierce>

Washington Department of Veterans Affairs resource page for Pierce County

[The Mission Continues - Service Platoon Tacoma](https://www.missioncontinues.org/service-platoon/Tacoma/) - <https://www.missioncontinues.org/service-platoon/Tacoma/>

The Tacoma 1st Platoon deploys as a united Veteran volunteer force to assist in the creation of youth programs, the elimination of poverty and crime, and a focus on rebuilding our schools within the Hilltop and Lincoln Districts. Our work focuses on strengthening the bond between the veterans of Tacoma and the community at large.

[WSU Extension - Master Gardener Training](https://extension.wsu.edu/pierce/mg/pierce-county-master-gardener-training-become-a-master-gardener/) - <https://extension.wsu.edu/pierce/mg/pierce-county-master-gardener-training-become-a-master-gardener/>

WSU Extension Pierce County Master Gardeners are university trained community educators, dedicated to providing unbiased horticultural knowledge and resources.

Thurston County Veteran Support & Farmer Training Orgs:

[Community Farmland Trust - Resources and Links](https://www.communityfarmlandtrust.org/resources.html) -

<https://www.communityfarmlandtrust.org/resources.html>

Promoting vibrant local food and farming systems through community supported farmland preservation strategies, educational outreach, and partnerships that increase opportunities for farms and farmers to flourish.

[Enterprise for Equity](https://www.enterpriseforequity.org/) - <https://www.enterpriseforequity.org/>

We empower entrepreneurs, veterans, creatives, farmers, service-providers, and others in rural areas to thrive and create financial well-being for themselves.

[Garden Raised Bounty](https://www.goodgrub.org/) - <https://www.goodgrub.org/>

GRuB (Garden-Raised Bounty) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization working at the intersection of food, education, and health systems to grow healthy food, people, and communities.

[Northwest Cooperative Development Center](https://nwcdc.coop/) - <https://nwcdc.coop/>

Fostering community economic development primarily through the cooperative business model since 1979!

[Olympia Beekeepers Association](https://www.olympiabeekeepers.org/) - <https://www.olympiabeekeepers.org/>

The Olympia Beekeepers Association (OBA) is a non-profit organization that provides education, training, and support for beekeepers in Thurston and surrounding counties.

[Thurston Conservation District](https://www.thurstoncd.com/) - <https://www.thurstoncd.com/>

The mission of Thurston Conservation District is to educate and assist the citizens of Thurston County in the management of natural resources for the benefit of present and future generations, inspiring voluntary, incentive-based conservation practices.

[Thurston County Resources for Veterans / WDVA](https://www.dva.wa.gov/resources/county/Thurston) -

<https://www.dva.wa.gov/resources/county/Thurston>

Washington Department of Veterans Affairs resource page for Thurston County

[Veterans Ecological Trades Collective](https://veterans-etc.org/) - <https://veterans-etc.org/>

Providing veterans space to cultivate community to heal themselves through healing the land.

[Veterans' Resource Guide](https://www.co.thurston.wa.us/health/ssveteran/PDF/VAResourceDirectory_013015.pdf) -

https://www.co.thurston.wa.us/health/ssveteran/PDF/VAResourceDirectory_013015.pdf

The Thurston County Veterans Assistance Fund is pleased to announce the 2015 edition of the Thurston County Veterans' Resource Guide.

[Wild Grief](https://wildgrief.org/) - <https://wildgrief.org/>

We provide guided hikes at all levels, hour-long, day-long, and multi-day all focused on supporting each other while on our grief journeys for individuals, teens, and families.

Lewis County Veteran Support & Farmer Training Orgs:

[Centralia Farmers Market](http://centraliafarmersmarket.org/) - <http://centraliafarmersmarket.org/>

We are now located at Pine Street Plaza in Downtown Centralia, (East Pine Street and Tower Ave), right near the Amtrak Station, between Dawn's Delectables and the Azteca Restaurant.

[Lewis County Beekeepers Association](http://www.lewiscountybeekeepers.org/) - <http://www.lewiscountybeekeepers.org/>

Lewis County Beekeepers' Association is a 501(C)3 nonprofit corporation of hobbyist & commercial beekeepers serving Lewis County, Washington, and parts of Thurston/Cowlitz Counties.

[Lewis County Farm Guide](https://discoverlewiscounty.com/fresh-from-farm) - <https://discoverlewiscounty.com/fresh-from-farm>

Our mission is to create a website that showcases events to experience, things to do, and places to eat; serves as a resource that will help visitors find a place to rest their head and stay awhile; and ultimately gives people a glimpse of the many wonderful adventures awaiting visitors to discover in Lewis County.

[Lewis County Resources for Veterans / WDVA](https://www.dva.wa.gov/resources/county/Lewis) -

<https://www.dva.wa.gov/resources/county/Lewis>

Washington Department of Veterans Affairs resource page for Lewis County

[NAMI Lewis County - Veterans](https://namilewiscountywa.org/) - <https://namilewiscountywa.org/>

We Provide Free Mental Health Services for the Community

[Northwest Beekeeping](https://nwbeekeeping.com/) - <https://nwbeekeeping.com/>

Our mission is to teach you about bees so that you will know how to keep them

[Veterans Memorial Museum](https://www.veteransmuseum.org/) - <https://www.veteransmuseum.org/>

The Veterans Memorial Museum's mission is: "THEY SHALL NOT BE FORGOTTEN."

[Winlock Saturday Market](https://www.facebook.com/WinlockSaturdayMarket/) - <https://www.facebook.com/WinlockSaturdayMarket/>

Winlock Saturday Market - Featuring Local Farmers & Artisans from our community.

[Woods Bee Co.](https://woodsbeeco.com/) <https://woodsbeeco.com/>

Making beekeeping fun and affordable!

Non-PNW Veteran Farms

[Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture](http://arcadiafood.org/programs/veteran-farmer-program) - <http://arcadiafood.org/programs/veteran-farmer-program>

Alexandria VA. - A 12-month, one weekend per month, hands-on training program focusing on food production and marketing. Also, one- or two-year paid fellowships are available.

[Archi's Institute for Sustainable Agriculture \(AiSA\)](https://archisinstitute.com/) - <https://archisinstitute.com/>

Colorado - Intensive 6- and 12-week training courses in organic agribusiness, including hydroponics.

[BattleGround to Breaking Ground](https://txagrability.tamu.edu/bgbg/) - <https://txagrability.tamu.edu/bgbg/>

Texas - A three-phase hands-on and online educational program available to veterans, active duty military, their families, with workshops on ag business start-up and business plan development.

[Cornell University Small Farms Program, Farm Ops](https://smallfarms.cornell.edu/projects/farm-ops/) -

<https://smallfarms.cornell.edu/projects/farm-ops/>

Ithaca NY - Mentoring, training, and resources for veterans interested in farming, along with the Small Farm Program's other educational opportunities for small and beginning farmers.

[Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship](https://www.dga-national.org/program/resources/veteran-resources) - <https://www.dga-national.org/program/resources/veteran-resources>

Midwest and New England - Includes paid employment, comprehensive training in all aspects of running a managed grazing dairy operation, and the experience needed to transition to dairy farm business ownership

[Denver Botanical Gardens, Chatfield Farms](https://www.botanicgardens.org/chatfield-farms-veterans-farm-program) - <https://www.botanicgardens.org/chatfield-farms-veterans-farm-program>

Denver CO - Veteran participants develop job skills, learn how to operate a small farm, engage with different communities, create relationships with other service members and receive financial compensation for their participation.

[Desert Forge Foundation](https://www.desertforge.org/) - <https://www.desertforge.org/>

Albuquerque NM - Ag-based organization restoring emotional, mental, and physical health to returning Veterans through meaningful job training, employment, and the arts.

[F.A.R.M. \(Farmers Assisting Returning Military\)](http://www.farmingveterans.org/) - <http://www.farmingveterans.org/>

Desoto TX - Farm therapy and PTSD therapy reintegration through ag internships and career opportunities.

[Freedom Farm for Vets](https://freedomfarmforvets.org/) - <https://freedomfarmforvets.org/>

Wadsworth IL - A nonprofit working farm with a main purpose of growing vegetables, offering therapeutic animal interaction, and providing a peaceful and purposeful place for veterans to go.

[Heroic Food, Columbia County](https://www.heroicfood.org/) - <https://www.heroicfood.org/>

New York - A tuition-free, residential immersion program that provides on-farm learning.

[Hope Farms](https://hopefarmshtx.org/from-warriors-to-farmers/) - <https://hopefarmshtx.org/from-warriors-to-farmers/>

Houston TX - Veteran training with our three-month, 480-hour “Growing Urban Farmers” basic training class, and specialty certifications that include in-depth learning about operating a commercial farm.

[NCTA Farm/Ranch Ownership Advantage Program](https://ncta.unl.edu/specialty-programs-ncta-curtis) - <https://ncta.unl.edu/specialty-programs-ncta-curtis>

Curtis NE - Assists eligible military personnel, their families, and Veterans in becoming ag entrepreneurs. Helps match participants with established farm, ranch, or business owners for succession.

[Veterans to Farmers](https://www.veteranstofarmers.org/) - <https://www.veteranstofarmers.org/>

Denver CO - Training in hydroponics and 10-week, 150-hour training program for in-soil farming.

Grants:

Farmer Veteran Fellowship Fund from the Farmer Veteran Coalition.

<https://farmvetco.org/fvfellowship/> (Deadline Early Spring)

Grants from \$1,000 to \$5,000 to veterans who are in their beginning years of farming or ranching. The Fellowship Fund does not give money directly to the Veteran, but rather to third-party vendors for items the Veteran has identified. Applications are open from January to February of each year.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/eqip/>

Can fund investments like greenhouses and other conservation projects. Veterans may be eligible for advance payments of up to 50% for the costs of certain conservation practices up-front, before implementation.

Geared to Give

<https://www.kubotausa.com/kubota-cares/farmer-veteran-coalition>

Giving the gift of Kubota equipment to help Veterans achieve self-sufficiency and take their farming operation to the next level.

The Second Service Foundation

<https://www.secondservicefoundation.org/>

Offering the Military Entrepreneur Challenge Grant to 3 participants between \$4,000-\$15,000. Applications due August of each year. Includes coaching and mentorship opportunities.

USDA Value-Added Producer Grants

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/value-added-producer-grants>

Assists farm businesses and producer groups in developing business plans and strategies to market value-added products. Applications due mid-spring each year. (Deadline April - Paper / May - Online)

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – 2014 Farm Bill Veteran Farmers

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/farmbill/?cid=stelprdb1256753> Veterans of the U.S. Armed Services may receive preference for (NRCS) programs.

These voluntary conservation programs include financial and technical assistance, as well as easements. Preference will be given to eligible Veteran Farmers or Ranchers applying for several types of conservation financial assistance through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

Extras:

Book: *Field Exercises: How Veterans are Healing Themselves Through Farming and Outdoor Activities*

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/18528007-field-exercises>

Documentary: *Ground Operations*

<https://walkyourtalk.tv/>

Documentary featuring the growing network of combat veterans who are transitioning into careers as sustainable farmers, ranchers and artisan food producers.

Documentary: *The Grunt Film Project*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=YBaxk7iATYY>

Documentary following local Veterans after coming back from service, and sharing some of their experiences and insight they brought back with them. By Jacob Mogler

Documentary: *Reset: A Fly Fishing Story*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pnop1QVEfQo>

Documentary sharing a Veterans perspective on the healing and regenerative aspect of fly fishing after coming back from service. By Jacob Mogler