



## Patriot Farm Press

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**Number served so far at Patriot Farm in 2026: 96**

Visitors: 40

Spring Syrup Event: 43

Additional Spring

Syrup Helpers: 13



# Spring Syrup Event 2026

We tapped 90 trees this year and gathered 967 gallons of sap this season! That sap turned into 16 gallons of syrup once boiled down. We still have syrup for sale! 100% of your purchase goes back into Patriot Farm to serve more veterans and their family.



Fun and learning was had by all even though it was cold and muddy.





The new sugar shack has already been so wonderful to have! We will be adding a deck outside under the spacious overhang. We also hope to utilize this space outside of syrup season by renting it out for small events or gatherings. Please keep us in mind for your next craft day, retreat, or even birthday party. Although it was a super wet syrup

season, we still had a great time with all of our visitors. We can't wait to see what the future holds for the new building and what next year brings!

# Support from High School Students

Students from Coopersville High School's woodshop class donated 11 Adirondack chairs. These beautifully constructed chairs have already been a huge help and were a big hit at our spring event! These chairs were delivered by regular volunteer Jenn and Vietnam Veteran Denny. We are coordinating with Newaygo County Council for the Arts-Artsplace to have high school students paint patriotic themes on the chairs.



In addition to Coopersville High School students, we have had several students from Newaygo High School volunteer. Don, Sam, and Kaidance have helped build some things, and are also building a dining room table for The Farmhouse. As soon as we have photos, we will send them. Sam also collected sap and helped boil twice. We appreciate the difference these students are making. If you are part of a student group, or know a student group that may be interested in helping, please email us at [patriotfarm4vets@gmail.com](mailto:patriotfarm4vets@gmail.com)

# The Farmhouse

In the fall we had our ribbon cutting ceremony for The Farmhouse. Since then, we have had three families stay free as veteran guests. That included 16 people for a total of 12 days. We also have two veteran families confirmed to stay in the future.

Additionally, we have had our first Airbnb guests, with five more future bookings! Operating as an Airbnb allows us to generate additional funds. All money go directly to Patriot Farm to help with veteran programming.



# Networking

Laura, Special Events Coordinator, had the opportunity to present to the West Michigan Veteran Coalition, reaching over 50 different veteran organizations. We all share the same mission in helping veterans, so it is wonderful to connect with others. If you are connected to an organization that would be interested in having someone from Patriot Farm speak/present, please reach out. We love to continue to raise awareness about our non-profit and its mission to all people and groups.

## We always need HELP!!!!

As word about our mission expands, so do our needs. In addition to financial donations which can be made [here](#), we are in need of some muscle power and specific resources.

- ★ The Farmhouse is in need of an outside renovation. We are looking to add some garden/landscape areas, as well as clean up what is currently there. This would be a great activity for a youth group, scouting group, school group, or service project for any number of groups!
- ★ We also need to renovate the front steps leading to The Farmhouse.
- ★ The Farmhouse has a screened porch, except it's missing the screen! Do you have resources or time to help with this?
- ★ There are ALWAYS things that need to be done. Please reach out to us at [patriotfarm4vets@gmail.com](mailto:patriotfarm4vets@gmail.com) if you or a group you are affiliated with would like to help.

If you are interested in purchasing a shirt, sweatshirt, hat, greeting cards, or syrup, please reach out and we can arrange that!

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