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**Army Declared Victor in Annual Farm Show PA Preferred® Military Battle**

**Harrisburg** – Today Team Army claimed victory during the Army v. Navy Cook-Off on the PA Preferred™ Culinary Connection Stage during the 103<sup>rd</sup> Pennsylvania Farm Show.

The fourth annual culinary competition anchored Military, Veterans and their Families Day, a full day of events honoring veterans for their service to our country, which also included demonstrations

Army Sergeant Curtis A. Campbell, Culinary Specialist at the Army Executive Dining Facility enlisted the aid of WGAL Channel 8 morning reporters Shannon Murphy and Corinne Lillis. The Army team was pitted against U.S. Navy Chief Culinary Specialist (Surface Warfare/Aviation Warfare) Chief Frederic M. Gilmore and his teammates, Ali Lanyon and James Crummel of WHTM abc27, in an Iron Chef-style cook-off.

Teams were given a bag of mystery ingredients, and 30 minutes to prepare and plate dishes using PA Preferred®, Pennsylvania-grown, locally sourced items.

Air Force Veteran Troy Jochem of Hope Hill Lavender Farm, and Marine Veteran John Plasterer from Shad Stone Farm, both [Homegrown By Heroes](#) members, judged the event. They were joined by Barry Crumlich, Executive Chef at the Pennsylvania Governor's Residence; John Moeller, Owner and Executive Chef at Greenfield Restaurant and Bar in Lancaster, author of "Dining at the White House - From the President's Table to Yours"; and Comcast's Keystone Region Senior Director of Customer Care Greg Magee.

The event was sponsored by American Dairy Association Northeast, Comcast NBCUniversal, Thermador, Weis, and PA Preferred™.

The Pennsylvania Farm Show is the nation's largest indoor agricultural event, featuring 12,000 competitive exhibits, 5,200 of which are animal events, plus 300 commercial exhibitors — more than a million square feet of entertainment and education highlighting the strength and diversity of Pennsylvania's agriculture and food industry. The show runs January 7-13 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., and January 14 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free, and parking is \$15 in Farm Show lots. The Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center is easily accessible from nearby Interstate 81.

For more information about the 2019 Farm Show, visit [farmshow.pa.gov](http://farmshow.pa.gov).

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