2019 ANNUAL REPORT
Dear Friends,

In my forty years of farming, a handful of seasons stood out, where everything seemed to work. Much of that was from the hard work that was put in year after year, whether things broke our way or not. 2019 was one of those years for Farmer Veteran Coalition – a year of tremendous growth and huge accomplishment.

FVC did not just grow in numbers in 2019 – we saw our biggest growth in existing farmers. 20% of our members now farm more than 100 acres, and 10% farm more than 250.

The rich experience of our members was felt at our Lone Star and Stripes: 2019 Farmer Veteran Stakeholders Conference in Austin. Most of the more than 70 presenters were farmer veterans, sharing their knowledge and experience with the 500 veterans in attendance.

Also, at the conference we rolled out the biggest accomplishment of the year, a total revamp of the legal structure and governance of our state chapters, clearing the path for expanding our state chapters and mobilizing veterans to feed America in the communities where our members live and farm.

With your help we have launched a movement, that our farmer veteran members themselves want to help grow for years to come. We are humbled and grateful.

Michael P. O’Gorman  |  EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MEMBER GROWTH

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SERVICE CONNECTED DISABLED

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RACE/ETHNICITY

- Caucasian: 78%
- African American: 6%
- Latino: 5%
- Native American: 2%
- Asian & Pacific Islander: 1%
- More than one Race/Ethnicity: 7%

BRANCH OF SERVICE

- Army: 54%
- Navy: 15%
- Air Force: 15%
- Marines: 14%
- Coast Guard: 2%
The Homegrown By Heroes label is an agricultural food label that informs consumers a product was produced by a veteran or current member of the United States Armed Forces. This label provides consumers with a tangible way to support veterans while providing an avenue to share the veteran’s story.

Available to farmers, ranchers, fishermen and value-added producers who served, or are currently serving, the Homegrown By Heroes label gives farmer veterans the point-of-sale visibility needed to be successful in the marketplace.

State Partners
Farmer Veteran Coalition has partnered with 20 state departments of agriculture to promote the Homegrown By Heroes label in their states. Eleven of these states have created a merged logo taking elements from their own ‘Buy Local’ logo and combining with the Homegrown By Heroes label.

Ladonna Avankian & Heather Patterson | U.S. AIR FORCE
Hollyaire Farm | Junction City, OR

In the Pacific Northwest farming community of Junction City, Oregon lies a historic farm that years ago was left abandoned. Its name – Hollyaire. A 110-acre property planted to sour cherries, blackberries, and holly.

Ladonna revived all the crops, turning it into a completely working farm starting with 15 acres. It was a very labor-intensive job that took many years to tackle.

Bringing back a distinguished piece of agricultural history, this 15 acres is now known once again as Hollyaire. Ladonna kept the name intact because she thought it was beautiful. And then she brought Heather on board.

Their food does more than just nourish their community. They hire high school kids who are in athletics to help work on the farm as a way for them to raise funds to compete in their big tournaments. A high school wrestler herself, Ladonna feels compelled to mentor the students on farming techniques, and she simultaneously promotes future careers in the military.

Marvin Frink | U.S. ARMY Brairwood Cattle Farm | Fayetteville, NC

In 2015, a lifelong dream became a reality; to ensure success, Marvin continues to educate himself in cattle ranching. Although born in Florida in a drug-infested area—where his parents worked hard to keep Marvin and his siblings on the right track—Marvin was determined to be a success.

Thankful for the opportunity to help feed America and become a better person with the outstanding support from Farmer Veteran Coalition, family, close friends, and the community, success is in the near future for an American veteran who served his country proudly.
The Farmer Veteran Fellowship Fund is our small grant program that provides direct assistance to veterans who are in the early stages of launching their farming operations. With awards ranging from $1,000 to $5,000, purchases are made to third parties on behalf of the veteran for critical items such as breeding livestock, used tractors, greenhouses, irrigation systems and more.

Since it was established in 2011, the Farmer Veteran Fellowship Fund has awarded more than $2.5 million in small grants thanks to generous supporters: Prudential, Bob Woodruff Foundation, Newman’s Own Foundation, Kubota Tractor Corporation and Prairie Grove Farms.

2019 FELLOWSHIP STATISTICS

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<td>Average Award</td>
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2019 FELLOWSHIP IMPACT SNAPSHOT

Lovay Wallace-Singleton U.S. NAVY | New Bern, NC

In February of 2012, Lovay founded Veterans Employment Base Camp and Organic Garden in New Bern, North Carolina. VEBCOG provides temporary employment for post-war veterans transitioning back to civilian life and teaches urban farming entrepreneurial skills. Lovay received the Veteran Lifetime Achievement Award for her successes with employing veterans, their dependents and spouses, along with transitioning them to permanent employment while growing fruits and vegetables as a peaceful means of rehabilitation.

Last year Hurricane Florence struck the educational farm, bringing 5 feet of water in 4 days. Many repair projects loom in the wake of the flooding, and rebuilding their hoop house is one of them. A local vendor reached out to Lovay after the hurricane, offering a discount on any equipment needed; with Altria’s support, FVC granted Lovay $4,000 to make the purchase.

Rob Jones U.S. MARINE COPRS | Fort Mill, SC

“I volunteered to join the Marine Corps, and volunteered to become a combat engineer. I wanted to do the job where someone had to put themselves in harm’s way, to go out first and make sure the guys behind me were not in danger.”

The Farmer Veteran Fellowship Fund purchased a no-till planter and transplanter for Rob that will make it significantly easier to operate his vegetable farm with reduced need to bend over, and simultaneously support his passion for regenerative agriculture.
Launched in 2015 as a partnership between Kubota Tractor Corporation and Farmer Veteran Coalition, the “Geared to Give” program provides financial support and donated Kubota equipment to U.S. Military veterans pursuing a future in farming.

The “Geared to Give” program works to identify the needs and further the agricultural careers of those who have served their country and are now serving their communities through farming. In order to be eligible for the program, a farmer veteran must have first applied for, and received, an award through the Farmer Veteran Fellowship Fund.

Each quarter, one farmer veteran representing each of the five geographical regions of the country — Northeastern, Southeastern, Central, Midwestern, and Western — is selected to receive a Kubota L-Series compact tractor. In 2019, the following farmer veterans were awarded a Kubota L-Series compact tractor:

1. Jake Sass, a U.S. Army veteran and West Point graduate who started Civil Sass Hops, in Eyota, Minnesota.

2. Soraya Pellan, a retired U.S. Air Force veteran who is the owner of Pellan Farms outside of Omaha, Nebraska.


4. Stephen Carter, a U.S. Army veteran who owns and operate Twisted Acres Farm, a 45-acre dairy goat operation, in Bristow, Oklahoma.

5. Russell Guzzetta, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran who owns and operates Country Song Farm in Lithia, Florida.
2019 Donors

$200,000 and above
- Farm Credit Council
- United States Department of Agriculture

$150,000 and above
- Kubota Tractor Corporation
- Archer-Daniels-Midland Company (ADM)

$100,000 and above
- May and Stanley Smith Charitable Trust
- USDA - BFRDP
- Hearst Foundation
- Altria Group, Inc.

$25,000 and above
- Tractor Supply
- USDA - RMA
- Safeway
- Mental Insight
- Flora Family Foundation
- Roy Halstead
- Vanguard Charitable
- Prudential

$5,000 and above
- Prairie Grove
- Vermont Community Fund
- Corteva Agriscience
- Sustainable Futures Fund
- Work Vessels for Vets, Inc
- Cooks Company Produce
- American Farm Bureau Foundation
- Rose & David Dortort Foundation
- National Farmers Union
- Farm Credit Alliance
- Colonial Farm Credit
- Lucero Olive Oil

$1,000 and above
- Eight Oaks Craft Distillers
- Terra Global Capital, LLC
- Tadeusz Stawasz
- ProAg Management Inc
- Alpha Gamma Rho
- Dairy Grazing Apprenticeship Inc
- Network for Good
- Farm Credit East
- Farm Focused
- Agriculture & Land-Based Training Association
- CHS Foundation
- Barn2Door
- Jason Sweat
- Beth Ellen Dixon
- Farm Credit Western Marketing Alliance
- Farm Credit Bank of Texas
- Gus Cargile III
- Staff Sergeant Joseph D’Augustine
- Texas Bank and Trust
- Christopher Rognier
- J & M Manufacturing
- Capital Farm Credit

$500 and above
- UNFI
- Texas VFW
- Paul Kanning
- DBL Partners
- Messick Farm Equipment
- National Center for Appropriate Technology
- Michelle Glen
- Endeavour Shen
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$100 and above
- West Virginia National Guard Foundation
- National Women in Ag Association
- BCS America
- U.S. Small Business Administration
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- F.A.R.M.
- Rodale Institute
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- David Cohn
- Patrick Lejeune
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- Kulesh Shanmugasundaram
- United Way of Chicago
- Janet Eagan
- Melanie Katzman
- South Carolina Farm Bureau
- John Kimbrough
- James Page
- June Blalock
- Nancy House
- A Revolutionary Press, Inc.
- Sterling Eaves
- Anna Brogan

$100 and above
- W Steven Anderson
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- Jesse Cool
- Kristi Lawler
- Natalie Leschuk
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- Julie Kumar
- Susan Leschuk
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- Linda McGath
- Linda Olson
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- Dana North
- Organically Grown Co
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- Mary Howell
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- Scarlet Rogers
- Jennifer Silveri
- Lisa Scott
- Justen Garrity
- Virginia Cindrich
- Danielle Bushnell
- Russell Barnhill
- Michael Gold
- Matthew D Johnson
- Michael Staver
- Teresa Spruill
- David Cook
- Matthew Pfeifer
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- Bryan Swecker
- John Looney
- Linda Despres
- John Moslow
- Jim Conley
- Connie May
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- Irene Easterner
- Mary Ann Tirm
- Matthew McClure
- Elizabeth Bennett
- Mary Carhartt
- Juan Allen
- Mary Elder

70 individuals and organizations made a contribution of less than $100.
If we inadvertently left your name off the list, we apologize. Please let us know so you may be acknowledged in the future.