A San Luis Valley partnership bringing our nation’s heroes into agriculture.
What is Veteran Fields?

“A San Luis Valley Veteran to Farmer Initiative”

Our Goals:

Support veterans seeking work in farming and ranching.

Launch new veteran-led agribusiness endeavors.

Provide internship/mentorship opportunities on established farms.

Establish space on community farm land where veterans can grow and sell their own crops.

Provide opportunities to garden throughout the valley.

Provide opportunities to heal through agricultural therapy.

Provide training and educational materials for aspiring veteran farmers.
Partners:

- Veterans Coalition of the San Luis Valley
- Women Veterans of the San Luis Valley
- San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition
- Conejos Clean Water
- Rio Grande Farm Park
- Valley Roots Food Hub
CALLING ALL VETERANS!

- Funding to support agricultural pilot projects.
- Mentorship with established farmers.
- Land access to grow a garden or crops.
- Resources and educational opportunities to support a career in agriculture.
- Commercial kitchen available for value-added production.
- Opportunities to heal through agricultural therapy.
CALLING ALL FARMERS!

● Farmers wanted to host veterans on their land
  ○ Providing employment
  ○ Providing internships
  ○ Providing mentorships

● The opportunity to pass on farm knowledge to new land stewards.

● Current veteran farmers could be provided with support for obtaining a “Homegrown by Heroes” label for their products.
Pilot Project Opportunities with Veteran Fields.

Veteran Fields has small startup funds for incubating new veteran agricultural projects for the 2018 season. Applications can be obtained by signing up at the Veteran Fields booth today - or by calling either of the numbers at the end of this presentation.
Veteran exploring pilot project opportunity with Veteran Fields
Women Veterans Victory Garden Pilot Project.
Partner - Veterans Coalition of the San Luis Valley

Providing leadership and veteran recruitment for the Veteran Fields Program and resources and referrals for veterans.
Providing opportunities for women veterans in agriculture

Stewardship of The Victory Garden Project

Thursday morning Veteran Coffee at the SLV Museum in Alamosa
Partner - San Luis Valley Local Foods Coalition

Providing leadership
Fiscal sponsorship
Financial reporting
Grant management
Partner - Rio Grande Farm Park

Providing dedicated veteran farm plots

Providing workshops and training

Providing irrigation, mentorship and training in organic practices
Partner - Conejos Clean Water

Providing garden plot space to veterans in Antonito

Two veteran internship slots for summer of 2018

Educational opportunities
Partner - Valley Roots Food Hub

Providing aggregation and distribution services

Marketing services

Access to a licensed commercial kitchen for value-added production
Beginning Farmer Rancher Development Project Partnership with Don Peters
Not Forgotten Outreach in Taos.
How can I join?

ONLINE
Visit [www.vcslv.info](http://www.vcslv.info)/veteranfields and click “Join Veteran Fields”

Visit [www.facebook.com/veteranfields](http://www.facebook.com/veteranfields) and click “Sign-Up”

BY PHONE
Call the Veterans Coalition at 719-992-4108
or the Local Foods Coalition at 719-937-2319

IN PERSON
Visit us at Booth #37 SLV Ag Conference
Visit Veterans Coffee at the San Luis Museum Thursdays 8:30 am to 11am
Join Veteran Fields 10am most Wednesdays - SLVLFC office 412 State Ave
Thank you,
Richard Nagley
Veterans Coalition of the San Luis Valley

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