



WORK VESSELS FOR VETERANS, INC. RECEIVES \$30,000 GRANT FROM NEWMAN'S OWN FOUNDATION

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NOANK, CT – WORK VESSELS FOR VETERANS has been awarded a \$30,000 grant from Newman's Own Foundation, the independent foundation created by the late actor and philanthropist, Paul Newman. This is the third year of awards to Work Vessels for Veterans, bringing their cumulative support for veteran farmers from Newman's Own Fund to \$130,000.

In celebration of its 10th anniversary, Newman's Own Foundation made this award to WORK VESSELS FOR VETERANS. The Foundation awarded a total of \$1.5 million in grants to 29 organizations that provide services to United States military men, women, veterans, and their families. WORK VESSELS FOR VETERANS is working with returning veterans who are starting new farms in their communities across the country. WORK VESSELS FOR VETERANS, INC. is a volunteer driven public charity that equips America's returning veterans with the tools ("vessels") they need to start a business or pursue career education.

Cathy Cook, Executive Director of Work Vessels for Veterans noted, "Today's grant of \$30,000 will enable us to purchase farm machinery for 5 veteran-farmers. We will purchase a tractor for a produce farm in Connecticut restored by a US Coast Guard veteran. These grant funds will support the purchase of an ATV Farm vehicle for an injured Army veteran in Oregon who can no longer ride a horse to tend her sheep due to her injuries. An injured Marine in Vermont will receive sorely needed greenhouse and well pump equipment so he can continue to train fellow veterans using horticultural therapy. And several additional veteran applications will be fulfilled."

WORK VESSELS FOR VETERANS, INC is dedicated to its mission to equip America's returning veterans with the tools they need to start a business or pursue career education. Since its founding in 2008, over 1300 veterans in 48 states have received equipment for self-employment valued at over \$1.3 million!

“Our men and women in uniform make great sacrifices in their own lives to protect the unique freedom, privileges, and opportunities we enjoy as Americans. It is not so much a responsibility to support them, but more a privilege to express our gratitude for their service,” said Robert Forrester, President and CEO of Newman’s Own Foundation. “We’re proud to fund WORK VESSELS FOR VETERANS, INC. in its efforts to make a difference in the lives of our veterans and their families.”

Paul Newman, the actor and philanthropist, created Newman’s Own Foundation in 2005. The establishment of the Foundation ensured that Newman’s legacy would live on, continuing his commitment to give all profits from the sale of Newman’s Own food products to charity. Since 1982, a total of \$450 million has been donated to thousands of charities around the world.

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WORK VESSELS FOR VETERANS, INC is a 501 c-3 public charity that matches veteran-entrepreneurs with the tax deductible donations of equipment from corporations and individuals. To learn more, please go to www.WorkVesselsForVeterans.org Veteran entrepreneurs may apply at www.WVfV.org