



# Compassion Ranch

Animals getting second chances for life inspiring compassion, patriotism, courage...

Joint mailing of Compassion Ranch and Patriotism in Action—Independence Day

## Progress – Arlington to Alabama

Soldiers in the Old Guard Caisson Platoon did a great job helping us during our visit to Fort Myer to adopt Hank and Lincoln, two of their MWE (military working equines) horses who served in Arlington National Cemetery. We returned home in Central Alabama of Friday, June 30.

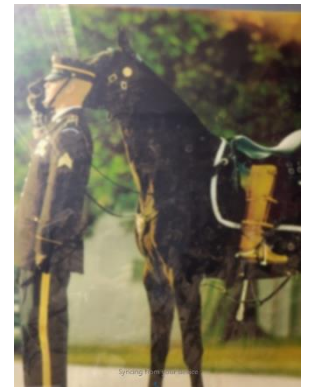


Soldiers take care of horses and facilities, plus lead and ride horses in funerals and other ceremonial events to honor heroes.



Black Jack and Cap Walker in President Kennedy's funeral.

Black Jack and Cap Walker in President Eisenhower's funeral.



## Hank and Lincoln at Home in Alabama

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Just now

Hank and Lincoln, Day 1. First time out of their pens. They are settling in even better than expected. Thanks Col. Barefield for helping. Bob is a retired colonel with the First Cavalry.



<=Facebook post: Day 1. Col. Bob Barefield (USA Retired) led Hank on a walk. David Dyson is at right with Lincoln.

Hank in his new stall and pen.



## **People help us make progress--Donations Recently**

1. Bob and Nancy Barefield drove me to TN to meet our horse transport en route to Arlington and returned my car to the ranch!
2. Bob and Nancy made a donation to Patriotism in Action we can use to prepare for horses serving Veterans Day and ranch events.
3. Triple W Transport / Scotty Wilson reduced their fee for transport more than half to support our work with Arlington horses. Scotty visited Arlington for the first time.
4. Anonymous donor (Texas) helped with feed and horse-dog "cookies" including low sugar/low starch treats for Hank to enjoy and still stick to his diet. And, she sent a donation to pay for the new hay ring in the main paddock.
5. Kyle Crider donated time to take photos and improve our web and tech.
6. Beverly Crider helped post to Facebook and Instagram, adding hash tags to expand audience.
7. Mike and Tricia Beard donated in memory of Larry Bryant.
8. Baldrige Consulting (Michigan) donated and pledged a monthly recurring donation.
9. Terry Slaughter donates monthly to support Crockett.
10. Triple D donates use of land and buildings.
11. Director salary is donated.

## **Plans to Improve – Needs and Goals with Donations**

1. Paddock fence so Arlington horses have a safer, nicer new home--wooden posts, rails, sakrete, and wire fence for added safety, especially if the goats visit the horses as companions.
2. Ceiling fans (12) for stalls to help keep 12 horses comfortable this summer.
3. Round pen to exercise Hank, Lincoln, all the horses. Hank needs daily exercise to keep his weight healthy plus give him needed purpose working with a handler. Lincoln needs ways to connect with handlers and earn trust, plus prepare for new jobs.
4. Sponsors to support boarding – food, shelter, health care, supplies...\$10/day horses, \$5 ponies/donkeys, \$1 dogs/cats. We feed over 10,000 pounds per month in hay and supplemental feeds for almost 40 animals – horses, ponies, donkeys, goats, dogs, cats. Our two horses from Arlington weigh 2,500 pounds and love to eat. Our budget just increased for hay, pellets, ration balancers, supplements, supplies, and labor to help us keep their stalls and pens reasonably clean.
5. Horse tack--black cavalry saddle, bridle, boots and more for cap tack and riding tack to use in student programs, ceremonies, and parades. Saddles stands needed or need to build.

## **Plans to Improve--Opportunities to Volunteer or fund part-time student staff**

1. Build paddock fence or donate for carpenter and labor and/or posts, rails, concrete....
2. Groom horses – mane and tail.
3. Trim hooves of horses.
4. Clean stalls and troughs.
5. Chain saw work on fallen trees to grow more grass and clear edges of ponds and watering holes.
6. Build a round pen to exercise or donate for materials, carpenter, and labor.
7. Advocate us to foundations and donors who care about developing animals and people.

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