



Dreams Need Heroes Campaign



Northern Virginia 4-H Educational and Conference Center
Front Royal, VA



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is an effort by the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational & Conference Center to:

- ✿ expand and upgrade its equestrian facilities ...
- ✿ enhance and broaden the benefits offered to the 4-H community, Center guests, and the general public ...
- ✿ preserve and honor the rich history represented by the site's former use as a United States Cavalry Remount Depot ...

This is the story of the 4-H Center, and what you can do to help make this dream a reality.

The 4-H Center

A History of Service ...

The Northern Virginia 4-H Educational & Conference Center sits atop the mountain-side of Harmony Hollow, next to Shenandoah National Park and the Appalachian Trail.

No picture could do the place justice – the view from our Front Royal, VA mountaintop is one of a kind. But even more remarkable is the scope and quality of the programs, events, and accommo-

dations we offer to the 4-H community, Center guests and the public. From our Low and High Ropes Challenge Course, climbing wall, and environmental education programming ... to our conference and retreat amenities (lodging, meals, meeting rooms, recreational facilities and more) – what happens here is as rewarding as the view!

The Dream for a First-Class Equestrian Facility ...

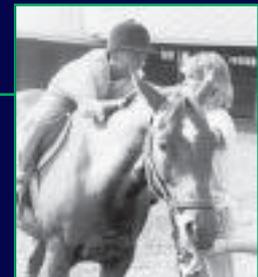
Known regionally for its leadership in unique and innovative programming, the Center has also received national recognition for pioneering non-traditional activities for senior citizens and for children with illnesses.

Where others see challenge, we see opportunity ... and that is how the Dreams Need Heroes Campaign originated. The Center property includes the remnants of an early 20th Century United States Army Quartermaster Remount Depot – complete with historic stables and barns. Endowed with the spirit and discipline that marks the special relationship between human and horse, this place and its history should be preserved. A plan has been developed to transform it into a first-class equestrian facility for future generations.



The 4-H Pledge

"I pledge my Head to clearer thinking, my Heart to greater loyalty, my Hands to larger service, and my Health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, my world.



The Vision

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What is it?

The Dreams Need Heroes Campaign is a \$5 million effort designed to: 1) study and document the site's use as a Remount Depot; 2) faithfully preserve and restore historic structures; 3) convert the stables into a structure capable of serving the modern-day equestrian for training, education and showing; 4) enhance the Center's value as a facility for other large public, private and 4-H events and programs.

Why such a grand undertaking?

As a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of youth and serving many of the more vulnerable in our society, including children with severe illnesses, the Center is determined to meet these ever-increasing needs.

The Northern Virginia 4-H Educational and Conference Center serves the Counties of Arlington, Caroline, Clarke, Culpeper, Fairfax, Fauquier, Frederick, King George, Loudoun, Madison, Orange, Page, Prince William, Rappahannock, Shenandoah, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Warren and the City of Alexandria. Between 4,200-5,000 youth and adults participate annually in experiential education programs including 4-H camps, environmental education and challenge course.

How will it serve both history and the future?

One of the most exciting aspects of the campaign is the plan to convert a portion of the original Quartermaster's Building into a Remount Depot Museum. When complete, this will be the only place east of the Mississippi River where children and adults can learn how Remount Depots – and the horses and mules – served our soldiers, our military, and our country.

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Campaign ... *a Briefing for Donors*

When the new 4-H equestrian complex is complete, it will be one of just a handful of facilities in the region capable of hosting a variety of events.

Additionally, the preservation of the Remount Depot and its history will be one of the most significant in the nation.

Key elements of the project include ... the

restoration of the 44-stall stable, the historic Quartermaster's Building, and the Dip Barn ... the creation of a Remount Depot Museum ... provisions for approximately 90,000 square feet of riding areas (including the Hunter Show Ring and Western Riding Arena) ... and a large multi-purpose indoor Activities Building. Donors at all levels are invited to participate in the campaign.

New and Improved Amenities

- ◆ Working barn with 44 stalls including feed room, tack room and wash areas
- ◆ Refurbished Quartermaster's Building with Remount Depot Museum, and administrative offices
- ◆ Multi-purpose covered Activities Building with recreation space, kitchen and restrooms
- ◆ Hunter Show Ring with all-weather surface
- ◆ Western Riding Arena
- ◆ Refurbished historic Dip Barn with lecture space and educational resources

Programs and Activities These Amenities Will Allow

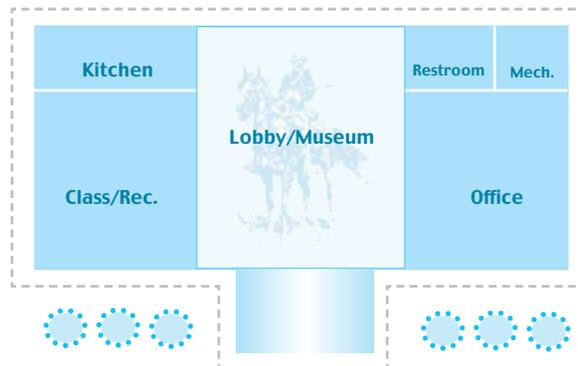
- ◆ A wider variety of equestrian shows, training and educational opportunities
- ◆ Other demonstrations and educational opportunities including music, crafts, dog shows and athletic events
- ◆ First-class museum space open to the public with the added opportunity for rotating exhibits
- ◆ All-weather space for equestrian, commercial, educational, social and other events

Preserving Remount Depot History

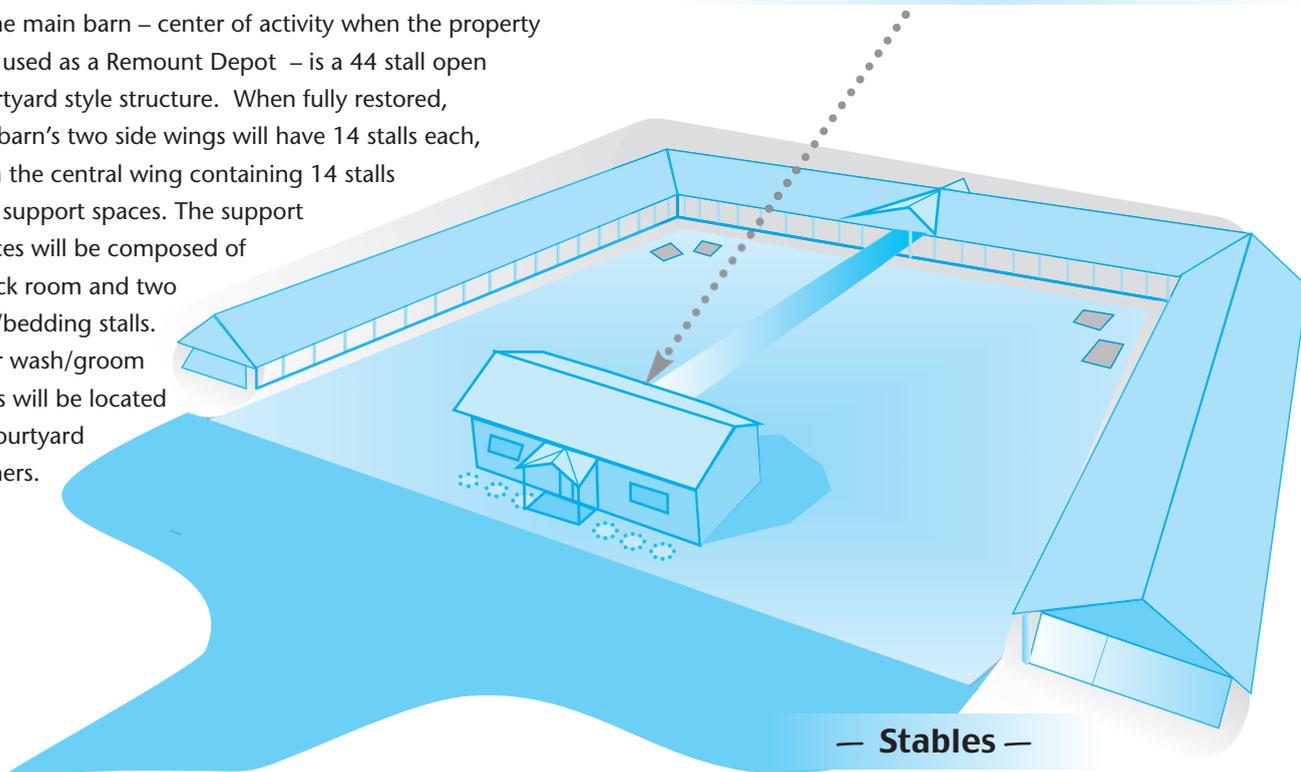
Some fifteen to twenty thousand horses passed through the Front Royal Remount Depot in the early part of the 20th Century. With its numerous streams and springs, “sweet” well-drained pastures and rocky soil, the land was perfect for the training of animals destined for the rigors of military service. In addition to keeping the troops of the Army “remounted”, the Depot played a key role in the military’s breeding program, and supplied Horses, Mules and Dogs to the military from WWI up through the end of World War II. The museum in the Quartermaster’s Building will bring this fascinating part of military history to life, preserving it for future generations.

Stables

The main barn – center of activity when the property was used as a Remount Depot – is a 44 stall open courtyard style structure. When fully restored, the barn’s two side wings will have 14 stalls each, with the central wing containing 14 stalls and support spaces. The support spaces will be composed of a tack room and two hay/bedding stalls. Four wash/groom stalls will be located in courtyard corners.



— Quartermaster’s Building —
museum, administration, offices, staff bathroom



— Stables —

Natural Creek
Tree Cover

Paddock

Paddock

Paddock

COMPOST
AREA

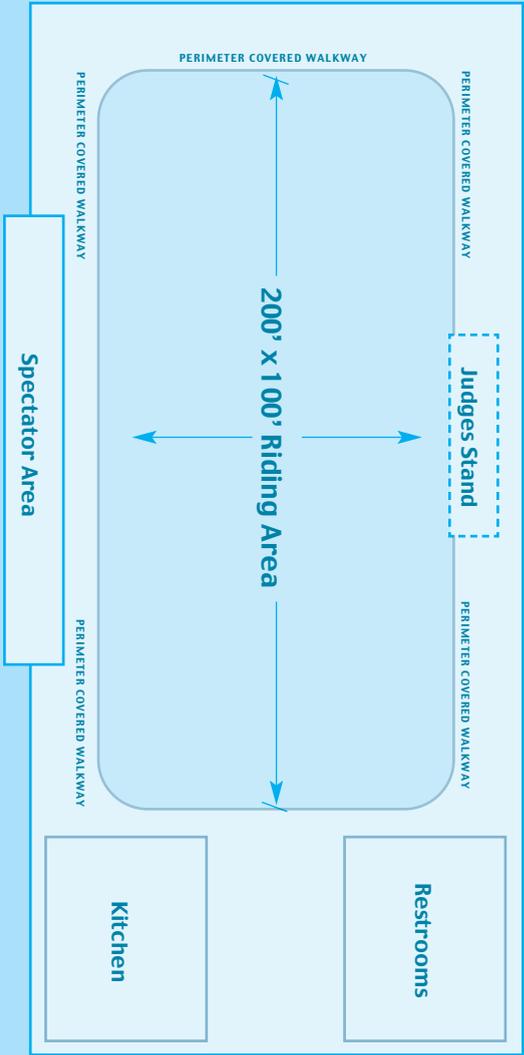
STABLES

All-Weather Show Ring

◆ Warm-up ◆

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— **Multi-Purpose Covered Activities Building** —

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Campaign ... *Giving Opportunities*

The Northern Virginia 4-H Educational & Conference Center and its equestrian facilities have had their share of heroes.

The Animal Center was named in memory of veterinarian Dr. James E. Swart, a former 4-H member, volunteer and community leader. Because of his efforts and those of others, children and young adults with cancer, inner-city children and so many others have the opportunity to hike fitness trails, sing around a campfire, sit on a horse for the first time, and turn their face to see the sun, instead of the sterile wall of a hospital room.

*It is this dedication to **the pursuit of dreams and service to others** that led the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational and Conference Center to embark upon its grand plan for the establishment of a first-class equestrian facility. It is in this spirit that we reach out to friends and supporters to join in this effort.*

Stalls, tack rooms and barns need to be refurbished ... lights and plumbing need to be updated and installed ... the Quartermaster's Building and Historic Dip Barn need to be rebuilt and modernized ... electronic equipment, fencing, automatic waterers and more must be purchased.

Join us ... and thank you!

"4-H has offered me the chance to get along with people, work together and accept the responsibility needed in achieving my highest goals."

– James E. Swart 4-H Achievement Record Book



"I support this Campaign wholeheartedly and hope you will too. Sponsor or dedicate one small but crucial piece – such as a stall ... help make special purchases ... or dedicate an entire building."

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– Ruth Swart Young



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Joan in May 1951, competing at Foxcroft
School on her TB mare, *Wiwini*.

“When I see a smiling 4-H child on a horse, I think of the incredible joy horses have brought to my life. We want our new equestrian facility to celebrate the best of the relationship between people and horses ... and what a spectacular opportunity this project presents to that ideal!”

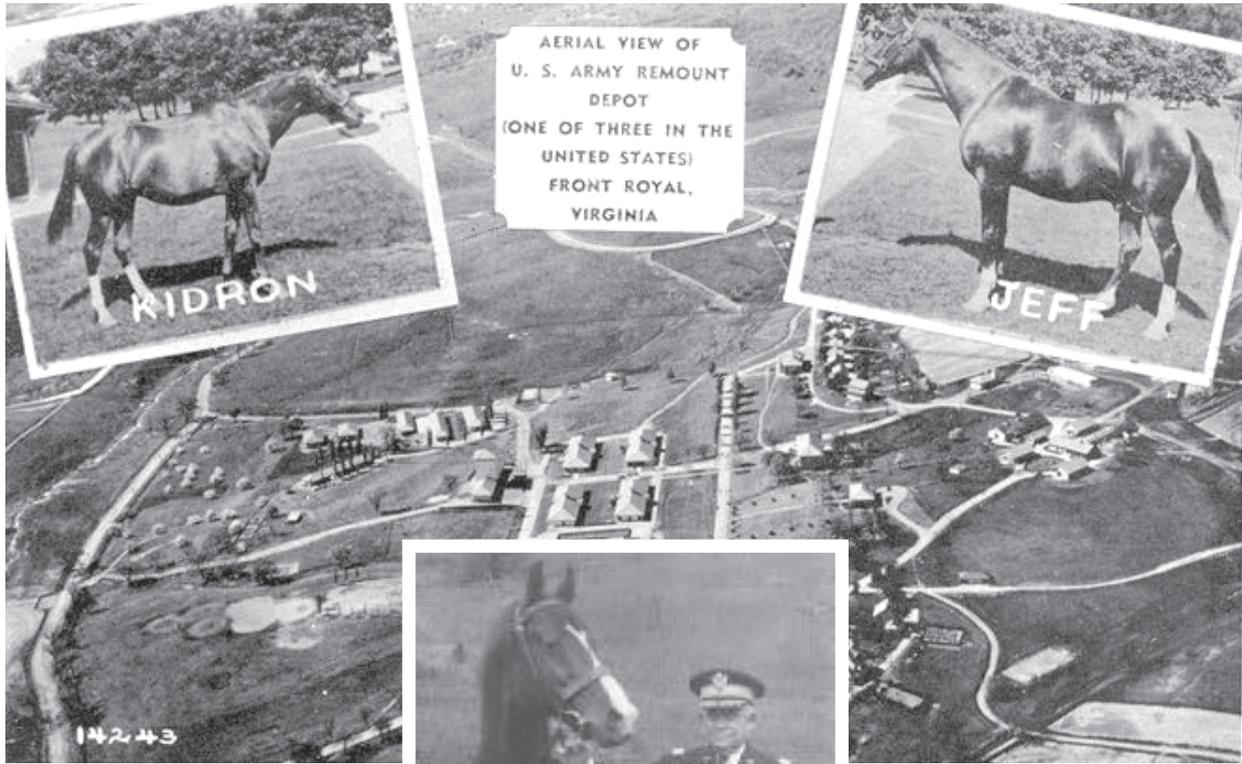
– Joan Moore, 4-H Center Board Member
Virginia Horse Council *Horsewoman of the Years*

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Campaign ... *Front Royal Remount Depot Highlights*

Mission: *“For the purchase, receipt, quarantine, and conditioning for issue of animals required by the Army in the eastern zone.”*

- ✿ **1908** Congress approved the Quartermaster Plan: A remount base at Front Royal, VA – Fort Reno, OK – Fort Keogh, MT – and later on, El Paso and Sam Houston, TX.
- ✿ **1911** Acreage purchased near Front Royal, VA, area becomes known as “Camp Stonewall”. For a period of time the facility is named the “Aleshire Remount Depot” after the Quartermaster General.
- ✿ **1912** Maj. Warren Webster Whiteside appointed first commander of the depot. 33 Stallions of various breeds purchased. They were placed throughout the country to breed to suitable mares. The government would purchase qualifying colts.
- ✿ **1917** 1st batch of 3 year old colts available. Out of 575 colts, 174 met government standards.
- ✿ **1917** United States Army orders 250,000 military horses.
- ✿ **1926** Jenny Camp foaled at Front Royal Remount Depot. Awarded Gold and Silver medals in 1932 Los Angeles Olympics. Silver awarded in 1936 Berlin Olympics.
- ✿ **1941** Remount program - 724 govt. stallions bred to 18,759 mares producing 11,509 foals.
- ✿ **1942** Facility program expanded to training of canines for war use. Famous War Dog “Chips” trained at Front Royal. Detention barracks established to house approx. 600 German and Italian POWs.
- ✿ **1945** Rescued Lipizzaner Stallions shipped to Front Royal Remount Depot by order of Gen George S. Patton.
- ✿ **1948** Remount program ends. Congress passes legislation transferring ownership of the land to the Department of Agriculture, which redeveloped the property into a beef cattle research station.



“General Pershing’s horses KIDRON and JEFF are buried nearby ... we need to preserve this history.”

– Patrick Farris, Executive Director
Warren Heritage Society



*Thank you for your support of this major project.
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