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November 2022



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Giving Tuesday is a massive day of generosity- This year, Giving Tuesday will fall on **November 29, 2022**. This global giving day takes place each year on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Ways to give back to AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors: Amazon Smile, Network for the Good. Sign up it's free!

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Since our last newsletter we have made great strides in reaching a million dollars \$. In the land of opportunity the Greeks have come to gather and lived the American Dream. The Greek Americans continue that legacy in many different ways. Most importantly the outpouring of love and the American Dream continues in the heart of the AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors. This month as we prepare for the holiday season we honor all Greek American Veterans and two noted Greeks that gave heir lives for this land of opportunity.



George K. Menichios, born in Megalopolis, Arcadia, Greece on April 14, 1890. In 1910 he came to Boston, MA, and like all immagrants dreamed of all the great oppotunities his new country presented him. George embraced the concept of liberty and the ideals of freedom that make up the United States of America. George was inducted into the US Army on May 27, 1918. As a member of the 1st division he was in France at Saint Mihiel and then to the Meuse-Argonne sector from September 26, 1918 until he was killed in action on October 4, 1918, 37 days before the war ended on November 11, 1918. His United States military career lasted less than 5 months. He is honored by the American Legion George American Legion George K. Menichios Post #34 and all Americans.

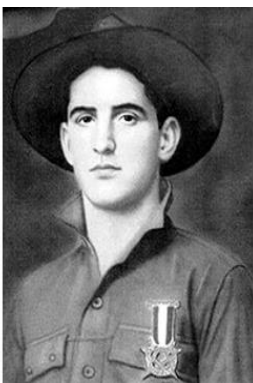


Private Gus Chimpanes was killed in the Battle of Saint-Mihiel on September 26, 1918. He was a private in the US Army, 102nd Infantry Regiment, 26th Division. He entered the service from Iowa. He is honored by the Order of AHEPA Chapter James L. Karthan, Chpater #192 District 14. Buried at: Plot C Row 28 Grave 17, St. Private Gus is buried at Mihiel American Cemetery Thiaucourt, France.

Greek American Hero's



George Dilboy: The first Greek American to receive the Medal of Honor



George Dilboy (Gr: Γιώργος Διλβόης) was born in 1896 in the Greek town of *Alatsata* (Tr: Alaçatı) near Smyrna (Tr: İzmir) in Asia Minor He and his family immigrated to New Hampshire in the United States in 1908. In 1912, at the age of 16, he returned and fought for Greece in the Balkan Wars of 1912-13. He returned to the U.S and joined the New Hampshire National Guard and served in the Mexican Border Campaign. When the U.S declared war against Germany in 1917, he joined the U.S Army and served in the 103rd infantry

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regiment, 26th Division. Before turning 22 years of age, Dilboy had fought in four wars in three continents.

In 1918, Dilboy fought in the Battle of Belleau Wood in France. After his platoon had gained its objective along a railroad embankment, Private First Class Dilboy, accompanied his platoon leader to reconnoiter the ground beyond when he was suddenly fired upon by enemy machine-gun from 100 yards. From a standing position on the railroad track fully exposed to view he opened fire. He failed to silence the gun and rushed forward with his bayonet fixed through a wheat field toward the gun emplacement. He fell within 25 yards of the gun with his right leg nearly severed above the knee and with several bullet holes in his body. With undaunted courage Dilboy continued to fire into the emplacement from a prone position killing two of the enemy and dispersing the rest of the crew.¹

Dilboy was initially buried in the Aisne-Marne American Cemetery in France but at the request of his father he was later buried at his birthplace Alatsata in Turkey. Thousands attended his funeral. In 1919, Dilboy was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by the President of the United States, becoming the first Greek-American to be awarded America's highest decoration for valor. In 1922 when the Kemalist Army occupied Alatsata, Turkish soldiers broke open Dilboy's coffin entombed in the *Church of the Theotokos* and desecrated Dilboy's remains and the U.S flag. U.S President Warren G. Harding was enraged and ordered a U.S warship to recover the remains and brought them back to the U.S where they were interred at Arlington Cemetery on November 12, 1923 in a ceremony attended by many dignitaries. Harding also demanded and received a formal apology from the Turkish Government. Dilboy has been honored by three U.S presidents; Woodrow Wilson who signed the authorization awarding him the Medal of Honor, Warren Harding who brought him back, and Calvin Coolidge who presided at his final burial. Dilboy was buried with full military honors.

A bronze monument of George Dilboy is located outside the Somerville City Hall in Massachusetts while the Dilboy Stadium in Somerville, Massachusetts was named in his honor.

DO YOU KNOW OF A GREEK AMERICAN HERO?

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Fundraiser Efforts, we have two junior orders of the AHEPA Family canvassing for support. Please reach out to them and show them your support.

Welcome Maids of Athena Grand Lodge and the Maids of Athena Holmdel Chapter #282.

Grand Lodge, Maids of Athena Governors Project

The AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors program works to match veterans with specially trained service dogs to help mitigate and assist them in their path to recovery and management of their disabilities; as well as, provide the veteran with the companionship and therapeutic qualities of a specially trained service dog

Governor's Project

PTSD Dogs

- Can assist in a medical crisis
- Can provide treatment-related assistance
- Can assist in coping with emotional overload
- Are able to perform security enhancement tasks

Support our effort to raise money by purchasing a Maids of Athena merchandise.

Goal: \$6,000

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AHEPA Family Note Books Set

\$12.00

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Additional Information

Includes 1 note book and 2 pens.



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MOA Tote Bag
\$20.00 plus shipping cost



AHEPA Family Notebook Set
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Please send your request to order to:
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\$5. For orders \$50. or less
\$10. For orders \$51 or more

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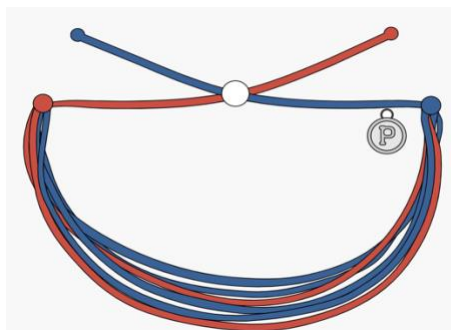
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Holmdel Maids of Athena Theodora Chapter #282

They are focusing their efforts on fundraising for an AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors, as the members want to make a significant difference in the lives of veterans suffering from PTSD. The goal of the MOA Theodora Chapter is to raise \$6,000 for a service dog.

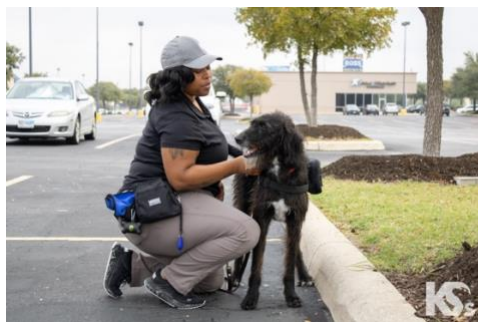
They are taking orders for customized red, white, and blue Puravida bracelets for \$10 each, plus shipping. If you are interested in purchasing a bracelet contact Margaret at dounism8@gmail.com.



K9S for Warriors Updates

Atlas AHEPA

Hey there! Atlas AHEPA here to update you on the fun and exciting things I've been up to here at K9s For Warriors! Things are moving super fast for me here and I've been going out and training in public just about every day. I've been having a lot of fun with the other dogs and my trainer, seeing the world, and getting experience in all sorts of places. I've been to hardware stores, grocery stores, restaurants, I attended an event at the Food Bank, and I even got to go to an elementary school for something called "career day". That was probably my favorite; I got to meet all these little humans that were so cute. But it's not all fun and games around here, I've been working on my cue "Under" which is where I lay under my trainer's legs so that I can be out of the way in crowded spaces. I've also been working on the "My Lap" cue, which is where I get in my trainer's lap on cue. My trainer tells me my Warrior will love this cue just as much as I do. Well, I've got to get back to training but I can't wait to see what the future holds. Until we speak again!



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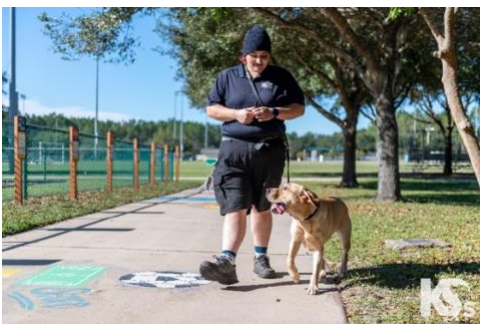


Patrick AHEPA

Patrick here!! I've had a fun few weeks! Last week I attempted to go through an important test to see where my skills are, I was so excited throughout it that I forgot my duration on a lot of it. I am just so happy to be around my handler and work for her. I'll get to try my test again soon, and maybe this time I won't be so energetic. Later that day I went to a park and we worked on my duration. I sat for the whole time, and my down was almost perfect. Sometimes I get really bored when I stay in one place, so I tried moving around a few times before I really settled in a down. I walked by birds today too, and even though I kept staring at them I didn't try to run at them! My handler was very proud of me for that!

Oh also, last weekend I went to a foster home to practice living in a house! The best part was that it was my original foster who helped take care of me before I came to Camp K9 for training! She was so excited to see me, and I was SO excited to see her!! I should be able to go back out with her again when she comes back from her vacation! I've had a little more off time this week because the other dogs my trainer works with are getting ready to go onto their next adventure with their Warriors. But that's okay because I've gotten to spend a lot of time with the enrichment staff playing and doing brain games! I enjoy brain games because they make me think and when I have the chance to use my brain and make decisions, I learn a lot faster! Next week I'll start getting worked a lot more!

Speaking of next week, that's when I will start working with a new trainer. His name is Kris. I have seen him with the other dogs and he seems nice enough. I think I will try to see if he knows his stuff when I start working with him. We will get to know each other for a little bit before going off campus to train. My current trainer said something called "transferability" is important, which means I can work with different handlers and still perform. I can't wait to test it out! Anyway, I will keep you posted on how it goes. Wish me luck! – Patrick AHEPA



Tommy AHEPA

Tommy AHEPA here! It has been a wonderful few weeks of training here at Camp K9! I made some new friends and have had so many playgroups. I love playing with my friends. I also went to Target! There were so many people and distractions, but my trainer was SO happy with my focus and engagement that we have been working on. My focus has been my biggest improvement and has helped my loose leash walking

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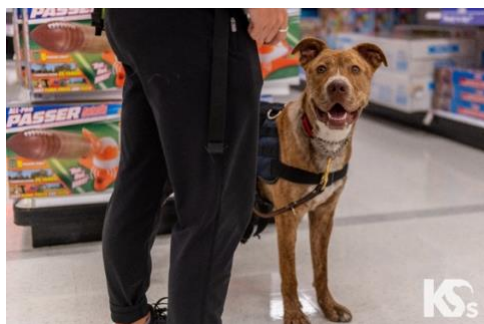
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tremendously. I still get super excited when I see my friends walking around Camp K9, but when I am off campus, I am super focused on training.

I also got to spend a weekend at my foster family's house. I played with my friend Ellie all weekend long. I have so many friends but going to see Ellie on the weekend is what I look forward to all week.

Also, I am super excited for this upcoming week. My trainer and I have been working strictly on all my skills lately, and I have been doing great. I am preparing for my Finals Skills Test on Thursday! The Finals Skills test includes ALL the behaviors that I have learned with my trainer to become a Service Dog. This test is VERY important. Once I pass my FST I am cleared to be paired with a Warrior! Wish me luck! I hope I have good news to share with you soon! -Tommy AHEPA



ASDW #	NAME	SPONSOR	IN TRAINING OR ON WAITLIST
23	Atlas	AMERICAN LEGION POST #129 MINNEAPOLIS	In training - SATX
32	Tommy	BOB FOURNIADIS	In training
35	Ricey	DOP & AHEPA DISTRICT #8 BOSTON	#5 on wait list
36	Patrick	IRENE CAFFERY	In training
38	Beacon	ANGEL WARRIORS	#7 on wait list
39	Molly	ANGEL WARRIORS	#8 on wait list
40	Lucky	ANGEL WARRIORS	#9 on wait list
41	Delphi	AHEPA DSITRICT #9 NEW HAMPSHIRE	#11 on wait list
42	Scotty	MULTIPLE DONORS	#12 on wait list
43	Zoi or Zois	AHEPA #411 DISNEYLAND, ANAHIEM CA	#13 on wait list
44	Uncle Buck	AHEPA DISTRICT #44	#14 on wait list

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The latest addition to training at AVD

Private Gus, has started his training as well as **Eve Jean**



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