

Celebrating the American Flag

June 14<sup>th</sup>, Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States. On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress, was seeking to promote national pride and unity, adopted the national flag. Flag Day is observed annually on June 14, it is a day that commemorates the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States. It is a day that we should thank our armed forces past and present for without them we possibly would not be celebrating 215 years of red, white and blue!

June 2016 AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors, Chairman George Karatzia began his journey to establish ASDW program. Presented at the National Convention that July it was voted unanimously to proceed with the ASDW program. Fast forward to this coming July as AHEPA celebrates 100 years, ASDW celebrates 6 years of success. Now reaching \$860,000.00 and 77 service dogs as of this newsletter.

> We honor all the men and women who have supported ASDW with the *Red White Blue* Award!



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АНЕРА	AHEPA #517 HOLMDEL GARDEN STATE NJ
Penelope	DOP #374 TOMS RIVER APHRODITE
George	AHEPA #517 HOLMDEL GARDEN STATE NJ
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Athena	AHEPA #326 WHITESTONE, NY
Mikey	ANGEL WARRIORS (PATTY)
Maverick	ANGEL WARRIORS (DEBRA)
Mina	AMIERICAN LEGION POST #129 MINNEAPOLIS, MN
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Trenton	AHEPA #72 TRENTON
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Bunky	ANGEL WARRIORS (PATTY & DEBRA)
Atlas	AMERICAN LEGION POST #129 MINNEAPOLIS
Murphy	ANGEL WARRIORS (PATTY)
Bear	AHEPA DISTRICT #21 CA.
Andy	AHEPA #456 GOLD POST, PORT WASH. NY
Ellie	DOP District 3, Virginia
Delta	DOP DISTRICT #16
Gabriel	AHIEPA DISTRICT #4
Louie	JUDITH ZUCKER
Pericles	SOP LODGE
Tommy	BOB FOURNIAIDIS
Keane	AHIEPA #405 NEW ROCHIELLE NY
Athena	AHIEPA #24 CHARITABLE & EDUC CORP
Ricey	DOP & AHEPA DISTRICT #8 BOSTON
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Molly	ANGEL WARRIORS
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Uncle Buck	AHEPA DISTRICT #4
Dixon	ANGEL WARRIORS
Filo 1	EVANS FARRES
Filo 2	EVANS FARRES
Knight	AHEPA #285 & CONSTANTINOS MIKELIS
Argos	AHEPA #285 & CONSTANTINOS MIKELIS
Private George K	AMERICAN LEGION #324 BOSTON, MA
Nico	WaWa /AHEPA #517 GARDEN STATE HOLMDEL, NJ
Cosmos	LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS #1082 BROOMALL, PA
Penny	LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS #1052 BROOMALL, PA
Maverick	ANGEL WARRIORS (PATTY & DEBBY)
Luke	LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS #1082 BROOMALL, PA & ANGEL WARRIORS
Hope	MULTIPLE DONORS FOR ARCHIBISHOP ELEFTHERIOS
Frazier	ALABAMA AHEPA #310, DOP #344
Stratas	ALABAMA AHEPA #310, DOP #344
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Theodore (M) Teddy (F)	AMERICAN LEGION #324 BOSTON, MA
Chachi	AMERICAN LEGION #324 BOSTON, MA
Tosh	AHEPA CHAPTER #9 FAYETTVILLE, NC
Ted	PETER J. LEKAS TRUSTEE FOR TED J. & KATHY A. ROUBAS

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Kathy	PETER J. LEKAS TRUSTEE FOR TED J. & KATHY A. ROUBAS
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Sam	MRS. SAMUAL M. SAXTON
Casey	ANGEL WARRIORS PATTY AND DEBBY
Rebellis	ANGEL WARRIORS PATTY AND DEBBY
Kage	ANGEL WARRIORS PATTY AND DEBBY
Markos	ASDW GENERAL FUND
Eve Jean	ASDW GENERAL FUND
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Nova	AHEPA #438, FALLS CHURCH VA
Chesty	AHEPA #438, FALLS CHURCH VA

# This link is from K9s. Check out Hoosier AHEPA click this <u>link</u> about Hoosier AHEPA and his Warrior, Natalie, who were just featured in the K9s For Warriors blog. They have a very powerful story. I hope you check it out!

## Bear AHEPA

A grrrreat big hello from your friend Bear here at K9s! I hope you have been doing well since the last time I wrote, I most definitely have! I am so ready to be paired with my Warrior, I just can't wait! I have been going out with a few different trainers to all sorts of places to really make extra sure that I am ready to go. My skills are all supaw good so now I just have to practice going out and remaining focused no matter what random thing may happen! So far, I only get distracted when a new dog comes around. To help me get better at this, I have a whole team of trainers who take me out to places where we are more likely to run into new dogs and they work with me to help me get better at keeping my focus! Other than that, everyone

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says they think I am ready to go. If that's the only thing I have left to accomplish before I get to meet my Warrior, you can bet I will work extra hard at it! Until next time – Bear

## Ellie AHEPA

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Hey there, Ellie AHEPA from Camp K9s here! These last few weeks have been a lot of fun with my trainer! We've been working on my skills every chance we get! When she comes and gets me for our morning walk every day, I do a tap dance from my kennel door to my bed and wait as patiently as I can for her to connect her leash to my collar. I love when we go for a walk around campus and I'm always focusing on my trainer. When she stops, I stop and wait, and when she walks, I heel right next to her. My favorite thing we did together these past few weeks was going to a park where I got to watch some very small humans run around. It made me nervous at first, but my trainer helped me work through my skills and each time I got it right she would give me tasty treat. The treats sure did keep me focused and the small humans really weren't bothersome anymore. They sure do make some funny noises though. I kind of liked it. Oh! Another fun thing was going into shopping stores and working on my skills in there! I like to show off how good I can be. I can't wait to write back about the next adventures I go on! Until then, Ellie AHEPA! Woof woof!

#### Atlas AHEPA

It's me, Atlas AHEPA, reporting from Camp K9! These last few weeks have been a lot of work and play. I made a new doggo friend named Jude. We have been running and wrestling together in the play yards to exercise as much as pawsible. When I start work for the day with my trainer, we have been practicing my training skills and visiting all kinds of places, too. I had a pawsome time visiting parks and small stores to get used to all the smells and noises. I am still a little nervous being out, but my trainer has been helping me explore and get used to things at my pace. When I am having a ruff time in scary places, I like to practice my skills to earn yummy treats! My favorite place that I visited this week was a breakfast restaurant. They didn't have anything for doggos, but I got a lot of treats from my trainer for keeping a laying down position under the table. Quite the bone-appetite! I will report back soon on all the new adventures at work, have a wild week! Woof Woof!

## Pericles AHEPA

Greetings! Pericles here to fill you in on all of the training I've been up to since we last spoke. Things have been going really well for me here; last week I passed my intermediate skills check! That means I'm right on track with my training and am preparing for the final skills test that will certify me as a service dog. I've been going to all sorts of fun places, like Lowe's and Target! I think my favorite has been

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restaurant training. There are so many yummy smells and everyone tells me what a handsome boy I am! It's so much fun to train in public with my trainer. I can't wait to meet my future Warrior and put all of the skills I've been practicing to good use. I've got to get back to training now, but I can't wait to update you on the next adventure!

## Louie AHEPA

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Hey y'all! The beginning of summer is here, and I can feel it! That is a good thing because anytime I'm not working out in public or training indoors, my next favorite thing to do is lay in the sun and take a long nap! My trainer has to wake me up sometimes because she thinks it's too hot, but I would stay here all day if she let me. I went to my first museum yesterday and it was so cool! Did you know humans have rooms full of big bones that they DON'T eat!? I do not understand why they wanted to just look at them instead of chew or play with them... but I guess those were not a good kind? I am not sure but I am still learning! While we were outside there were squirrels running all around us and as bad as I wanted to chase them... I did not! My trainer was super happy about it and gave me all the belly rubs! It is important I resist temptations out in public for the safety of myself and my future Warrior. I am going to continue practicing my handler transferability so I can learn to work for anyone that needs me. I am so thankful for my new chance at life and for every day I get! You can see it in my smile and my tail wags. I hope you had a great May!

Wishing everyone a happy and safe summer. Looking forward to meeting our sponsors at the AHEPA 100<sup>th</sup> Convention Meet Greek American Veteran with Manny Koutalides, his service dog, *Oscar Madison*, and his family on Wednesday, July 20th. Immediately following the AHEPA Awards Brunch at 12 noon, in the Coronado J room.