

Salute to our Veterans ... You CAN Live Again!

Lonesome Dove Equestrian Center ... Helping our Veterans LIVE AGAIN!

Here is a story of a young man who lost both legs and was resuscitated twice on the battle field and given twenty seven pints of blood and when finally sent home his wife decides she can't handle it. He thought he had lost everything, until he came to LDEC. It took us over two hours to get him to pet the horse then we convinced him to just sit on the horse, then we couldn't get him off of the horse. This is a picture of him and his dad holding the flag, both are Veterans. This young man got another chance to live. He went to Walter Reed Hospital and then went home where he had

built up his courage by then to try roller coasters. He was the Veteran you may of heard about that was thrown from a coaster a few months ago, yes it was him. We opened the door and gave him a chance to regain his freedom. All stories do not have happy endings but he got to do more than sit in a wheel chair.

The LDEC Veteran Drill presenting the Colors at the World

with a little help from his mother he got out of his wheel chair and hobbled up a 30 foot ramp and got on the horse by himself. He is now out shopping for a new pair of cowboy boots.

These are just a few stories of hope and encouragement where Veterans feel WORTH once more. YOU TOO CAN BE A PART OF LONESOME DOVE and giving a VETERAN a new take on LIFE ... the same LIFE that you hold dear and they FOUGHT for.

LDEC "Where Veterans Ride Again"
Clint Arrington
Founder/Director

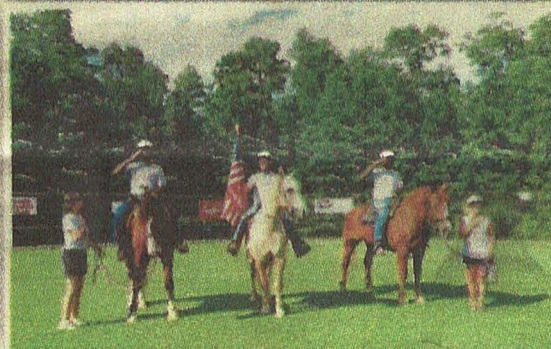
Get Involved


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Your life will be richer for your service.


Class Volunteers - Veterans ride one day each week. While onsite, you can assist riders as horse leaders or sidewalkers or visit with our non-riding veterans. You can also provide general assistance such as horse grooming, serving lunch and performing general clean-up.

Fundraising and Special Events - Host a fundraiser or special event such as a bake sale, spaghetti dinner, Poker Run or a raffle. Recent volunteer-sponsored fundraisers include a "Girls' Night Out for a Special Cause Dinner" and an I-Pod raffle. The possibilities are limited only by your imagination. You can also participate in LDEC organized fundraisers such as the Spring and Fall Trail Rides.






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The LDEC Veteran Drill presenting the Colors at the World Series Little League Bronco Division in Chesterfield Va., the infield was lined around the bases with kids from all around the world.



This is an incredible story about the will and determination of a young man not giving up.

David Rodgers came to us in April 2010 as you unable to move either leg or arms but very little. He could not talk due to a trach hole in his throat. A couple of weeks ago

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Office and Program Support - Help with volunteer coordination, writing "thank you" letters to donors, maintaining volunteer forms, or developing promotional materials about LDEC and disseminating it to the community, media and internet. We are also in need of grant writers and folks experienced in identifying funding sources.

Facility Maintenance - LDEC is a 7 acre facility with both indoor and outdoor riding capabilities. As such, we are always in need of good old fashion elbow grease to maintain our fences, fields, stalls, lounge and indoor and outdoor arenas .

Equine- Related Activities - If you have horse experience or just enjoy being around horses we could use your help with horse grooming, tack-cleaning, horse feeding and vet/farrier coordination.

As you can see, your opportunities to get involved and make a difference in the lives of the veterans we serve are limited only by your imagination.

GET INVOLVED - PAY IT FORWARD - MAKE A DIFFERENCE
Volunteer by calling 804-357-9524
or emailing us at ldequestriancenter@yahoo.com