



WORK VESSELS FOR VETS

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## The Latest News from Work Vessels for Vets



FUNDRAISING



OUR DONORS



PATRIOT STARS



LATEST AWARDS

### FUNDRAISING: “Make Memorial Day Memorable Virtual Walk”



WVfV “*Make Memorial Day Memorable Virtual Walk*” is our annual event that unites people around the country as we get moving to raise funds for injured veteran entrepreneurs. Participants and teams raised over \$2000 toward our mission to equip America’s returning veterans with the tools they need to start a business or pursue career education. Thank you to everyone who got out there and moved! [READ MORE STORIES HERE.](#)

### DONOR STORY: Veteran-Owned INI Sips Donates to Help Other Veteran Entrepreneurs



WVfV received a roasty, toasty gift – a check for \$500 from previous WVfV awardees USMC veteran Gulaid and Davina Ishmail of New Britain, CT who are grateful for the hand up they have received. Their INI Sips specialty coffee shop is rapidly expanding. This donation represents proceeds from their new INI Sips specialty coffee sales promotion held recently to use toward their goal of “paying it forward” to help other veteran entrepreneurs. [Visit their online shop HERE](#)

for your own cup of joe. For more Veteran Stories click [HERE](#).

### OUR VETS: Patriot Star Business Award



This Spring, WVfV ED Cathy Cook presented our Patriot Star Business Awards to several vets who have used their equipment gifts to make successful businesses. Army vet Joyce Carter of Fayetteville, NC received the award after the May 2021 reopening of her hair restoration salon which had to close two weeks after her grand opening in 2020 due to the pandemic. She deserves an award for courage and persistence! Read about the Patriot Star

Awards [HERE](#)

### LATEST AWARDS: Tractor for Injured Veterans



On a glorious Armed Forces Day 2021, Work Vessels for Vets dedicated a John Deere 89mp tractor to Army SPC Ryan Salvias, injured in Afghanistan during his tour in 2010-2011. WVfV thanks the two CT VFWs who contributed. Salvias will use the tractor for his Radical Roots Farms in Sterling, CT where he raises heritage breeds of cattle, pigs, sheep and fowl. He is dedicated to paying it forward by establishing a nonprofit called

ContemPLATE to help fellow veterans with PTSD, TBI and other injuries find the peace he finds through agritherapy. [Read the entire story HERE](#) [SEE VIDEO HERE.](#)

And in PA, WVfV ED Cathy Cook presented USMC SSGT Jeremy Lake with a tractor adapted to his injuries. He earned 2 Bronze Stars following his 5 deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan. [CLICK HERE](#) for his story.

### COMING in SEPTEMBER: Our Online Auction including Veteran-Made Crafts!

Due to the success of our Online Auction last year, we are doing it again so everyone can participate! Check back [HERE](#) to stay up to date on all the details!

**FORE!** [Sign up here](#) for our Charity Golf Event sponsored by Enterprise Builders at Lake of Isles, at Foxwoods Casino, CT. Sponsors & golfers are welcome. For info call 860-536-4418.

### How can you help?

- ◆ Visit [www.WVfV.org](http://www.WVfV.org)
- ◆ Donate [on line](#)
- ◆ Send a check to  
P.O. Box 215  
West Mystic CT  
06388
- ◆ Retirees can donate RMD from an IRA
- ◆ Refer your friends & your employers