



VFW K9 Service Dog Training Program Veteran Requirements to Participate

- 1. Must have served in a foreign country in a combat role.**
- 2. Must bring in a copy of your DD-214**
- 3. Must provide a disability rating for PTSD, or a prescription from their medical provider for a need of a service dog.**
- 4. Currently be, or become, a VFW member for at least one year.**
- 5. Must bring a signed Waiver of Liability and participants Questionnaire forms.**
- 6. K9 current shot records of veteran's personal dog.**
- 7. Agree to follow training topic instructions when conducting K9 training at home.**
- 8. Agree to train no less than two times daily (10-15min.) on commands learned in class.**
- 9. Attend all classes, unless a family schedule or emergency prevents. The commitment to attend is critical to success.**
- 10. If the veteran is unable to attend a class, he/she must notify the administrator 24 hours in advance.**

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VFW Service Dog Training

Veteran's Request to Participate in Program

Name: _____

City: _____

Branch of Service: _____

Deployed? Y / N Area/Operation:

Released from active duty date: _____

Do you own a K9? ____ Breed: _____ Gender: ____

Age: ____ Size (S, M, L): _____

Has your K9 had any documented obedience training? Yes / No

Do you need a K9? Yes/No

Have you ever trained a K9? Yes/No

Type of service K9 needed:

Anxiety ____ TBI ____ PTSD ____ Other ____ (mobility, stability, etc.)

Residence: Own ____ Rent ____

Size of outside area for K9: _____

Is it a secured fenced in enclosure? Yes / No

Agree to observe a training session on

_____ (date)

[For Business Only]

Confirmed observation date: _____ Did

Participant attend? _____



VFW Service Dog Training (VFW

Organization Objectives)

The objective of this program is to give back to veterans, who gave of themselves to serve our country, sustaining injuries both visible and those we cannot see.

Our goal is to establish a veteran/K9 bond through training that will result in a life-changing experience for both. We will also assist in locating and matching a K9 for a veteran to participate in the training program to achieve the best possible service dog.

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VFW Service Dog Training program

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 8358, is a 501(C)(4) nonprofit organization with a Service

Dog Training program. Our goal is to improve the quality of life of veterans who suffer from PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), or other physical or mental disabilities (upon evaluation). What We Do

- We assist in K9 locating, evaluating, matching, and training for veteran adoption.
- For the veteran who already has a K9 and needs assistance with obedience and behavioral issues.
- The training provided complies with the American Disabilities Act (ADA) PTSD Anxiety, Title

2 and Title 3 protocol.

- The training will prepare the veteran and K9 for the Assistance Dog

International Public Access standards test.

How it Works

- Contact the program administrator to initiate program participation.
- The veteran must provide a copy of his/her DD 214 and join the VFW for a minimum of one year to be eligible for the program.
- The veteran must provide a valid doctor's evaluation for PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), or other physical or mental disability(ies).
- Attend a basic training class as an observer. (See requirements page.)
- If the participant agrees to continue the program, he/she will progress to the basic training with his/her own K9 or an adopted K9.
- After basic training is advanced training.
- Once the veteran and his/her K9 are ready, they will go through the ADI

(Assistance Dog International) Public Access Test.

- Once the K9 has successfully passed the certification test, a "completion of training" certificate will be issued and his/her K9 will be registered in our database of Service Dogs.

Our classes are conducted by dedicated trainers. They teach the technique of positive reinforcement with praise and affection. This strengthens the bond between the veteran and his/her K9. The result is a Service Dog that is capable of responding to specific PTSD symptoms.

Contact us to learn how you can volunteer, support, and donate to our Veterans!

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