

West Point Thoroughbreds teams up with Horses for Heroes to Honor Injured Veterans

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(OCEANSIDE, CA and MOUNT LAUREL, NJ) – West Point Thoroughbreds, a worldwide leader in thoroughbred partnerships, is partnering with the Ivey Ranch in Oceanside, CA to honor America's injured veterans by sponsoring a six-week session of rehabilitative treatment for those injured in the line of duty.

During the six-week session, North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA) certified instructors and various professionals, including physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech and language pathologists and others, will collaborate to physically improve, emotionally empower and socially enhance the lives of injured veterans who have sacrificed a great deal for this country.

"Ivey Ranch and Horses for Heroes is a perfect fit for us and a unique opportunity to say thank you and give back to the service men and women of our country," said Terry Finley, President and CEO of West Point Thoroughbreds and former Army captain. "With Memorial Day upon us, there is no better time to recognize these individuals who have sacrificed so much for our nation and we are honored to be able to help with their rehabilitation in a constructive and meaningful way."

The horses used for this program are trained to work with disabled individuals, they are able to effectively mirror human behavior in a way that is powerful and yet non-threatening. Horse movements cause riders to respond using natural body movements, causing participants to improve their muscle strength, balance, flexibility and coordination. Veterans of any war, any age, active duty or inactive or retired, disabled or able-bodied are eligible to participate and there is no cost to the veteran for the program.