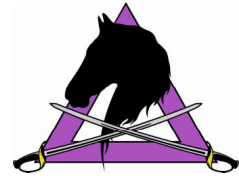


Horses Help



Therapeutic Riding Center

**HORSES HELP THERAPEUTIC RIDING
CENTER
FREEDOM RIDERS PROGRAM FOR
VETERANS
VOLUNTEER APPLICATION**



Thank you for your interest in volunteering in our program for military wounded, and veterans with disabilities. Please complete this application so we can best serve our riders.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

DATE _____

FIRST NAME _____

LAST NAME _____

TELEPHONE _____ CELL/MOBILE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

REFERRED BY: _____

IF NOT REFERRED BY A FREEDOM RIDERS PROGRAM VOLUNTEER, HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT FREEDOM RIDERS? (CHECK BOX)

- Horses Help volunteer
- HH Web page
- Local Media (TV/Radio/Paper)
- Veterans Event/Exhibit
- Forwarded Email News
- Military OneSource
- A Participant
- Presentation to my group (NAME OF GROUP) _____
- HHFacebook page
- AZ Dept of Veterans' Services
- Co-worker _____
- Twitter
- Carl T. Hayden VAMC
- Veterans' Service Organization _____
- Chaplain _____
- Other _____

ARE YOU A

VETERAN, RESERVIST GUARD, OR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBER?

If so, your Service Branch: _____

of Years of Service: _____ Dates: FROM _____ TO _____

DO YOU BELONG TO ANY MILITARY SUPPORT OR VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S)?

(Example: American Legion, VFW, Soldiers Angels, Patriot Guard Riders, Association of Women Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America, etc.)

Yes PLEASE LIST: _____

If not, your connection to the military or veterans (example: relative currently serving, family member veteran, etc.) _____

PHYSICAL ABILITIES/CHALLENGES:

Some of our participants are large males over six feet tall and over 200 pounds. For their riding, we sometimes use large/tall horses (17 hands or taller.)

Do you feel comfortable that, if you were a side walking spotter or coach under these circumstances, you could help steady that person on the horse or assist with mounting, dismounting, or an emergency dismount?

Yes No

PREFERENCES:

Persons who have received concussions, (TBI) may have a variety of emotional (such as depression or anxiety), neurological (such as memory problems), or behavioral (such as hyper alertness) symptoms.

Person who have received any kind of traumatic (sudden) injury or survived a traumatic event may experience combat stress injury, or, among civilians, post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

One of these conditions is likely to be a secondary condition of participants in the Freedom Riders Program, or it may be the primary condition.

These participants may startle easily, or have difficulty remembering sequential instructions.

I am comfortable working with veterans or military personnel who are experiencing TBI or PTSD symptoms.

Persons who have experienced severe burns or strokes may have difficulty verbalizing their thoughts and needs. Their support team gets to know them over time and becomes adept at understanding their communications.

Our participants all need to be familiar with the support groups upon whom they rely. Volunteering for this program as a side walker, coach, or horse handler entails attending each session on a weekly basis, forming supportive relationships, and requires consistent attendance.

I am able to come consistently and if I cannot come I can notify the instructor.

I am not able to come consistently but can be on call and help in other ways.

The Freedom Riders Program is very active in the military support and veterans service community, including community events on important holidays, outreach events for the VA and others, and events hosted at Horses Help. Some riders may participate in riding competitions held here or at local show grounds.

I may be able to participate in events at Horses Help and around the Valley from time to time.

A tremendous amount of communication with our military and veterans occurs online or in a multimedia format, including text messaging, tweating, etc.. Volunteering to maintain our online presence is a possibility for some people.

I am a techno-wizard and have the tools at home or work to be an online volunteer.

HORSE EXPERIENCE

I have experience both riding and caring for horses, and have completed, or am completing, the Horse Experience Survey for the Equine Manager.

Thank you very much for completing this application to be a part of Horses Help's Freedom Riders Program volunteer team.