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Number served to date in 2026 at Patriot Farm: 267

Visitors this quarter:

Fall Event: 57

Other Visitors: 49 (21 Veteran, 28 civilian)

Veterans: 21 (3 families at the Airbnb, totaling 10 people)

Civilian Airbnb Guests: 19 (4 families totaling 19 people)

We always need HELP!!!!!

Can we count on you?

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.

- ★ **Immediate need:** Do you have a crew of friends who would join you and help cut firewood at Patriot Farm to donate to Newaygo veterans?
- ★ **Immediate need:** The Farmhouse has a screened porch, except it's missing the screen! Do you have resources or time to help with this?
- ★ **Immediate need:** We need to renovate the front steps leading to The Farmhouse.
- ★ Fall need: 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!
- ★ There are ALWAYS things that need to be done. Please reach out to us at patriotfarm4vets@gmail.com if you or a group you are affiliated with would like to help.

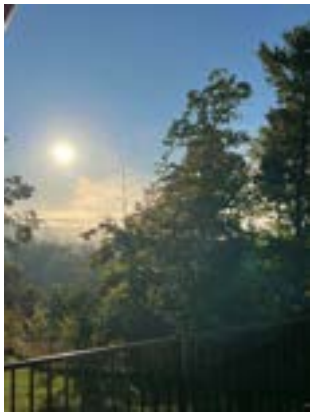
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★ A WARRIOR RESPITE & RETREAT ★

Wilderness First Aid held at Patriot Farm





Patriot Farm hosted 12 participants for the Wilderness First Aid course led by Steve over the weekend of September 26th-27th. Participants gained first-hand knowledge and experience in how to treat a variety of injuries including: orthopedic trauma, musculoskeletal injuries, environmental emergencies, survival skills, soft tissue injuries, and medical emergencies. Those in attendance included medical professionals, hiking guides, parents and sons, and civilians. **Save the date; we plan to offer this course again on May 22-23, 2027**. We were pleased to partner with Corewell Health Gerber Hospital to offer scholarships for civilians, while Patriot Farm offered scholarships for veterans.

Fall Color Tour Event

The event was a huge success again for the Veterans and their families that attended! Guests ranged in age from 2 years old to 84 years old, and had fun completing scavenger hunts, painting pumpkins, playing yard games, walking the trails, enjoying wagon rides, riverboat tours, eating and drinking delicious foods and beverages, having family photographs taken, and enjoying the company of one another!









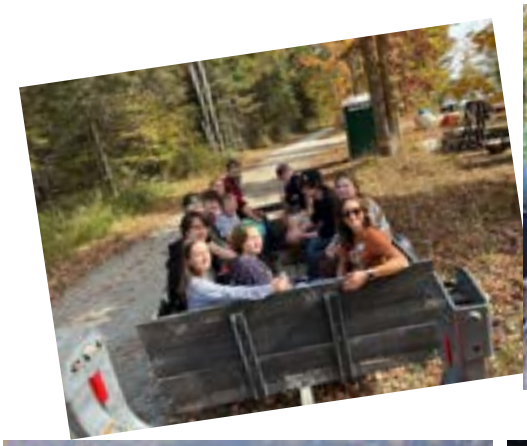








These photos show just a small portion of the gorgeous day we spent together enjoying each other and the surrounding nature!





















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Networking



We would like to thank the Fairlife Milk employees for their generous donation during their Udder Open #8 golf outing. We enjoyed showing the community engagement team around the farm and all we have to offer!

Chrissy, Barb, Scott, Steve, Ashley, Mike, Kyle, Laura, and Riley during the check presentation on September 11th.





Scott with part of the Fairlife team.

Behind the Scenes…..

~Jenn L.~

We'd like to give a shout out to Jenn, a long-time Patriot Farm supporter! If you've been to either our fall event, or our spring event, you've met her! She's the amazing check-in lady at the barn. Jenn is an early childhood teacher in Comstock Park and feels very passionately about our mission and serving. Along with check-in, she gets coloring supplies and activities for our youngest visitors.

As a resident of Coopersville, she coordinated with Coopersville High School's woodshop teacher to have eight adirondack chairs made and donated by students! She has a generous and giving heart, being our first shopper when it came time to furnish The Farmhouse from our wishlist! Jenn, we appreciate all you do, and love having you as a supporter!!!!



Jenn and her son, Jack

~Steve and Karla J.~

Additionally, we would love to spotlight Steve and Karla. They have been Patriot Farm supporters and volunteers from the very beginning. With Steve being a veteran, they quietly attend the events and enjoy what we have to offer. In their spare time, they have helped cut, split and stack cords of firewood. Additionally, they've come out to help collect sap when the trees are really flowing. They have really embraced our mission to find a quiet and tranquil place to reconnect and reset. Steve and Karla, thank you for all you do to make Patriot Farm a better place!



If you are interested in purchasing a shirt, sweatshirt, hat, greeting cards, or ~~syrup~~ (sold out!), please reach out and we can make arrangements!