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Service Dogs for Warriors Dedicated to empowering the lives of our veterans fighting with PTSD



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Thank You to All Our Veterans and Current Service Men and Women of the United States of America

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Congratulations on Bunky AHEPA's graduation! Bunky's Warrior, Linda, is so in love with him. As per K9s they make an amazing pair. If you would like to watch the ceremony, click here.



Atlas AHEPA

Howl-roooo! Atlas AHEPA here and I have some very bark-citing news for you! Last week I passed another of my skills test and am very close to becoming a Service Dog! My trainer was so proud of me. I had to maintain a down position in the busy freezer section of this place the hoomans call Walmart and resist saying hello to people and even resist sniffing packages of meat-logs as they were held very close to me. It was very hard and while I did happen to drool a bit, I was able to maintain composure. I was also challenged to perform some of my service skills in....you guessed it....the DOG FOOOOD AISLE!!!! My nose senses were going wild, but with my trainer's support I got through it just fine and will continue to work on my impulses because I just love food soooooo much! We also went to what is usually one of my favorite places to train called the Avenues Mall. It was very busy, and I was a little overwhelmed by all the hustle and bustle. There was so much for my doggy eyes to take in! My trainer knows me well though and with support I was able to work through the distractions like a champ and she didn't make me work too long that day. When we got home, I was given a huge peanut butter Kong to relax with. My tongue and tummy were soooo happy and then I took a nice long nap. I can't wait to update y'all more in the next couple weeks!



Looked at to be paired with a Warrior in December! Stay tuned and we'll see what happens.

Howdy there, it's me, Bergen AHEPA! I want to say thank you for sponsoring me. These last two weeks have been really fun and filled with lots of off campus adventures. The other week my trainer and I went to Marine Land, and I did really awesome there. I'm the tallest dog on campus and those dolphins were almost as big as me. It's so fun walking through a crowd and having everyone looking at me because I'm so tall. We went up to Home Depot and did some long sessions there working on my skills. I was able to perform all my skills for my trainer and at one point some guy dropped a big 2X4 behind me making a big scary noise and I didn't even break my sit. I just looked up at my trainer and ignored the sound. My trainer was very proud of me and says I am becoming a good Service Dog for my Warrior one day. The other day I was able to go to lunch with my trainer and boy did I want his food. I couldn't have any though because it was people food. Even though it was hard for me to resist trying to get some, I did end up laying down and being a good boy. Each day we are staying out longer and longer so I can get



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used to working long days for my Warrior because there is no break time when I'm on the job. Well, that is all, I'll chat with you next time!

In Training and moving up to number 6, Murphy! Also in training...









We here at AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors are thankful this Thanksgiving Holiday for your continued support,

Wishing you and yours a blessed Thanksgiving



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