

# SERVICEMEMBER AGRICULTURAL VOCATION EDUCATION (SAVE)



## Monthly Newsletter

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### *Announcement*

*SAVE Farm continues to move in a positive direction. We are thankful for all of our donors, partners, volunteers, and supporters. We are also thankful for the efforts of the staff and academic committee on their constant efforts to continue to improve our programs. All of these improvements are working to achieve our mission to be a nationally recognized farming, ranching and agribusiness training and healing program for veterans and others. SAVE Farm received our Certificate of Approval from the Kansas Board of Regents to provide postsecondary education in the state of Kansas.*

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## ***Congratulations!***

SAVE Farm has been officially awarded the 2020 Platinum HIRE Vets Medallion Award! The Honoring Investments in Recruiting and Employing American Military Veterans (HIRE Vets) Medallion Program implements the requirements of the HIRE Vets Act of 2017 (Public Law 115-31), which President Donald J. Trump signed in May 2017. The HIRE Vets Medallion is the only federal award recognizing exceptional achievement in veteran employment. By meeting the criteria required for a Platinum Medallion Award, SAVE Farm demonstrated both patriotism and recognition of the value veterans bring to the workplace.



## ***“Honored on Veteran’s Day”***

This year’s Veteran’s Day, Steve Prince’s was honored in an article by Ginny Moore, published by the Conservation Fund. This story also highlights the great work done by SAVE Farm to help Veterans transition into Agriculture. Click on the link below to learn how Steve has launched his career in agriculture with the help of SAVE Farm’s training programs.

<https://www.conservationfund.org/impact/blog/land/2351-helping-veterans-transition-into-agriculture>



Thank-you for being part of the 2020 Veterans Day parade and your support of active duty members of our armed services and veterans. SAVE Farm volunteers and employees were honored to be a part of a great event.

## ***CODE of SUPPORT FOUNDATION***

Launched in 2013, Code of Support Foundation's Case Coordination program provides customized and holistic one-on-one support to service members, veterans, caregivers, and their families (SMVCF). COSF serves all eras, regardless of discharge status or geographic location. Of 22 million veterans in our nation, an estimated 30% are struggling or are in crisis and many, including family members, do not qualify for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) programs.

COSF's Case Coordination program takes a holistic approach when working with military and veteran families. Its team of trained Veteran and Caregiver Peer Navigators work with these families to identify and prioritize their most pressing needs, and help them build a customized service plan that leads to self sufficiency. Through leveraged collaboration with organizations and agencies across the country, COSF's Peer Navigators are able to help these families overcome life's challenges and significantly improve their quality of life. Just as importantly, the Peer Navigators stay with these families until their needs are met, and follow up at regular intervals to ensure their continued well-being.

Case Coordination outcome measures aren't simply based on the number of families assisted, or the monetary value of the services leveraged on the client's behalf. Peer Navigators communicate directly to determine a client's wellbeing (emotional and physical health, social, and financial) throughout the process: during intake, before a case is closed and in follow up communications. COSF also works with its partner Ernst & Young (EY) to continue to refine performance measures and analytics.

Because of the program's integrated comprehensive approach, COSF receives 50% of its client referrals by partner organizations including some of the largest veteran organizations and agencies in the country, including the **Department of Defense, Veteran Affairs** and most recently **The Elizabeth Dole Foundation**. In addition to the client referrals, COSF's Case Coordination process is recognized as a best practice for assisting service members, veterans and their families. It has been briefed at the **Red Cross Learning Summit, Fisher House Managers Conference**, and the **Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation Summit**.

It was through the COSF's case coordination experiences that lead to the creation of PATRIOTlink®, a cloud-based resources navigation platform designed by service providers for service providers. The strategically populated provider assistance tool empowers veteran service providers to easily navigate and find resources for the service members, veterans, and families they are assisting. It facilitates COSF's more comprehensive approach to veteran support organizations. PATRIOTlink® allows increased efficiency and efficacy of COSF's own Case Coordination program, which in turn allows its Peer Navigators to help more service members, veterans, and families.

COSF operates the national PATRIOTlink® network of fully vetted, no-cost services for veterans and caregivers. Their Peer Navigators provide direct support through their Case Coordination with veteran benefits, income or housing insecurity, education, employment, and financial counseling.

For more information: <https://www.codeofsupport.org>



# What's Buzzing Around the Farm!



*S.A.V.E. For Giving Tuesday*



**Giving Tuesday** is happening soon! It's a day that encourages you to do good, a day that connects you with the community, and a day for a global movement. SAVE celebrates your generosity every day. **SAVE** the date, December 1st.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

[THESAVEFARM.ORG/DONATE](https://www.thesavefarm.org/donate)



For one day, (December 1, 2020) and one day only. Click on <https://www.thesavefarm.org/donate> to make your donation.

## ***BE EARLY AND PRE-ORDER YOUR BEES TODAY.***

Golden Prairie Honey Farms are taking pre-orders for bees now. Don't miss your chance to get your bees ordered. <https://www.goldenprairiehoney.com/>

## **BLACK FRIDAY SALE!!**

Golden Prairie Honey Farms is currently having their Black Friday Sales until December 5<sup>th</sup>.

