George is a transitioning soldier preparing to retire later this year out of North Carolina. When he decided to return to his home state of Pennsylvania and establish a family farm, he contacted the PA Veteran Farming Project, the statewide, non-profit network for veterans who farm.

We helped him find a mentor veteran farmer to show him the ropes of production farming, the business side, and how to market what he raises.

James welcomed George to his York County pork and poultry farm for two months during the summer busy season, providing a stellar learning opportunity. George had the chance to test out some of his plans, all the while remaining on Active Duty.

Apprenticeships are available at a variety of operations—dairy, beef, pork, vegetable, hops, crops, hops or breweries, distilleries and wineries, and more. Agribusinesses like feed mills, ag lenders, conservation districts, and others may also be appropriate for CSP apprenticeships.

Visit troostottractors.org to learn about the PAVFP network. Then, for more information on CSP apprenticeships in agriculture, contact pavetsfarm@gmail.com.