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The Latest News from Work Vessels for Vets



LATEST NEWS



DONOR STORY



VETERAN STORY

LATEST NEWS: WVfV announces \$20,000 in Emergency Distress Grants for Vet Businesses Hurt by COVID-19 Impact



COVID-19 hurt many of our veteran entrepreneurs . They experienced cancelled contracts and loss of cash flow to buy raw materials or pay employees. Work Vessels for Vets saw the need to offer a “hand up” once again. And donors stepped up to make it happen. In four days, coming through with \$20,000 to help. Just as rapidly, grants of \$500 to \$3500 in cash or equipment went out to 20 veteran-owned

businesses in thirteen states who were facing closure due to the corona pandemic. [Read the whole story about these amazing veteran-owned businesses HERE](#)

DONOR STORY: Injured Air Force Rescue Pilot Awarded Truck with funds from WVfV & US Veterans Chamber of Commerce



USAF Major (ret) J. Robert Scoggins of CO is starting a farm and raising a family now that his Air Force career as a rescue pilot ended with severe injuries. He really needed a truck to work the farm and transport their produce to markets. WVfV was able to partner with the USVCC & Chris Seeger, Founding Partner of Seeger Weiss LLP, a stalwart donor and supporter of the Warrior Games, to raise the \$15,000 to get the best truck for this amazing injured vet.

[Read the full story HERE](#)

VETERAN STORY: Nonprofit Therapy Farm Awarded \$7500 for Tractor



WVfV recently awarded funds for a tractor to USAF CMSGT (ret) Rachel Czmyr for her agricultural nonprofit. Rachel is a 100% disabled veteran and recent graduate of the University of Connecticut Entrepreneurial Bootcamp for Veterans (EBV) program that teaches business skills to veterans starting new enterprises. Her new ECOthrive Farms is a community outreach nonprofit offering unique, customized group programs for veterans and others with disabilities in Miamisburg, Ohio. [Read more](#)

Over 80 veterans are on our vessel waitlist. And more apply every day. They need OUR help.

COMING SOON: Our Online Auction of Veteran-Made Crafts!

We rely on our generous donors during our annual fundraising events. The pandemic and social distancing is complicating our usual plans, causing us to change or cancel many of our in-person fundraising events. Safety will always come first! We are rethinking our plans so we can still assist as many veteran entrepreneurs as possible in 2020. **So...we are planning an Online Auction for late October.** Please click [HERE](#) to stay up to date on all the details!

Be sure to check back regularly and visit us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for updates!

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- ◆ Visit 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