

The **Horse Feathers Veterans Program** is proud to offer no-cost services in an area of great need for our country's veterans and first responders. To that end, Ray of Light Farm can easily accommodate all facets of this program. We would like to *thank you* for taking time to read about our program and hope that we see you in our next session!



Come and Join Us!

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Who We Are and What We Do

Horse Feathers is a **FREE** program for veterans. It is an animal-assisted learning and wellness program that serves all veterans and first responders. We specialize in helping veterans with post-traumatic stress and we also welcome veterans with physical challenges. The program involves pairing veterans with horses and other animals to facilitate self-awareness and promote healing for those affected by emotional or physical trauma.

Our Facilities

Our facilities are located at Ray of Light Farm, a horse, donkey, and animal rescue facility located at 232 Town Street in East Haddam, Connecticut. Ray of Light Farm is a non-profit charity that has been rescuing horses, donkeys and other animals since 2005.

Horse Feathers has a designated private area within the farm's 35 acres.



Our Activities

Horse Feathers offers a variety of activities for veterans, including:

- **Grooming, walking, horse turnout and basic animal care activities**
- **Driving horses/mules in carts**
- **Cultivating our Veterans Garden**
- **Helping with maintaining our facilities**
- **Participating in get-togethers such as picnics, holiday parties, etc.**
- **Off-site field trips**
- **Working towards becoming a volunteer**



Our Animals



Our animals are primarily rescues that may have issues that often parallel those in veterans. This is why connecting with an animal can be so powerful. These sensitive animals will often mirror the behaviors of a veteran who is experiencing emotions that he or she has not recognized or been aware of.

The horses and donkeys that participate in **Horse Feathers** are primarily for the program and are experienced and friendly animals. Currently we have horses, mini-horses, mules, and donkeys. In addition, for those who would like to interact with other animals, we offer a variety of other animals such as llamas, sheep, guinea pigs, rabbits, goats, turkeys, ducks, chickens and others.

Other Info

Horse Feathers is a **FREE** program and all equipment and facilities are provided. Six-week sessions run from late March through November. Safety is our number one concern and all instruction is thorough and extensive. Each participant is required to complete an information form and a release form prior to joining the program. The program is run entirely by well-trained and knowledgeable volunteers.