



Veterans Moving Forward, Inc.

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It lifts our spirit to see service dogs matched with deserving veterans, and it tugs on our heart strings to welcome new puppies to the program. We hope this email will do the same for you.



Buckles Found his Veteran

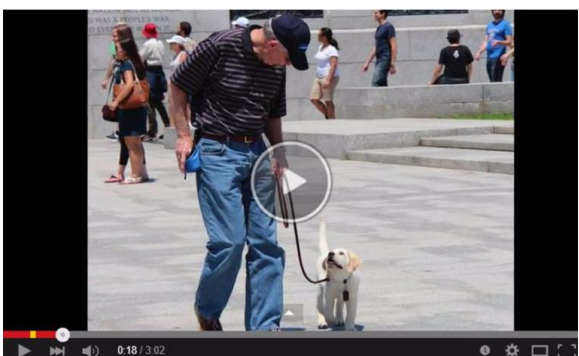
We savor these moments at Veterans Moving Forward. This is when it all comes together. Two years of effort from dozens of volunteers include vetting puppies from qualified breeders, constant supervision from a puppy raiser, weekly training classes with extraordinary instructors, a meticulous matching process with deserving veteran applicants, and multiple fundraisers to support it all.

Buckles is now a full-fledged service dog. He started his probationary placement last week with a veteran Marine in Virginia. Buckles and his veteran will continue training together to address the veteran's specific needs and increase his independence both at home and in his community.

Enter a New Class of Puppies

Mac, pictured above with puppy raiser Jeanette, joined the VMF team last month. Eagle, on the right, got his VMF bandana just last week.

More puppies are on their way, and we are looking for puppy raisers. In addition to seeing to the care and health of the puppy, puppy raisers are integral in crate-training, house training, obedience classes and manners. It's a serious and tremendously rewarding commitment. For more information, see the [volunteer page](#) on our website and be sure to review the "responsibilities and commitments" portion of the application.



Watch our [Born to Serve](#) three minute video to see how VMF puppies and dogs serve those who served.

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Come See Us

Mark your calendars for these awareness events and VMF fundraisers. Stop by to say hi. We'd love to see you. As details become available, they will be posted on the [events page](#) of our website.

Northern Virginia Community College Disability Awareness Event

April 6, 2015, Annandale, VA

VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital Open House

April 19, 2015, Alexandria, VA

National Park Service: Paws in the Park

May 2, 2015, Prince Williams Park, VA

Dogfish Head Alehouse Fundraiser, Fairfax

June 16, 2015, Fairfax, VA

Join us for lunch or dinner and a portion of the proceeds benefit VMF.

Veterans Moving Forward Dog Walk

June 20, 2015, Vienna, VA

Veterans Moving Forward Five Year Celebration

Summer 2015

Cocktails with Canines Fundraiser

November 8, 2015, Arlington, VA

Our efforts and impact rely on dedicated volunteers.

If you'd like to learn more about how you can help with puppy raising, event planning or fundraising, please let me know.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our veterans.

Sincerely,
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trained therapy and service dogs to veterans with physical and mental health challenges across the full spectrum of needs. Your **tax-deductible donation** to VMF will help us with this mission.

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