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 Service Dogs for Warriors
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October 15, 2021

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Dear Sponsors and Donors,
 Once again, we at AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors thank you for your continued support. We are glad to report the following updates from the training centers; K9s For Warriors, Canine Companions and America's VetDogs.




This October is already an exciting month for our Donors, Sponsors, and the Puppies!
And we are only halfway through the month!

AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors has been so fortunate that in a few short years we have been able to work with K9s for Warriors and provide 44 Veterans with Service Dogs. Canine Companions brought us Dixon and his Veteran. Our most recent partner is with America's VetDogs located in Smithtown, NY.

Chairman George Karatzia's continued hard work and research formed our recent partnership with America's VetDogs. America's VetDogs have been in existence since 2003. America's VetDogs in 1946 saw the need for service dogs for veterans who had returned from the battlefields of Europe and the Pacific and recognized the need for a dog program for veteran's post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). America's VetDogs was the training facility for Scully, President George H.W. Bush's service dog. In 2016, the AHEPA Service dog program was presented at the AHEPA national convention in by George Karatzia and was unanimously approved to move forward with the program. Since the inception of the AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors we have raised over \$800,000 and 60 Service Dogs. We all need to continue our best efforts if there are 22 suicides a day we cannot stop until we reach zero suicides a day.

America's VetDogs has afforded AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors to provide more dogs at a lower cost to ensure we can help more Veterans with Service Dogs. Together we can make a difference, have you made your donation? ***If not, now is the time!***



Let your friends, family, co-workers, organizations know how they can also become a sponsor by logging onto:
www.ahepa-servicedogs.org download and complete the fillable attachment on our website. For further information
 contact George Karatzia at 732-610-6622.

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



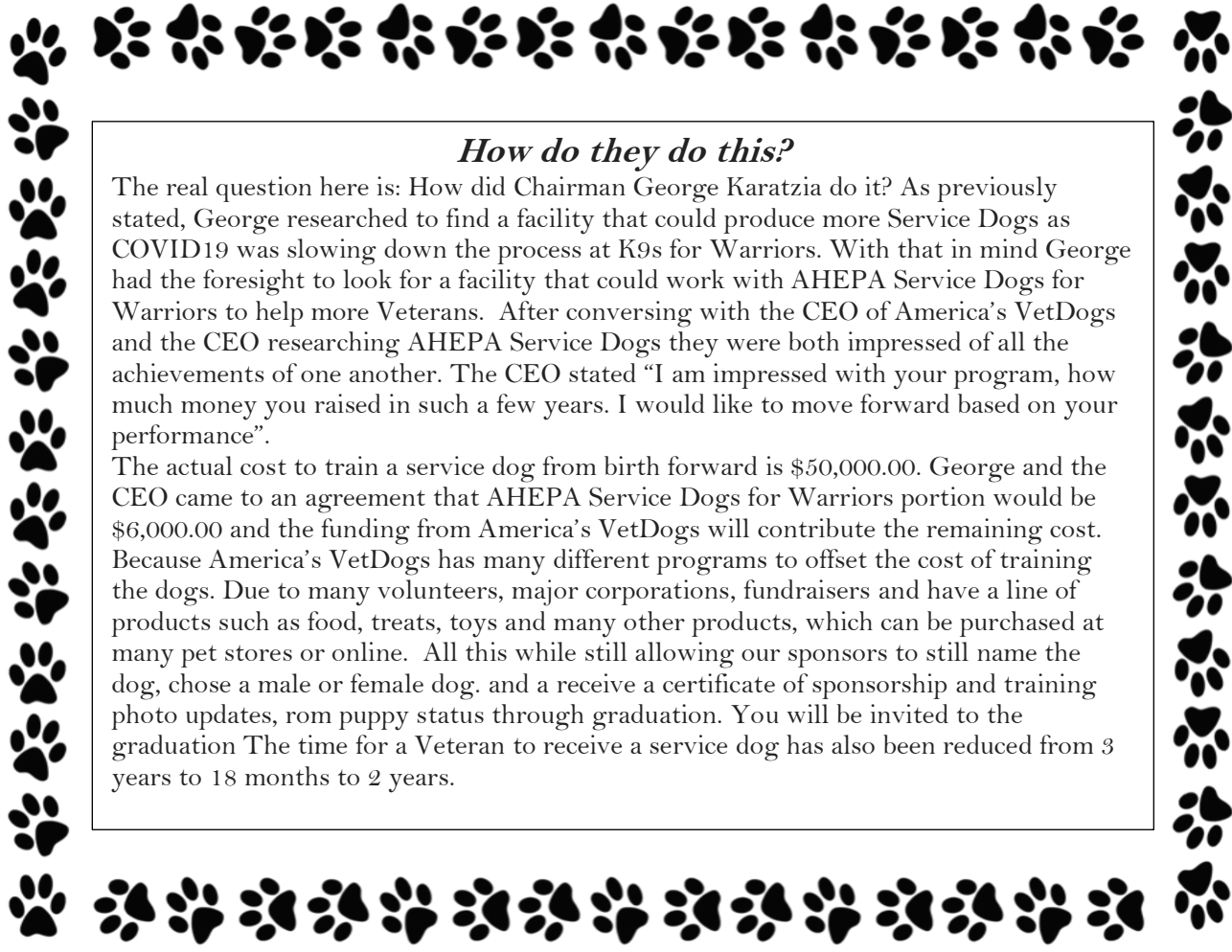
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How do they do this?

The real question here is: How did Chairman George Karatzia do it? As previously stated, George researched to find a facility that could produce more Service Dogs as COVID19 was slowing down the process at K9s for Warriors. With that in mind George had the foresight to look for a facility that could work with AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors to help more Veterans. After conversing with the CEO of America's VetDogs and the CEO researching AHEPA Service Dogs they were both impressed of all the achievements of one another. The CEO stated "I am impressed with your program, how much money you raised in such a few years. I would like to move forward based on your performance".

The actual cost to train a service dog from birth forward is \$50,000.00. George and the CEO came to an agreement that AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors portion would be \$6,000.00 and the funding from America's VetDogs will contribute the remaining cost. Because America's VetDogs has many different programs to offset the cost of training the dogs. Due to many volunteers, major corporations, fundraisers and have a line of products such as food, treats, toys and many other products, which can be purchased at many pet stores or online. All this while still allowing our sponsors to still name the dog, chose a male or female dog. and a receive a certificate of sponsorship and training photo updates, rom puppy status through graduation. You will be invited to the graduation The time for a Veteran to receive a service dog has also been reduced from 3 years to 18 months to 2 years.



Graduation Time for Bunky October 21, 2021.

Bunky AHEPA has been paired with his Warrior, Linda! We can't wait to celebrate Linda and Bunky AHEPA on 10/21 during their graduation ceremony.



Atlas AHEPA (male)

Woof woof! It's so nice to meet you! I'm a hunk of a dog that loves all the snacks the world has to offer. My trainer Kelsey loves me and says I'm a very smart boy and that I learn so quickly! It's so much fun going to all PO Box 724~ Holmdel ~ New Jersey ~ 07733 ~ 732-610-6622 ~ Email contact@ihepa-servicedogs.org www.ahepa-servicedogs.org ~ We are a 501(c)(3) organization ~ Our tax identification # 81-3775269



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kinds of places. I really enjoyed seeing the giant dogs with wings at the place called a museum. I don't know why my trainer kept calling them dragons. I also didn't understand why there were people in glass boxes that didn't move. I mean who wouldn't want to say hi to me?!? My trainer said they aren't real...whatever that means. We also went to a place called the ocean. I wasn't the biggest fan of getting in the water, but it was worth it to stay with my trainer and get more snacks! Bark at you later!



Bunky AHEPA (male)

The last two weeks have been very exciting! I passed my final skills test, which means I am one step closer to becoming a Service Dog and I can't wait to be a working pup! Last week we went on the most exciting trip yet. We took a field trip to M.O.S.H in downtown Jacksonville. It was a really cool museum and I got to see dragons for the first time ever! They were huge and loud, but it didn't scare me one bit. I hope my future Warrior enjoys going to museums as much I as do!

K9s UPDATES: The AHEPA Pups are moving up!

#10 Murphy AHEPA (24 th AHEPA dog)	#78 Ricey AHEPA (35 th AHEPA dog)
#16 Bear AHEPA (25 th AHEPA dog)	#85 Patrick AHEPA (36 th AHEPA dog)
#20 Andy AHEPA (26 th AHEPA dog)	#86 Wynn AHEPA (37 th AHEPA dog)
#21 Ellie AHEPA (27 th AHEPA dog)	#87 Beacon AHEPA (38 th AHEPA dog)
#23 Delta AHEPA (28 th AHEPA dog)	#88 Molly AHEPA (39 th AHEPA dog)
#24 Gabriel AHEPA (29 th AHEPA dog)	#89 Lucky AHEPA (40 th AHEPA dog)
#38 Louie AHEPA (30 th AHEPA dog)	#93 Delphi AHEPA (41 st AHEPA dog)
#39 th Pericles AHEPA (31 st AHEPA dog)	#94 Scotty AHEPA (42 nd AHEPA dog)
#64 Tommy AHEPA (32 nd AHEPA dog)	#95 Zoi (female) or Zois (male) AHEPA (43 rd AHEPA dog)
#65 Keane AHEPA (33 rd AHEPA dog)	#97 Uncle Buck AHEPA (44 th AHEPA dog)
#66 TBD AHEPA (34 th AHEPA dog)	

THE TRUSTEES OF AHEPA SERVICE DOGS FOR WARRIORS, would like to thank all our Donors and Sponsors. All noble acts of kindness do not go unrewarded. The veterans are truly grateful and appreciative. But we can not stop now. "Now" it is more importantly to continue to raise more funds now more than ever with soldiers returning from overseas. Ask your friends, family, co-workers, and acquaintances to donate, sponsor a Service Dog. Partnering with everyone you know makes it easier to raise the \$6000.00 needed for saving a Veteran with PTSD. Let's all get on board and save the Veterans who saved us. If you haven't donated yet please call George Karatzia at 732-610-6622 to learn how you can donate or sponsor a Service Dog.

Up Next – Introducing America's VetDogs AHEPA or Our newest AHEPAN'S!



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FILO 2, sponsored by EVAN FARRIS is a Labrador/Golden Cross mix. He has already started his training at Blackwater River Facility.

PENNY AHEPA, sponsored by the LADIES PHILOPTICHOS #1082 is ¼ Labrador & Golden Cross mix. She is being trained is at MCI Hagerstown Facility.



PRIVATE GEORGE K AHEPA, sponsored by AMERICAN LEGION #324 BOSTON, MA, is a black Labrador. His training has begun at MCI Shirley Facility.

NICO AHEPA, WaWa /HOMDEL #517, is a black Labrador. He also being trained at the MCI Hagerstown Facility.



LUKE AHEPA, sponsored by ANGEL WARRIORS & LADIES PHILOPTICHOS #1082, is a black Labrador. He also being trained at the Maine State Facility.



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att: George Karatzia

Dear Mr. Karatzia,

Canine Companions is proud to present AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors with The Colonel E. David Woycik, Jr. Esq., USA (Ret.) and Lance Corporal Matais Ferreira, USMC (Ret.) Outstanding Service Award. This award is presented each year to a deserving recipient who goes above and beyond to help our heroes who have sacrificed so much for us to continue to enjoy our rights and freedoms. We have the honor of having George Karatzia, the National Chairman for AHEPA – Service Dogs for Warriors and Commander for Disabled American Veterans Chapter #74, accepting this prestigious award.

AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors joined the Canine Companions family in 2020 and has been a strong supporter of our shared mission of matching veterans with highly trained service dog to help them on their path to recovery. In 2016 at AHEPA's national convention, George successfully received a unanimous vote for the creation of the AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors program and to date has raised over \$800,000 to help veterans who struggle with PTSD.

Please join Canine Companions virtually on Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 10AM for the Salute Independence in honoring AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors for their dedication and service to our veteran community.

For more information about the event please visit: www.canine.org/saluteindependence.

Regards,

Debra MacKenzie

Northeast Region, Sr. Development Director