

Department of Maryland Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary President's Special Project U.S. Kennels Inc.



August & September 2023

Hello President's Special Project Chairman,

I hope that you each have received, reviewed, and shared my School of Instruction materials on our Department President's Special Project – U.S. Kennels. I hope that you have not only shared this information within your own Auxililaires but also with your Post and within your communities as well.



USK at Harve de Grace Parade



Dept. PSP Chairman Shelia Justice

U.S. Kennels (USK) is such a worthy cause that offers valuable resources to our veterans by pairing disabled veterans with rescue dogs. They offer free training until the dogs obtain their AKC Service Dog Traning Certificate. They are a non-profit all-volunteer organization. Can you see the similarities between us and them? We both cater to our veterans, we are non-profit and all volunteer.



Executive Director Chris Hardy and his service dog Brody

USK provides a safe and inviting environment in which the veteran and dog both train together as a team. The dog receives free bathing, grooming, veterinary assistance and all of the other essentials to make sure they are healthy. USK also connects veterans to other resources as needed.



On the 1st Friday of every month at 11 am, U.S. Kennels partners with Mission BBQ and invites all current trainees and graduates to come together at the USK Office. They eat and fellowship with each other. This event is free and also serves as part of the socialization and environmental training for the dogs.



It costs approximately \$15,000 to train ONE service dog for a Veteran. And of course, there are operating expenses within USK so that they can provide free services to our Veterans. We both depend on donations, gifts, and fundraising events to support our mission in service to our Veterans.

President Vahette's Goal is to raise \$25,000 for U.S. Kennels







How can you help?

- 1. Volunteer your Time.
- 2. Donate needed items for our Veterans, their Service Dogs, or the USK Office
 - Items can be collected at your Auxiliary meetings, District Meetings, District Official Visits, Christmas Conference, and the Testimonial (see attached list for specific items needed)
 - i. I will be collecting items all year long at your Official Visits, Christmas Conference, Testimonial and Council Meetings.
 - 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 checks should be written out to the Department of Maryland VFW Auxiliary and earmarked President's Special Project
- 4. Purchase President Special Project items (shirts, scarves, ties, wristbands)
- 5. Purchase chances of the Mickey and Minnie Quilt (all money goes to USK)





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 \$25,000.





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Items Our Veterans Need for Their Service	Things Needed in the Facility
<u>Dogs</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	Velcro Patches (Service Dog &
(Natural Balance Training Treats)	(Service Dog in Training)
Poop Bags	NG VETTON
Poop Bag Carrier	TO EN NIELS
Plain Baby Wipes	
Book Bags	
Collapsible Travel Water Bowls	
Things Needed for Both:	
Blankets (New) Ideal Size is 50" x 60" N	lainstay at Walmart are \$3.00
1.5 or 2-inch THREE Ring Binders	
3 Prong 2 Pocket Folders to keep Important Paperwork	
Clear Front Report/Presentation Folder	

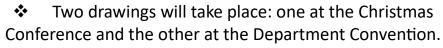
Washable Mop Refills (for Mop Buckets)

U.S. Kennels Upcoming Events:





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



- The American flag is hand carved by Dan, a veteran, who is also a trainer at USK.
- **t** Each flag is unique Here is a picture of one similar:



The first auxiliary to host a fundraiser

specifically for the President's Special Project will receive a special gift. If more than



one auxiliary reports at the same time there will be a drawing between them.

Remember you must report it! Pictures are welcome.







Are you or do you know a veteran who could benefit from the services that U.S. Kennels offers? Contact them directly:

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

Telephone: 410-572-4328

E-mail: <u>u.s.kennelsinc@uskennelsinc.org</u>





All Donations should be earmarked PSP US Kennels. All checks should be written to: Dept. of MD VFW Auxiliary and mailed or given to our Department Treasurer:

Jackie Kimball 1019 Queen Avenue Salisbury, MD 21801

All PSP Reports should be sent via email or snail mail to:

PSP Chairman Shelia Justice

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*100 bonus points per month will be awarded for every report.







