Grant Spotlight: Waypoint Ranch “Peace at Home Project” for Veterans

by Joan Reinbott

A Licensed Parelli Professional known as “Nancy Natural” hosted a retreat for Special Operations veterans who are on a working journey. “They are self-starters, self-guided, and self-driven at Waypoint Ranch in Carrollton, Ga., where their motto is “Live, Learn, Work, Ride. Your self-carriage is your choice,” said 2* Licensed Parelli Professional Nancy Slater. “Stephanie Cirasa runs the Peace at Home Project there using her horses. She wanted to see what I was doing in Lake Wales, Fla., using Parelli Natural Horsemanship as a healing tool.

“Stephanie is certified by the Equine-Assisted Growth and Learning Association; trained in trauma-focused equine-assisted psychotherapy, rhythmic riding sensory integration riding, and Military Family Support Services; and experienced with trauma recovery therapies. Nancy is also a Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship, International instructor. Recognizing these credentials and good intentions, the Parelli Foundation gave a $1,500 Heroes and Horsemanship grant to Waypoint Ranch. Along with a matching pledge from Nancy, this enabled three veterans and one support person to visit Nancy’s ranch for 3 days of intensive horsemanship instruction. In addition, seven ranch members were able to attend the Parelli Foundation’s Celebrating Heroes and Horsemanship event in Ocala, Fla., in 2019. Read the rest of this story here.

Above: K. Kanzler, Army Special Ops, Ranger pictured with Chevy the Wild Mustang, said: “During this week, I learned to drop all my own labels—the PTSD label, the somehow-damaged veteran label—and just focus on the horse and becoming his partner and earning his trust. This was beyond therapy; it’s changed my whole future.”
his forever home!

This is part of Parelli Foundation's “Live Your Dream with a Rescue Horse” Rehoming For Life program and stems from a 2019 Horse Welfare Program grant. We are so excited to follow Merlin’s story!

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Above: 3* Licensed Parelli Professional Ashley Dudas and Merlin

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For additional information contact Licensed Parelli Professional Todd Owens: toddowens@bell.net.

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