There are an increasing number of Washington State and national organizations dedicated to helping military veterans connect to community and careers with agricultural programs.

This fact sheet includes information on:
- Programs in Washington State
- National Programs

Programs in Washington State

Farmer Veteran Coalition, Washington Chapter
farmvetco.org
Washington@farmvetco.org or facebook.com/Washingtonfarmvetco
Farmer Veteran Coalition is a non-profit organization that assists veterans and currently serving members of the Armed Forces embark on careers in agriculture. The Washington State chapter is a local platform for veterans interested in agriculture and food system programs, support, mentorship and careers. Members have access to the national programs including “Homegrown by Heroes,” the official farmer veteran branding program of America, a Farming Fellowship Fund, and a range of education, partner discounts, and training programs.

Growing Veterans
growingveterans.org
360-445-2399 or staff@growingveterans.org
Growing Veterans operates primarily in Northwest Washington with a certified organic farm in Whatcom County that brings local veterans and community members together. Growing Veterans offers peer support and training accredited by the Washington Mental Health Counselors Association. Led by Post 9/11 Vets, Growing Veterans’ mission is to empower military veterans to grow food, community, and each other.

GRUB’s Victory Farm
goodgrub.org/victory-farm
360-753-5522 or vgp@goodgrub.org
The Victory Farm in Thurston County offers hands-on opportunities for veterans to develop their skills in sustainable small-scale urban agriculture and food production. Its mission is to empower veterans, active duty service members and their families to establish strong roots in their community by providing opportunities to connect with community and others who have served or are currently serving; helping to break down the barriers of isolation while creating a sense of belonging. GRuB (Garden-Raised Bounty) is a community-based nonprofit bringing people together around food and agriculture.

Roots to Road
partnersincareers.org
360-696-8417
Roots to Road offers small-scale farm training to veterans participating in Partners in Careers programs. A farm plot at WSU Clark County Extension Heritage Farm is farmed by the participants. A portion of the produce goes to local food banks and pantries. Partners in Careers helps people achieve self-sufficiency through specialized job training and employment services.

Veterans Conservation Corps
dva.wa.gov/program/veterans-conservation-corps
vcc@dva.wa.gov
The Veterans Conservation Corps (VCC), a program of the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA), provides opportunities for veterans to connect with nature in their own way through habitat restoration and farming activities and to learn about transitioning to employment opportunities in agriculture and natural resources. Working with partners throughout Washington, VCC operates a number of farming-related internships available to veterans, dva.wa.gov/benefits/internships, and is developing a farmer training and incubator program at the Veterans Farm at Orting.
VETS_CAFE
vets-cafe.org
vetscafeolywa@gmail.com or
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VETS_CAFE offers permaculture certification,
accredited academic internships, full Veteran Service
Organization support and benefit mentoring on its
120-acre farm in Thurston County. A project of the
Veterans’ Ecological Trades Collective (501c3), its
mission is to “support veterans and allies in acquiring
skills that launch or refine careers in Conservation,
Agriculture, Forestry and Ecological Design.”

Vets on the Farm
sccd.org/votf
509-535-7274
Vets on the Farm is a Spokane Conservation District
program that has expanded into other counties with
support from the Conservation Commission. Designed
for veterans seeking a new mission and a way to
transition back into civilian life through careers in
agriculture, farming, ranching, or other conservation-
based industries, Spokane Vets on the Farm operates
an incubator farm and farm stand. It also offers
transition resources, including education opportunities
with WSU Extension and Spokane Community
Colleges, community networking, and employment
support.

National Programs

AgrAbility: Cultivating Accessible Agriculture
agrability.org/resources/veterans/
Aggregates a wealth of online resources for veterans
and beginning farmers, including dedicated websites,
vetran-run training programs, guides to resources, and
financial and educational opportunities.

Farmland, Farm Employment, and Training
Program Locator for Veterans
ncat.org/atf-map/
National Center for Appropriate Technology, ATTRA
Sustainable Agriculture Program maintains a national
database where farmers who want to employ veterans
can list jobs; landowners can list farmland available
to veterans; organizations can list agriculture training
programs for veterans; and veterans who are already
farming can list their farms. Organizations can list
events for veterans interested in agriculture.

Veterans in Agriculture Listserv
Sign up at lists.ncat.org/mailman/listinfo/vetsinag
National Center for Appropriate Technology, ATTRA
Sustainable Agriculture Program hosts the “Veterans in
Agriculture Listserv,” which connects farmers, veterans
farming or interested in farming, and organizations
that work with farmer-veterans. The list is a place to
share information about workshops, seek technical
assistance on farming-related questions and share
information on agriculture topics.

USDA Veteran Farmers Resources
newfarmers.usda.gov/veterans
Links to federal programs and training opportunities,
as well as resources for careers in agriculture.

1. Resources for Small Farms in Washington
3. Resources for Spanish-Speaking Farmers
4. Resources for Hmong Farmers