



President's Special Project



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Department of Maryland
Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
Be a Veteran's P.A.L.
President's Special Project
U.S. Kennels Inc.



U.S. Kennels Incorporated is a non-profit organization that pairs disabled veterans with service dogs and offers them free training. Each disabled veteran has a specific disability in which the service dog must be trained to handle. The disabilities can range from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Sleep Disturbances, Memory Loss, Anxiety to Anger and Rage Management. The service dogs are trained to work with disabled veterans who may be amputees, in wheel chairs, and/or diabetic or suffer from Traumatic Brain Injuries or TBIs.



Website: <https://www.uskennelsinc.org/>

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Program Acceptance Requirements:

1. Have a VA Disability of 70% or better – Combat and/or Service related with some exceptions
2. Provide proof of service (DD214) or other official documentation
3. VA Award Letter on VA Letterhead from the treating Physician, Psychologist or Psychiatrist.
4. A Home Check to make sure the home is suitable for a service dog. - - If the veteran is renting: They must have a letter from landlord with consent to having a dog on the premises and in the residence.
5. Interview with Chris Hardy, Executive Director and
6. An Interview with the Committee including the Trainers



Once the veteran and dog teams complete all four of these programs, the dogs become certified service dogs.

1. **AKC S.T.A.R. Puppy Program**
 - **Focuses on Socialization, Training, Activities and Responsibility**
2. **CGC Canine Good Citizenship (Basic)**
 - **Focuses on more intense socialization in public and crowds, more emphasis are places on immediate responses to commands**
3. **AKC CGC Community Test**
 - **Dog is registered with AKC and must already have their Canine Good Citizen Award/Certificate**
4. **AKC (CGCU) Urban Test (Advanced)**
 - **Must pass the other 3 tests before this one.**
 - **Focuses on advanced socialization such as entering/exiting dog friendly buildings, walking through crowds, controlling reactions to distractions**





Fellowship Fridays!

The **1st Friday of every Month at 11am**, USK partners with Mission BBQ and invites all of current and graduates of USK to come for a get together at the USK Office. They eat and fellowship with each other. This event is free.



*** Your donation will help USK give the gift of independence to one of our disabled veterans, and provide a better life to a shelter dog. ***

There are three main ways that each auxiliary can donate this year:

1. Volunteer your Time (this may not be feasible for many auxiliaries) so consider #2 and #3
2. Donate needed items for our Veterans, their Service Dogs or the USK Office
 - a. Items will be collected at the District Meetings, Christmas Conference, and the Testimonial (see next page for items needed)
 - b. Please take a picture of the receipt for any items purchased to go along with your PSP Report Form
3. Make a Financial Donation

All money collected throughout the year will be presented to U.S. Kennels at the Department Convention in 2024.





Make a Difference!
DONATE



It costs approximately \$15,000 to train a service dog for our Veterans and keep our organization running. We depend on donations, gifts, and fundraising events to support our work at no cost to our brave Veterans.

<u>Items Our Veterans Need for their Service Dogs</u>	<u>Things Needed in the Facility</u>
6' Dog Leashes (Leather or Nylon)	Service Dog Vests
Gentle Leader Training Collars	Fabuloso – Lavender (Purple)
Dog Toys	Windex
Stainless Steel Dog Bowls (All Sizes)	Paper Towels
Dog Treats (Natural Balance Training Treats)	Velcro Patches (Service Dog & (Service Dog in Training))
Poop Bags	
Poop Bag Carrier	
Plain Baby Wipes	
Book Bags	
Collapsible Travel Water Bowls	
<u>Things Needed for Both:</u>	
Blankets (New) Ideal Size is 50" x 60" Mainstay at Walmart are \$3.00	
1.5 or 2 inch 3 Ring Binders	
3 Prong 2 Pocket Folders to keep Important Paperwork	
Clear Front Report/Presentation Folder	
Washable Mop Refills (for Mop Buckets)	





Each Auxillary who participates and reports in this program will be entered into a drawing to win a hand carved American Flag.

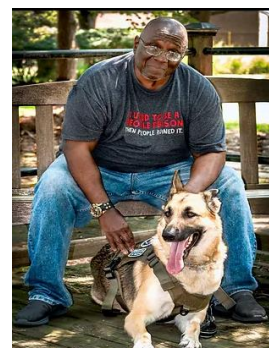
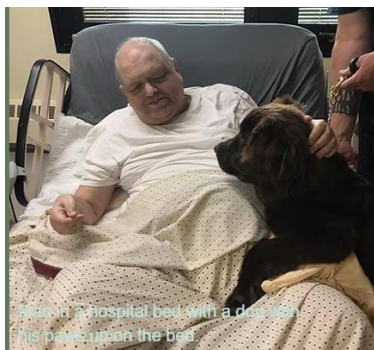
One drawing will be held at the Christmas Conferenace and the other at the Department Convention.

The American flag is hand carved by Dan, a veteran, who is also a trainer at USK.

Each flag is unique - Here is a picture of one similar:



What a great way to be a Veteran's P.A.L. by helping support this wonderful non-profit by helping us to raise \$25,000?

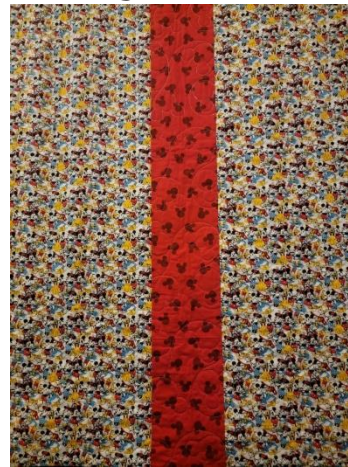




Tickets will be sold for this beautiful Mickey and Minnie Quilt made and donated by our wonderful Department Secretary Libby DallaTezza. Tickets will be \$1 each of 6 for \$5. The drawing will be at the Joint Testimonial. The money will go towards the USK goal of \$20,000.



Front



Back



All Monetary Donations should be earmarked PSP US Kennels and mailed or given to our Department Treasurer.

**Jackie Kimball,
1019 Queen Avenue
Salisbury, MD 21801**

All Chairman Reports should be sent via email or snail mail to

**PSP Chairman Shelia Justice
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Email: justice.sheila51@gmail.com
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President's Special Project Shirt Pre-Order Form



Contact Name & Auxiliary # _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Contact Email Address: _____



US Kennels Unisex T-Shirt:
Fabric: 100% preshrunk cotton
S-XL - \$20 and 2XL and up \$25
Colors: Military Green, Black and Tropical Blue



US Kennels Long Sleeve Shirt
Fabric: 100% preshrunk cotton
S-XL - \$25 and 2XL and up \$30
Colors: Military Green and Charcoal



US Kennels Sweatshirts
Fabric: 50% cotton/50% polyester
S-XL \$35 and 2XL and up \$40
Colors : Red, Charcoal and Military Green



US Kennels Sticker
4" x 4"
\$2.00 each

	Colors	S	M	L	XL	2X	3X	4X
Short Sleeve T-Shirts S -XL - \$20 2XL & Up \$25	Military Green							
	Black							
	Tropical Blue							
Long Sleeve T-Shirts S - XL - \$25 2XL & Up - \$30	Charcoal							
	Military Green							
Sweatshirts S -XL - \$35 2XL & Up - \$40	Charcoal							
	Military Green							
	Red							
Total # of Stickers @ \$2	Total # of Shirts							
Total Amount Included								

Send to President's Special Project Chairman:
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_____ **Pick up at Family Freedom Festival**
 (Additional fee will be due if items need to be mailed)



U.S. Kennels Inc.

Veteran Application

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Name: _____ : _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Current Employer (if none put N/A): _____

Vet References

Veterinarian: _____ Phone: _____

Military Service

Branch: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Rank at Discharge: _____ Type of Discharge: _____

List dates & locations of Combat Deployments: _____

Questions

Has a medical professional recommended that a service dog will be of benefit to you and your diagnosis? *

Yes No

Have you ever been denied a service dog through another organization?

Yes No

Is there anyone else living in your home? If yes, please fill out below.

Yes No

Name: _____	Relationship: _____	Age: _____
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Do you have a pet dog or other animal at home? If yes, fill out below.

Yes No

Dog: _____ How Many?: _____ Cat: _____ How Many?: _____

Are you or anyone else in your home allergic to dogs?

Yes No

Are you able to financially support the care of a service dog over the course of their lifetime?

Yes No

*Please provide us with an explanation of why you believe a service dog will help your symptoms and improve your quality of life day-to-day:

**How did you hear about us?*

Signature _____ **Date:** _____

HOGS FOR SERVICE DOGS

RIDE



SUNDAY JULY 23

(RAIN DATE AUGUST 6TH)

START @ HARLEY DAVIDSON IN SALISBURY MD

\$20
/BIKER



ENDS @ MISSION
BBQ



\$10
/PASSENGER

REGISTRATION 10:00-11:00AM / KICKSTAND 11:30 / RETURN 1:00 PM

FIRST 50 PEOPLE WHO REGISTER FOR THE EVENT GET FREE EVENT T'S

MISSION BBQ

FREE LUNCH
PROVIDED BY

GRAND PRIZE

HOTEL ACCOMODATION FOR 2 AT THE
RESIDENCE INN MARRIOT OCEAN CITY MD



PROCEEDS DONATED TO U.S. KENNELS INC.
FOR TRAINING SERVICE DOGS FOR VETERANS & FIRST RESPONDERS

For more information call: 410-572-4328



**U.S. KENNELS
SPONSORSHIP AND DONATION FORM**

HOGS FOR SERVICE DOGS

JULY 23, 2023 (RAIN DATE AUG. 6)

A motorcycle ride that benefits U.S. Kennels Inc. Their mission is to provide service dogs for disabled Veterans and First Responders at no cost. All of the Veterans and First Responders we help suffer from a variety of service-related disabilities. Our program delivers support to our Veterans while saving the lives of shelter dogs awaiting a second chance at life.

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

\$150 SPONSORSHIP _____
NAME ON BACK OF T-SHIRT

\$250 SPONSORSHIP _____
NAME AND LOGO ON T-SHIRT

SPONSORSHIP/DONOR INFORMATION

NAME: _____

COMPANY (IF APPLICABLE) _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

RAFFLE OR AUCTION DONATION/ITEM INFO:

ITEM/SERVICE DONATED: _____

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: _____

RESTRICTIONS (IF APPLICABLE) _____

RETAIL VALUE OF DONATION: \$ _____

❖ ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT U.S. KENNELS, INC., A NON-PROFIT 501(C3)
EIN: 82-2921785



BOURBON & CIGARS

RAISE A GLASS FOR
MAN'S BEST FRIEND AND LOCAL VETERANS



BENEFITS U.S. KENNELS

www.uskennels.org

PURCHASE TICKETS AT

https://bourbonandcigars_plantationridge.eventbrite.com

OR AT U. S. Kennels at 900 Progress Circle

Salisbury, MD 21804

Call Mirela at 410.572.4328 regarding DESIGNATED DRIVER
TICKETS, OR DRINK AND FOOD ONLY TICKETS.

AUGUST 4, 2023

Starting at 5:30

\$80 PER TICKET



ESTATE AT PLANTATION RIDGE

25113 Enge Lane

Millsboro, DE 19966

Enjoy fine Bourbons (Woodford Reserve- Basil Hayden's - Bulleit -Jefferson-Booker's-Angel's Envy) and even finer cigars from the Dominican Republic and other parts of Latin America. We will also have BBQ (brisket and pulled pork), and other delicious snacks - citrus shrimp, jerk chicken skewers, blackened shrimp tacos





UPCOMING JUNE EVENTS

2nd - First Friday BBQ
17th - Presentation VFW
Post 2678 at Wells
McComas Sparrow Point
MD

UPCOMING JULY EVENTS

7th - First Friday
23rd - Ride for veterans:
kickstands up 1130am



U.S. Kennels, Inc. June/July Newsletter

Support U.S. Kennels, an organization dedicated to training service dogs for Veterans and First Responders. Your support ensures that these brave individuals receive the vital assistance, emotional support, and companionship they need. Help improve their lives and honor their service by backing U.S. Kennels in their mission to provide life-changing service dogs to those who have sacrificed so much for our safety and well-being.

New Teams



Gregory and Magnum -
New Team



Steve and Lex -
New Team



Carl and Yoda
New Team



Gloria, Chris, and Barli
- New Team



Chris and Connor -
New Team

Training Pictures



Ms Nicholson and
Chyan - AKC
Community



June Upcoming Events



17th - Presentation VFW Post
2678 @ Wells McComas
Sparrow Point MD



Join us for a delightful First
Friday Barbeque on July
7th. Come to the Training
Center from 11 am onwards
to relish a scrumptious
meal and cherish the
wonderful camaraderie.

July Upcoming Events



On July 7 we will be having another fun First Friday Barbeque. We will be getting together at the Training Center from 11 to whenever, to enjoy a meal as well as enjoy each other's company.



Rev your engines and join us for the Ride for Veterans on July 23rd. Kickstands up at 11:30 am, as we embark on a meaningful journey to support our beloved veterans.

Past Events

May First Friday BBQ



Southbound Alley and Tito's Vodka Fundraiser



Thank you Southbound Alley and Tito's Vodka for your support!



President's Special Project 2023-2024 Report Form

Sheila Justice, Dept. Chairperson
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Auxiliary _____ District _____ Month _____ Chairman _____

Reporting Period: From _____ To _____

This month - Hours _____ Report Value \$ _____ Mileage _____ Volunteers # _____

President's Special Project Items:

Clothing (T-shirts, scarves, ties): Number of items purchased _____ Total amount of items \$ _____

Stickers and wristbands: Number of items purchased _____ Total amount of items \$ _____

Quantity of items and amount of supplies donated:

Number of items donated _____ Total amount of supplies donated \$ _____

Monetary donations (sent to Dept. Treasurer) Date sent _____ Amount \$ _____

Did your auxiliary hold a fundraiser/event for the President's Special Project? ____ Yes ____ No

Did your auxiliary hold a fundraiser/event for the President's Special Project? ____ Yes ____ No

Date held _____

Description and/or details of fundraiser/event held for PSP.

100 Bonus Points will be awarded for those who send a monthly report ("No Report" does not count)