





Mark with EQUI-VETS horse 'Navigator'

"The EQUI-VETS program has been great and rewarding for me.
Riding and helping around the farm is truly the best part of my day. I feel fortunate to have this program in my life."

Mark, EQUI-VET, United States Marine Corps



EQUI-VETS Service Program exclusively benefits men and women in the armed services who have been wounded in the line of duty, providing equine assisted therapeutic sessions for active and retired military personnel.

Serving the Hampton Roads community with the second largest concentration of active and retired military in the country, the EQUI-VETS program provides an invaluable service to benefit those who have served our country.

Our goal is to assist in physical and mental healing through equine activities to help our heroes reconnect to their families and their lives.





OUR PROGRAM

EQUI-VETS Service Program offers a unique opportunity for active, retired and reserve service men and women to participate in therapeutic riding lessons. Interacting with our horses strengthens emotional bonds, building trust and confidence with each session.

EQUI-VETS Service Program is free of cost to participants in recognition of their service and sacrifice to our country.

ACTIVITIES

In order to meet the needs of wounded service men and women, EQUI-VETS offers riding lessons, as well as barn and horse care. We have many EQUI-VETS who lend a hand to support the operation of our facility as volunteers each week.

Riding lessons are held under the direct supervision of a registered nurse, board certified in Psychiatric/Mental Health and a PATH, Intl. Certified Instructor.



AVAILABILITY

EQUI-VETS Service Program is offered year round to qualifying participants for six weekly sessions. Participants may request consideration to participate in future sessions based on space and availability.

VOLUNTEERING

We are seeking active duty and retired military personnel to support our EQUI-VETS horseback riding sessions. Participation is both personally rewarding and fulfills community service requirements—spread the word among your command and support an EQUI-VET today!

For volunteer information, please email volunteer@equikids.org.



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