

Topfield's Veterans Horsemanship Certification Program

The Military has a multitude of cultures, between the branches, between units, and across eras. Understanding and embracing these cultures is key to successful integration of Veterans into this program or any therapeutic program.



Our program at Topfield is Veteran inspired and Veteran informed. We have collaborated with the leadership of Veteran organizations like the American Legion, the VFW, and others. We fully recognize that our Veteran participants are skilled, able, trained, and well-traveled adults. We recognize that they come with a myriad of skills that they have honed over years.

Successful completion of this program will capitalize on the unique strengths of former Service Members and help to provide a renewed sense of purpose.

We train and certify former service members in basic horsemanship, recruiting graduates into our therapeutic riding program as horse leaders, grooms, and side walkers to fulfill their need to serve and give back to the community. We also incorporate some graduates back into the training of future participants in this program as mentors, to pass on their knowledge and experiences to their fellow servicemen. We will also market some of our graduates to other programs providing services to veterans as subject matter experts on veteran and horse interaction.

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