



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](#).