

CONTEST

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FROM FIGHTER TO FARMER

SUCCESSFUL FARMING MAGAZINE AND GRASSHOPPER LAUNCH A NEW INITIATIVE TO THANK FARMER VETERANS.

“Until the millennium arrives and countries cease trying to enslave others, it will be necessary to accept one’s responsibilities and be willing to make sacrifices for one’s country – as my comrades did. As the troops used to say, ‘If the country is good enough to live in, it’s good enough to fight for.’ With privilege goes responsibility.”

Private Eugene B. Sledge wrote that passage in 1981 as he was putting together his memoir, *With the Old Breed*. Sledge, or Sledgehammer as his comrades called him, served in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

While Sledge enlisted in the Marine Corps more than 70 years ago, the responsibility he felt toward his country still exists today. That sense of duty inspires 180,000 young men and women to join the armed forces each year.

However, that responsibility doesn’t just fall on their shoulders. We, as a country, also have a responsibility to those who have served to protect our privileges.

That’s why *Successful Farming* magazine and *Grasshopper* are teaming up to acknowledge and to thank farmer veterans for their service. This new initiative, called From Fighter to Farmer, will highlight stories of veterans who have made their way back to the farm.

SEND YOUR STORIES

You are invited to share the stories of farmer veterans you know – or tell your own story, including information on your military service, farming operation, and involvement in the community.

Three of these farmer veteran stories will be highlighted in a feature article in *Successful Farming*

magazine next November. All three veterans will receive a thank you from *Grasshopper* for their service, which includes a \$5,000 cash prize plus a three-day, all-inclusive trip for two people to Nashville.

These three veterans will also be featured on *Agriculture.com*. Starting in October, you’ll be able to vote online for one of the veterans. The farmer veteran with the most votes will receive \$10,000 to spend at *Grasshopper*, in addition to the cash prize and the trip.

HOW TO ENTER

Go to Agriculture.com/fightertofarmer. Fill out the form, making sure you include the following:

- Your name, phone number, and email address.
- Farmer veteran name, phone number, email address, and mailing address.
- Military branch, length of

active duty service, and if the farmer veteran became disabled while on active military service.

- In 500 words or less, describe the farmer veteran’s military experience, farming operation, and involvement in the community.

Or mail your entry, with the info above, to *Successful Farming* Fighter to Farmer, 1716 Locust Street/LS257, Des Moines, IA 50309-3023.

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