

# HIVES FOR HEROES

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## MISSION

Hives for Heroes is a national military veteran non-profit organization focusing on honey bee conservation, suicide prevention, and a healthy transition from service. We are a national network of beekeepers and veterans providing connection, purpose, and healthy relationships fostering a lifelong hobby in beekeeping.

## NETWORK

Hives for Heroes wants to connect people. By bettering the lives of individuals there is a positive impact on their community and ultimately the world. Through honeybee conservation, there is a common goal for NewBEEs, Mentors, and Volunteers to work towards. We are connecting people in all 50 states!

## WHY BEEKEEPING?

Beekeeping is unique, allowing a beekeeper to suit up, overcome fear, accomplish a goal through process oriented techniques, and walk away with a sense of accomplishment. This practice can easily translate to their personal and professional lives when dealing with PTSD and other traumas from service.

## THE CORE

The Hives for Heroes network is centered around 1 NewBEE veteran working with 1 Mentor Beekeeper on 1 Bee Hive. In the first year, NewBEEs will follow their Mentor's instruction. By year two, they will serve with others in a community yard. In year three, they will have the opportunity to lead as new mentors.

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