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Healing Heroes: Huge Progress

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Thanks to generous support, Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs is now in the process of collecting applications. If you know a veteran in your area that is in need of a service dog simply fill out an application today!

Regrettably, 22 veterans take their own lives every day. To some veterans, a medical service dog can make all the difference. Armstrong is proud to be a part of Healing Heroes, a partnership launched on Veterans Day 2016 with Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs in an effort to raise money for five service dogs costing about \$22,000 each to train and obtain.

Up to 30 percent of troops returning from deployment will experience some form of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). This condition can seriously affect our veterans' day-to-day activities and wellbeing, making it very difficult for them to resume normal lives. Medical service dogs could be the key

to helping veterans who do not experience relief from current standard PTSD treatments. These dogs can also be trained to assist veterans who experience mobility issues such as a spinal injury or Traumatic brain injuries with picking up a dropped hat, opening doors, and assisting with balance.

Armstrong has made great efforts so far such as The Clinton Bike Run which pulled in \$8,000 in donations in June, The Hallmark Kitten Bowl Facebook Event (\$2,500), the Carved Dog Raffle (\$2,460 to date), and Dan's Dogs Promotion (\$797), among others.

Bill Fennel, a Vietnam Veteran from Carnegie PA, described to KDKA the change after receiving his service dog as, "... a new life for me, a beginning." He then went on to pronounce his dog Faith as his "Best Friend". Veterans located within any county serviced by Armstrong are eligible for the program and do not need to be an Armstrong customer. To put in an application for a Service Dog, visit www.medicalservicedogs.org.



National Veterans and Military Families Month

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

During National Veterans and Military Families Month, we honor the significant contributions made by American service members, their families, and their loved ones. We set aside this month surrounding Veterans Day to hold observances around the country to honor and thank those whose service and sacrifice represent the very best of America. We renew our Nation's commitment to support veterans and military families. They deserve it.

Our veterans are our heroes. Our Armed Forces have preserved the security and freedom that allow us to flourish as a Nation. They have braved bitter winters, treacherous jungles, barren deserts, and stormy waters to defend our Nation. They have left their families to face danger and uncertainty, and they have endured the wounds of war, all to protect our Nation's interests and ideals established during the Founding.

Our military families endure many hardships along with those who defend our Nation. They are separated from their loved ones for months on end and frequently relocated across the country and around the world. They often live far from their extended families, and they know what it is like to celebrate holidays and milestones with an empty seat at the table. Many military spouses face the task of making ends meet while their loved ones are away and of securing new employment with each change in duty station. Children of service members often grow up living a nomadic life -- periodically calling a new place "home" and adjusting to different schools, trying out for new sports teams, and making new friends. In these lives of frequent change and transition, however, our incredible military families not only survive, they thrive.

It is our patriotic duty to honor veterans and military families. As part of our efforts to answer President Lincoln's charge to care for those who have "borne the battle," I have asked the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to lead the Nation in a month of observances across the country to honor our veterans.

As veterans and military families attend these events, they will see the reforms and improvements that we have made at the VA. Over the last 9 months, we have made important changes that enable better service for our veterans. We have increased accountability and enhanced protections for our whistleblowers. We have improved transparency, customer service, and continuity of care. We are working every day to ensure a future of high quality care and timely access to the benefits veterans have earned through their devoted service to a grateful Nation.

This month, in which Americans traditionally pause to give thanks for our blessings, it is fitting that we come together to honor with gratitude our extraordinary veterans and military families and their service to our country. May God continue to bless our Armed Forces and those families that love and support them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2017 as National Veterans and Military Families Month. I encourage all communities, all sectors of society, and all Americans to acknowledge and honor the service, sacrifices, and contributions of veterans and military families for what they have done and for what they do every day to support our great Nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this

first day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.

DONALD J. TRUMP

