



Oklahoma Chapter

STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

24 FEBRUARY 2021, 1:00PM

2019 Farmer Veteran Coalition Conference





About FVC

Happy 12th Birthday FVC – Feb 12, 2009

- **Membership is FREE**
- **23,900 members**
- **495 Oklahoma Members**

2020 FVC Virtual Conference - 49 States

<https://farmvetco.org/>



FVC – National Leadership

Michael O'Gorman, Founder and Chief Agricultural Officer

Jeanette Lombardo, Executive Director

Willie Hines, Chief Operating Officer - US Navy

Rachel Petitt, Program Director

Paul Marshall, Training & Education Director - US Marine Corps

Natalie Monroe, Communications Director

Isa Marie McIntyre, Veteran Services Provider - US Army

Doris Mold, Chapters Coordinator

- <https://farmvetco.org/about-us/our-team/>

National Board of Directors



President: Gary Matteson

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Founder/President, Jacobs Farm/Del Cabo, Inc., Founder, Farm Fuel, Inc.

Bill Field, EdD

Executive Director, National AgrAbility Project, Purdue University, Department of Agricultural & Biological Engineering

Tasha Hargrove, PhD

Research Associate Professor, Tuskegee University

Vicki Carter

Director of Spokane Conservation District & Vets on the Farm

Alex Woods

Vice President, Sales Operations, Supply Chain, and Parts, Kubota Tractor Corporation

Ken DeVan

Owner and Operator, Oregon Trail Farm

Matt McCue

Farmer Veteran, Veteran Farmer

Mark Bowen

President, Vermont Chapter of Farmer Veteran Coalition

Mission of FVC

The Mission of Farmer Veteran Coalition is Mobilizing Veterans to Feed America

We cultivate a new generation of farmers and food leaders, and develop viable employment and meaningful careers through the collaboration of the farming and military communities.

We believe that veterans possess the unique skills and character needed to strengthen rural communities and create sustainable food systems.

We believe that agriculture offers purpose, opportunity, and physical and psychological benefits.

<https://farmvetco.org/about-us/our-vision-mission-goals/>



Homegrown by Heroes

Official farmer veteran branding program of America

Inform consumers that agricultural products were produced by US military veterans

Over 2,000 FVC members are certified





About FVC

Connections to Existing Resources

Mentorship

Connections to Internships/Apprenticeships

Education Opportunities

<https://farmvetco.org/programs/>

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The [Farmer Veteran Fellowship Fund](#) is a small grant program. It provides direct assistance to veterans who are in their beginning years of farming or ranching and looking to develop their agricultural careers.

Assistance is provided through the purchase of capital equipment which the veteran has identified as making a *crucial difference* in the launch of their farm business.

AWARDS

Range from \$1,000 to \$5,000

ELIGIBILITY

Previous recipients are not eligible to apply in 2021 (but they *can* apply for the Geared to Give Kubota tractor program - part of the same app). Previous Tractor Supply Gift Card awardees ARE invited to apply.

SELECTION

Applications are evaluated by an independent review committee of agricultural industry professionals. Awards are granted in the spring - anticipated to be in April.



Kubota®



Kubota Geared To Give



FVC Fellowship Fund

New for 2021!

WWP funding will support 36 new fellowships

At least half of the new fellowships are designated for women veterans



**WOUNDED WARRIOR
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Dear Farmer Veteran Coalition members of Oklahoma,

We are excited to share with you some terrific news, there is a Farmer Veteran Coalition chapter forming in Oklahoma and we would like to invite you to join in the formation of the chapter. Several members have come forward and have indicated an interest in starting a chapter and have asked us to let you know. It is essential to have a critical mass of state and local FVC members in order to form a strong chapter that can help mobilize and support Veterans to feed America.

If you have an interest in becoming involved or learning more please contact odva.agrivets@odva.ok.gov
I would also be happy to answer questions.

Thanks,
Doris Mold
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Oklahoma Chapter

Oklahoma Chapter Organizing Committee

Diann Cole-Chair, US Army Veteran

Doug Christerson-Co Chair, OK Army National Guard Veteran

Joel Heinzeroth, US Army Veteran

Dale Bradley, US Marine Corps Veteran

Scott Newman, US Army Veteran, US Army Reserve

Stephen Carter, US Army Veteran

William Patrick, US Army Veteran

Lisa Mussett, US Air Force Veteran



State Chapter Leadership

Board of Directors

Chapter Officers

Other Opportunities

- General Membership
- Stakeholders
- Advisors
- Committee Members

Board of Directors

Governing Body responsible for management of human, physical, financial assets

9-11 members

Meet quarterly (1 time per year, in person)

- May be relaxed due to COVID-19

3-year term, no term limits



Chapter Officers

Directs the operations of the chapter

Responsible for member engagement

Responsible for member recruitment

Oversees recordkeeping and correspondence

Directs committees supporting projects and activities

Supervises matters of fund, accounting, and business transactions

Responsible for external communications of the chapter including newsletters, social media, websites, etc.



Advisors

Advisors have significant knowledge in a topic important to the operations of FVC

Advisors may be farmers or veterans, but they do not have to be!

Examples of Advisors

- A community member with significant experience making websites
- An academician with knowledge of grazing operations for cows
- A government official with information regarding zoning laws
- Attorneys and Accountants



Stakeholder Support

Stakeholders are any people or organizations that support the Oklahoma FVC Chapter!

Can contribute as a Board member or Support

Subject Matter Expert

Outreach

Offering workshops and training activities

Appropriate in-kind and/or monetary donations

NO MONETARY CONTRIBUTION IS REQUIRED FOR BOARD MEMBERSHIP



How You Can Get Involved

If you're a Veteran, become a member

- Vast resources and team affiliation
- Choose what you want to participate in
- Receive updates on upcoming events

Volunteer to be a Stakeholder

Volunteer to be an Advisor

- We'll keep your information in a database and will contact you when your expertise is needed!



How You Can Get Involved

Volunteer for a Committee

- Make a direct impact on a specific passion
 - Mentorship
 - Mental Health
 - Membership
 - Fundraising
 - Conference Planning
 - And more...
- Commitment is as needed





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Thank You!

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