



Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture

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ADVISORY – TOMORROW – HARRISBURG – Shapiro Administration to Honor Veterans in Agriculture During Military Appreciation Day at the 2026 PA Farm Show

Harrisburg, PA – Tomorrow at the 2026 PA Farm Show, Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding will join Maj. Gen. John Pippy, Pennsylvania's adjutant general and head of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, to recognize veterans, active-duty service members, and their families during Military Appreciation Day. The day will feature two signature events, the first Pennsylvania Veteran Ag Entrepreneurship Award and a head-to-head Army vs. Navy Cookoff, alongside a full slate of tributes honoring Pennsylvania's military community.

Pennsylvania Veteran Ag Entrepreneurship Award and Veterans in Agriculture Grants

WHO:

Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding

Maj. Gen. John Pippy, Adjutant General of Pennsylvania

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Charles "CJ" Lafferty, Vice Chair, PA Veterans Farming Network
Pennsylvania Veteran award recipient

WHEN: Thursday, January 15, 10 a.m.

WHERE:

Lancaster Farming Stage, Giant Expo Hall, **PA Farm Show Complex & Expo Center, 2300 N. Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA**, [Farm Show Complex Map](#)

Army vs. Navy Cookoff

WHO:

Army Sgt. Nicolas Adame

Navy Culinary Specialist Second Class Jonathan Ortiz

JUDGES:

John Moeller, former White House Chef and Author of "Dining at the White House - From the President's Table to Yours"

Barry Crumlich, Executive Chef, PA Governor's Residence

Maj. Gen. John Pippy, Adjutant General of Pennsylvania
Maj. Gen. Terrence L. Koudelka, Jr., Deputy Adjutant General-Air and Commander,
Pennsylvania Air National Guard

WHEN: Thursday, January 15, 1 p.m.

WHERE:

PA Preferred® Culinary Connection Stage, PA Farm Show Complex & Expo Center, 2300 N. Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA, Maclay Street Lobby entrance.
For a complete list of events, including Puppy Snuggling, visit the 2026 PA Farm Show [daily schedule](#). For a complete list of culinary events, visit the PA Preferred Culinary Connection Stage [daily schedule](#).

RSVP:

Press who are interested in attending must RSVP to aginfo@pa.gov

You can view a list of military discounts on page 28 of the [Pennsylvania Farm Show visitor guide](#).