



# Compassion Ranch

**& Life Leaders Institute**

*Animals getting second chances  
and helping to inspire and develop people  
with courage & compassion, patriotism & perseverance.*



## Progress News for July 2024

Animals + People + Programs + Plans + Land + Facilities

### Hank and Lincoln One-Year Anniversary – We Celebrate!

Retired Military Working Equines from Arlington National Cemetery now at Compassion Ranch



**<=Hank** helped lay to rest heroes such as General Colin Powell as a caparisoned (riderless) horse at Arlington National Cemetery, led by cap walkers of The Old Guard. He retired after 10 years and diagnosis with Equine Metabolic Syndrome.

**Lincoln** carried soldiers in the Old Guard and helped pull caissons (heavy wagons) carrying *warriors who will not ride again*. He injured his neck pulling, and in pain was diagnosed as hard to handle and dangerous, then retired.



Pre-July 4 one year ago: Bob and Nancy Barefield drove me to Tennessee to meet our professional drivers and continue the trip to Arlington, VA to transport Hank and Lincoln home to Alabama.



**<= Hank aka Tank:** November 11, 2023 served America's oldest Veterans Day Parade (Birmingham since 1947) as the first riderless horse from Arlington. Col. Barefield and I walked behind Tank in the Veterans Day Parade. Bob coordinated the riderless horse for us (Patriotism in Action) since 2006-2023.

The next month complications from a medical procedure resulted in our Col. Barefield passing. As part of Bob's funeral at the Alabama National Cemetery, Hank stood at attention with us.

Hank was named for Hank Williams by soldiers in The Old Guard. His Alabama nickname is Tank. People who meet him often say, "he's a tank!"



**<=July 19:** Sgt. Grant Hardy, The Old Guard, Arlington National Cemetery, reunited with Hank and Lincoln, bringing his family of wife and three daughters.

July 20 David Chen, former vet tech for Hank and Lincoln plus others at Arlington, visited with his wife and two boys. He is serving at Maxwell Airforce Base.=>





# Pictorial Slices of Life for Animals & People of Compassion Ranch

hosted at Triple D Ranch & Farm



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# Progress and Actions

## Animal Service

- ☆ Feeding 44 animals daily, 10,000 pounds monthly of hay, feed, more...
- ☆ 6 teen student workers clean bowls, troughs, and spaces weekly
- ☆ Fan added for barn loft cats, in addition to 5 ceiling fans.

## Organizational Development

- ☆ Updated legal name with Alabama to Compassion Ranch and Institute (compassionate care of animals plus publications and programs for students, teachers, and mentors, families, nonprofits).
- ☆ Submitted amended legal name to IRS nonprofit division adding Compassion Ranch as principal name aka Life Leaders Institute & Ranch so donors searching to confirm who we are will see Compassion Ranch first instead of after seeing Life Leaders America, the name selected after the September 11 attacks when we added *Patriotism to Personal Leadership*.
- ☆ Venmo: added [CompassionRanchAndInstitute](#) to Venmo community and our web site donate options.

## Triple D Ranch & Farm for Compassion Ranch

- ☆ Hay Storage & Garage: added 2,000 square feet of metal roof to protect hay, equipment....
- ☆ Pallet forks purchased to offload pallets of food plus move hay, trees, lumber...
- ☆ Car: working again after battery and fuses, used for local travel picking up feed and supplies.
- ☆ Recycled 2 truckloads of old metal wire fence we replaced building fence for Tank, Lincoln, Wounded.
- ☆ Recycled truck load of plastic at Montevallo Recycling Center.

## Angels and Friends of our Animals and Programs

### Donates Monthly/Regularly

- ☆ Anonymous animal lover (Texas): sponsors animal feed, dog and horse treats, extra needs....
- ☆ Celeste Rodgers: supports 3 cats her family had to surrender for medical reasons--Daggers, Nat, Scarlet.
- ☆ Carol Schaffhausen: sends wet cat food and advises on cat care.
- ☆ Caroline Uhl (California): sponsors Tessee she rescued in Tennessee as a kitten and brought here.
- ☆ Triple D Ranch & Farm: donates land, tractors, trucks, shelters, equipment, most labor....

### Donated \$ Recently

- ☆ Cheryle Crider Clarke
- ☆ Dawn Dixon: "love getting updates on your animals..."
- ☆ Beth Dozier: brought a group of students.
- ☆ Tracy Hosey Gilliom
- ☆ Drs. John and Arlene Konzem (Minnesota)
- ☆ Cindy McLeod: our first donor using the new Venmo account for Compassion Ranch
- ☆ Howard McNinch
- ☆ Marisol McNinch
- ☆ Sandy Pegram
- ☆ Poarch Band of Creek Indians Education Endowment: supported Veterans Day Education since 2012.
- ☆ Dr. Gary Sallquist: supporting Crockett, our senior statesman horse, and where the need is greatest.
- ☆ Melvin Carrington Smith, Sr: *You are doing OUTSTANDING WORK....please keep it up.*
- ☆ WalMart Foundation: Calera store supported again.

### Provided Goods or Services Recently

- ☆ Anonymous member of Rocky Mount Church: pipe, oil, discount on pallet forks and delivery.
- ☆ Beverly Crider: selling donated classic vinyl records to earn money for CR. Creating online store on Amazon.
- ☆ Kyle Crider donates an hour+ weekly on website and technology, plus environmental advice.
- ☆ Richard Hydinger sponsored an event and brought cases of bottled water.
- ☆ Ovie Powell: volunteered to serve here 100 hours this year, recently on our hay barn and garage addition.
- ☆ Zach Ward, AFC Solar: leading on advising and building the hangar addition with Austin, Chris, Ovie.





# Vision and Plans when we have more Treasure and People

*Do any inspire you to donate time or treasure?*

Sponsor [ ] animals [ ] students [ ] programs [ ] publications [ ] facilities [ ] fencing [ ] your idea

## Animal Shelters and Facilities

- ❑ Student workers—clean troughs, bowls, stalls, pastures, learning work ethic.
- ❑ Roof addition for summer storage of hay for winter food security, savings.
- ❑ Garage roof addition to protect tractors, implements, other equipment.
- ❑ Pavilion with covered arena for programs with students, hay storage, stalls.
- ❑ Barefield Flagpole: 7 signs, flags, solar lights.
- ❑ Catwalks in Bryant Barn so homeless cats can eat/rest above horses.
- ❑ Catwalks in the North Barn so homeless cats can get shelter and food.
- ❑ Lime and fertilizer to improve soil for pasture grass for horses.
- ❑ Fans for horses in Bryant Barn and solar power.
- ❑ Land adjoining to expand pasture and protect horses.
- ❑ Fencing: finish front corral, orchard paddock, storm damage, and weak spots.
- ❑ Wheelchair ramp to the porch and front door of the farmhouse.



## Food and Healthcare for Animals

- ❑ Sponsor boarding for a horse: \$10/day (hay, feed, water, shelter, daily care, vet care...similar to fee for pasture boarding, though ours also get shelter and vet care paid.) You can love on 'em.
- ❑ Sponsor a pony or donkey: \$5/day or any amount helps.
- ❑ Sponsor a dog, cat, goat, pig: \$1/day or \$30 recurring monthly.
- ❑ Help us pay for more caregivers to provide spay and neuter surgeries for pets and fosters in need.
- ❑ Expand emergency support for caregivers needing food, vet care...so pets can stay home.

## Publications to Inspire Students and Support Patriots

- ❑ *Riderless Horse* cards: for students, teachers, guests, example of honoring veterans featuring Tank.
- ❑ *Pledge of Allegiance* cards: for students and teachers to use, for us to hand out to guests.
- ❑ *National Veterans Day Started in Alabama* cards for schools & veteran organizations.
- ❑ *The Animals of Compassion Ranch*: short book for handout and online.

## Sponsor Programs for Students, Families, Classes

- ❑ 1-4 hour experiences designed to teach, inspire, create smiles.
- ❑ School class visiting with program to help them with planning and student development.
- ❑ Work parties with students and adults to learn work ethic caring for animals, land, homestead.
- ❑ Students interested in animal care professions—volunteer, project, internship, community service.

## Equipment Needed to Work Better and Faster

- ❑ Backhoe/Mini-Ex to dig/deepen watering holes (small ponds) and prompt, respectful burials.
- ❑ Truck more reliable for transporting riderless horse to events, horses to vet care....
- ❑ Wagon for hayrides pulled by 1949 Farmall tractor (need tires, lube, paint, carpentry, welding...)

## Options to Partner, Donate, Learn More

[CompassionRanch.org/Donate](http://CompassionRanch.org/Donate) or [LifeLeadersInstitute.org/Donate](http://LifeLeadersInstitute.org/Donate)

supporting Compassionate care of animals, Patriotism in Action, Life Leadership,  
*Education for Veterans Day Started in Alabama, Riderless Horse, Plan for Life, Pledge of Allegiance*

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