

PATROL NEWSLETTER

March 2022

Greetings,

“March” is named for the Roman god of war, Mars. Together, let us “March” together, shoulder to shoulder, hand, and hand to reach our July 2022 goal for our warriors is 17 more service dogs to be sponsored.

Since July of 2016 the AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors has assisted 65 plus veterans with PTSD and raised over \$875,000.00. Currently, we are closely approaching \$900,000.00. We are hoping with your continued donations the AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors will reach our goal by the historic 100th anniversary at the AHEPA Family convention to be held in July 2022 marking its.

We must continue to March forward on our journey to support those that sacrificed for our nation. This March we know with our donors, sponsors, friends, and family we can March together shoulder to shoulder, hand to hand to collectively reach this goal by this July 2022.

***Doner, Sponsorship forms can be downloaded on our website:
ahepa-servicedogs.org.
Or download the form attached***

This coming July the AHEPA Family will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary at the national convention in Orlando, FL. In honor of AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors 6th anniversary a special program will be dedicated to our great efforts and our veterans. Sharing this special occasion with us on July 20th will be Greek American Veteran with PTSD, Manny Koutalides, his service dog, *Oscar Madison*, and his family. Please consider joining us in Orlando, FL.

We think of March as the beginning of spring, a new horizon as March brings the vernal equinox, the Full Worm Moon, and the return of Daylight-Saving Time!

Together we will “March” shoulder to shoulder, hand, and hand to reach our goal!

...NOW IS THE TIME TO SPONSOR OR DONATE!

For more information, please call National Chairman George Karatzia at 732-610-6622
Our Mailing Address P.O. Box 724 Holmdel, New Jersey 07733

MARCH IS WOMAN'S HISTORY MONTH

This month we recognize the women from Bethlehem, PA, the *Ladies Philoptochos #1082*, from the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church. On behalf of ASDW we thank these wonderful ladies, for not one, not two but three Service Dogs! Luke, Penny, and Cosmos! 🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾



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AHEPA trustees and friends support Angel Warriors fundraiser on February 27th We thank all those who purchased raffle tickets. Angel Warriors has fundraisers and their donation to ASDW has exceeded more than 10 dogs to date! 🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾 🐾



A Great Day for Veterans
AHEPA Trustees, AHEPANS,
Debbie and Patty: Angel
Warriors, Family and Friends



K9 For Warriors had a slow down during 2019 and 2021 due to the havoc of COVID 19. Hopefully this is all in the past. So that we may get along with the business of Saving our Veterans from suicide. Since the last newsletter K9 has had much movement. See the updates below.

MOVING UP

The list here is very easy to understand. The first number in the table below before the dog's name is the K9s WAITLIST number. That number will decrease as dogs begins to train. Therefore, the K9 number will change by decreasing and the NAME AHEPA DOG number will decrease. The ASDW number is the number given to a dog in the order when sponsored. This number will not change.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> #1 Ellie AHEPA (27th AHEPA dog) #2 Delta AHEPA (28th AHEPA dog) #3 Gabriel AHEPA (29th AHEPA dog) #13 Louie AHEPA (30th AHEPA dog) #14 Pericles AHEPA (31st AHEPA dog) #38 Tommy AHEPA (32nd AHEPA dog) #39 Keane AHEPA (33rd AHEPA dog) #40 Athena AHEPA (34th AHEPA dog) #52 Ricey AHEPA (35th AHEPA dog) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> #59 Patrick AHEPA (36th AHEPA dog) #60 Wynn AHEPA (37th AHEPA dog) #61 Beacon AHEPA (38th AHEPA dog) #62 Molly AHEPA (39th AHEPA dog) #63 Lucky AHEPA (40th AHEPA dog) #67 Delphi AHEPA (41st AHEPA dog) #68 Scotty AHEPA (42nd AHEPA dog) #69 Zoi (or Zois AHEPA (43rd AHEPA dog) #71 Uncle Buck AHEPA (44th AHEPA dog)
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NEWS FROM THE SOUTH *K9s FOR WARRIORS*



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There have been so many exciting things going on with our AHEPA dogs recently, and more BIG announcements! Two graduations! Two AHEPA dogs, Murphy AHEPA and Andy AHEPA, have been paired with Warriors and will be graduating by the time you receive this newsletter!

But that's not all! Atlas AHEPA, Bergen AHEPA, and Bear AHEPA are all working hard in training in hopes of being paired with their Warriors soon! Here are their updates, and photo.



Murphy AHEPA and AJ

Murphy AHEPA has a big adventure ahead of him, as he will be traveling to his Warrior, AJ's, home in Guam upon graduation.



Andy AHEPA and Marissa

Andy AHEPA also has a way to go, as he will accompany his Warrior, Marissa, to her home in Ohio. Marissa is a Navy PO3 veteran.



Atlas AHEPA

Hello from Camp K9! The past few weeks I have had some different babysitters, as my trainer has sent me off to train with some of his other human trainer friends. All of my babysitters are really fun, and they all say I'm doing a great job! Hanging out with them has made me realize that every human has a different style. Just like us dogs, people are not the same with how they walk, talk, etc. In other news, the weather has been a bummer recently. We've had so much rain that I haven't gone to as many shopping areas or restaurants to work on my public access skills, but we've still gone to a few. I did a great job ignoring distractions when we went to the St. Johns Town Center, which is this biggg outdoor shopping plaza with so many stores. I can't even count them all! Anyway, talk again soon!



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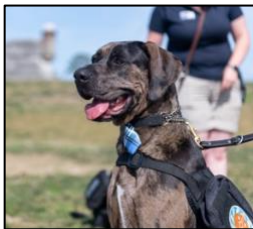
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Bergen AHEPA

What a PAWESOME week I have had! I am really working hard on learning the skill called “brace” and not trying to cuddle my trainer when it happens. A lot of challenges have been thrown at me this week, but I enjoyed it! We visited different groceries stores to practice shopping and even made a trip out to St. Augustine. I enjoyed walking the busy streets and got some exposure to a Wax Museum, too. Surprisingly, those people did not want to pet me! They just stood there... I’ve never seen people be so still and quiet before. However, my favorite day was the beach day! I got to work some skills by the ocean and play with the other pups there, too. I did not enjoy the water myself, but I was so tired by the time we got back to campus that I cuddled my toy. I am getting closer and closer to being an OFFICIAL Service Dog! Til’ next time, stay wild!! Woof, woof! -Bergen



Bear AHEPA

Hey humans! It’s me, Bear AHEPA, the future Service Doggo! I have had a crazy busy week, but also had a lot of success. My skills have been getting sharp! Right now, I am learning a new skill called STAND. When I am told to, I stand between my trainer and strangers so that way if a Warrior did not want someone to approach, I can help out. I am also enjoying “public access training,” which is when I get to explore new places. The grocery stores are still kind of scary to me since they are so noisy and big but we are taking small steps every time we go to get me more comfortable. I also got to adventure out to St Augustine and did really well with the busy streets. You can see me standing in front of the St. Augustine fort, Castillo de San Marco, in my picture! I also met a bunch of small humans called kiddos while we were there! I cannot wait to tell you how much I have improved in the next few weeks and where I will go next. Have a pawtastic week! – Bear AHEPA



And FROM THE NORTH *AMERICA VETDOGS*





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Paul AHEPA



Knight AHEPA



Maverick AHEPA



Argos AHEPA



Stratas AHEPA



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