



My name is Jared Drew. I'm a Retired United States Marine Corps Veteran with 18 years of active duty service. After multiple Combat Deployments to Iraq, and other countries in

conflict, I acquired several serious injuries that greatly affected my health and the ability to continue serving my country on active duty.

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) was one of those health-related issues that greatly affected my day to day life as well as that of my family. I found that working with a therapist and taking medication helped, but it just wasn't enough. I also knew taking medication wasn't the long-term answer.

I was looking for something more when I found beekeeping. The bees instantly sparked my interest. I went home and immediately began to do some research. Now I'm enjoying life and thriving as a successful Beekeeper.

PTSD and my overall health have improved tremendously with positive results. My family has even taken part in the experience and they too love this fascinating world of the Honey Bee. I have found Beekeeping to be intensely therapeutic from the smell and the calming effect of their sounds.

We have come to love our little Bee friends and consider them to be part of our family now and forever. I share my story so that



someone who is suffering may also benefit from the therapeutic power of Beekeeping.

After leaving the military, I returned home to South Carolina to permanently settle down with my family. We currently live on a pristine 45-acre farm in the Historic Heart of "The Dark Corner," in northern Greenville County right off Scenic Highway 11.

It was truly God's blessing to allow me to live in such a beautiful part of South Carolina and in this marvelous Country that I spent so many years defending. My plan for the future is to expand my small but thriving Beekeeping business here in the Upstate. I hope you too will reap the benefits of our honey products.

**Our Honey products are PURE,
NATURAL, PREMIUM QUALITY,
and NEVER DILUTED
with NOTHING artificial
added EVER!**

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Some interesting Facts about our area and the Honey Bee:



The color and flavor of honeys differ depending on the nectar source (the blossoms) visited by the honey bees. Honey color ranges from nearly colorless to dark brown, and its flavor varies from delectably mild to distinctively bold, depending on where the honey bees buzzed. As a general rule, light-colored honey is milder in taste and dark-colored honey is stronger.

- There is no native Honey Bee to North America. They were originally imported from Europe in the 17th century.
- The most commonly known Honey Bee is the western Honey Bee (*Apis Mellifera*) even though there are others this is the most widely used for honey production and crop pollination.
- The Sourwood Tree (*Oxydendrum Arboreum*) found in the Upstate of South Carolina and in the Appalachian Mountains, produces the nectar of one of the most sought-after honey's in the world (Sourwood Honey).
- Honey will darken or even crystallize but it will never go bad as long as bacteria is not introduced to it.
- Honey was found in 3,000 year old Egyptian tombs. It was still edible!
- During the active season, the lifetime of a worker bee is five to six weeks.
- A hive of bees must fly 55,000 miles to produce a pound of honey (16oz.) One Colony can produce 60 to 100 pounds of honey per year. An average worker bee makes only 1/12th of a teaspoon of honey in its lifetime.
- A Queen Bee has an average lifespan of 2 to 3 years, during which she lays up to 2,000 eggs per day. It is also a misconception that the Queen is in charge of the Hive. She's told when and where to lay her next egg.
- Overwintering worker bees live four to six months. The worker bee literally works themselves to death.
- Only the female worker bees can sting you.
- Drones (male bees) are larger than the female worker bee and cannot sting.
- Honey Bees communicate through a series of dance moves.

Since the Honey Bee helps pollinate 75% of the world's flowers and 35% of the world's crops if they were to go Extinct we would soon follow. So do your part and STOP using Pesticides on your Flowers and Gardens. Use something that will NOT Kill all of our Pollinator's.

When you get a chance research the many medical studies that show such beneficial properties of this golden miracle and the other many benefit's given to us by the honey bee.

