



Compassion Ranch

Animals get second chances for life and help to inspire character traits courage & compassion, patriotism & perseverance, so more people will plan & lead our lives aimed at callings & choices.

David@LifeLeadersInstitute.org or Doc@CompassionRanch.org



3 nonprofit programs of Life Leaders Institute: CompassionRanch.org - PatriotismInAction.us - LifeLeaders.us

News & Progress

March 31, 2024



Lancelot 250+ pounds healthier. July with Wilbur in the orchard.

Beau Buckley finding peace.



A donor sends “cookies” aka treats for the animals. 7 cats (now 8) eat and sleep on the screen porch with 24/7 access to an enclosed garden. Steve Bryant brought his grandfather’s 1949 Farmall tractor to park and use here.



Harlequin Domino (Harley). This homeless cat “broke in” pushing through wire to eat with 7 cats on the porch & catio. We provided him neuter surgery and vet care – male, 4 years old, only 9 pounds at rescue. Domino in name honors 18 year-old cat in Texas.

An improved [gate and fence fortifies the garden](#) to give Beau extra areas of play and rest connected to the backyard. The greenhouse with XL dog door provides extra shelter for dogs when outside, as well as plants.



Revised Card Handout about Hank 2024 for Programs & Parade

Edited to add web site for The Old Guard and update Hank the Tank's Alabama story.
Suggestions welcome before we print – soon and again before November 11.

Hank

Military Working Equine (MWE)
Arlington National Cemetery
3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard)



At the full military honors funeral for the late Gen. Colin Powell (USA Retired) in 2021, Hank served as the caparisoned (riderless) horse. Boots backward, *this warrior will not ride again.* After 10 years of service, Hank retired in 2023.

OldGuard.mdw.army.mil
CompassionRanch.org/riderless-horses

"Hank the Tank"

US Army (Retired)



Hank retired to Compassion Ranch in Alabama directed by Dr. David Dyson. Hank is the first horse from The Old Guard to walk in the Veterans Day Parade hosted in Birmingham since 1947.

Hank the Tank is the first horse to serve a funeral at the Alabama National Cemetery when laying to rest Col. Bob Barefield (USA Retired).

PatriotismInAction.us / CompassionRanch.org

You can see a larger version of this card at PatriotismInAction.us.
Teachers and speakers can print and project the images or request cards to distribute.

Angels and Friends of our Animals and Programs

Donate Monthly

Please consider joining us monthly supporting hay, medicine, vet care, students helping...so we can sustain. Or, you may sponsor a particular animal such as expenses of \$1, \$5, or \$10 per day--or a group. At the web site you can donate using your bankcard or PayPal making single payments or set up monthly.

CompassionRanch.org/Donate or LifeLeadersInstitute.org/Donate

Thanks to monthly partners: Kayla Daniels Triple D Ranch & Farm
Anonymous (Texas) Celeste Rodgers
Nicole Baldrige (Michigan) Caroline Uhl (California)

Donated \$ or Purchased Wish List Items Recently

Cathy Dinan Cindy McLeod Gary/Joyce Sallquist (Ohio)
Arlene/John Konzem (MN) Carol Schaffhausen

Donated Goods or Volunteer Services Recently

Steve/Pam Bryant Kyle/Beverly Crider Mike Powell

Samples of Recent Action

Compassion Ranch

1. Hay provided for 20 animals plus pelleted food for 41.
2. 2024 animals adopted: Wilbur, Beau, Harley, and feeding homeless cat offering shelter.
3. Emergency Caregivers Fund: paid Alabama Spay & Neuter Clinic to spay/neuter 5 dogs.

Patriotism in Action

4. Designed *Hank the Tank* card for 2024.
5. Designed *Veterans Day Started in Alabama* card for 2024.
6. Web pages improved: *Patriotism In Action, Founder of Veterans Day, Veterans Day Founding Ed.*

Environmental Leadership

7. Repurposed donated garden gate and 2x6" fence rails gray from age with our pressure washer.
8. Recycled 50+ plastic animal feed bags filled with plastic materials at Montevallo Recycling Center.

Triple D Ranch & Farm (land-buildings-vehicles donated for Compassion Ranch, Life Leaders...)

9. Fence reinforced in the orchard and patio to keep Wilbur and Harley from danger by roaming.
10. 30 more solar lights added for security and events, decrease purchased electricity.

Wish List for Donated or Discounted Services

- Ranch hand who can also trim horses: Saturday afternoons or fit his or her schedule.
- Volunteers to groom animals—brush mane and tail...
- Hay bales to supplement feeding grass and grain warm months.

Ideas if Inspired to Donate a Designated Charitable Gift

- Barefield Flagpole & Patriotism in Action Garden.
- Hay for 20 animals: average 10,000 pounds per month.
- Hank the Tank* cards and *Veterans Day Started in Alabama* cards for students, teachers...
- Caregivers Emergency Fund: spay, neuter, food.
- See our sheet of goals to *Do More in '24* or tell us your idea_____.

Compassion Ranch is 1 of 3 programs of 501 (c)(3) Life Leaders Institute & Ranch:

CompassionRanch.org - PatriotismInAction.us - LifeLeaders.us

Triple D Ranch & Farm donates use of the land, tractors, trucks, lots of labor...

(205)422-6484 Doc@CompassionRanch.org

