OPERATION BBQ RELIEF

Heroes Vocational Training

November 5-11, 2026
Camp OBR
Lincoln, MO

The Operation BBQ Relief (OBR) Heroes Vocational Training Program is designed to train transitioning veterans and first responders, equipping them with valuable civilian workforce skills. The curriculum and instruction has been developed and will be delivered by OBR's Head of Culinary, Chef John Imbriolo, a 45-year career chef experienced in fine dining, catering, volume disaster feeding, and national restaurant brand leadership.

This program will provide participants with:

- **Online self-paced training includes:** The business of BBQ, Basic Restaurant Operations, Menu Engineering & pricing, Staffing & Training, Daily Open to Close Checklists, Point of Sale & systems, Legal Setup & Permitting, Customer Service & Speed of Service, Marketing & Branding and Financial Management.
- **A specialized 7-day culinary and food industry training (including food safety, smoking/grilling, and culinary skills).**

VIDEO SNEAK PEEK

Participants will also receive:

- Travel & lodging
- Food Handler Certification online class & testing through ServSafe
- Food thermometer, knives & apron
- Assistance with potential job placement support through Operation BBQ Relief's barbecue network

Participant criteria:

- Recently transitioned out of military or first responder service into civilian life
- Strong interest in barbecue and a career in the restaurant industry
- MUST be a registered OBR Volunteer. To register, visit OBR.org or download our "OBR Volunteers" app

Interested? Email culinary@obr.org • Space is limited.
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