



Veterans Moving Forward, Inc.

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Greetings!

August 26 marks International Dog Day, a day to recognize family dogs and dogs that work selflessly each day to bring comfort and save lives. We dedicate this issue of our newsletter to the canines that serve.

Read on to:

- Meet our newest puppy
- Help recruit dog-loving puppy raisers
- Mark your calendar to honor canines & veterans who serve
- Celebrate community support for VMF

Pictured above: Assistance Dogs in Training (ADIT) Kirby, Finn, and Eagle



Welcome Vincent

Thank you **Snitker's Goldens** for the generous donation of Vincent to our program. Puppy Raiser Donna picked up this furry bundle from Iowa at the end of July. Assistance Dog in Training (ADIT) Vincent is the 24th puppy VMF has acquired. He is being started by Puppy Raiser Tangy and is named in memory of [Father Vincent Robert Capodanno](#), lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps.

Our dogs' photos, namesakes, and breeders can be found on the [dog pages](#) of our website.

Photo courtesy of Shelley Castle Photography.

Do you know a Potential Puppy Raiser?

Puppy Raisers are the lifeblood of VMF and integral in achieving our mission to provide service dogs and canine therapy services to veterans with visible and invisible wounds.

Before VMF acquires anymore puppies to train to be service dogs, we need more puppy raisers. No experience is required, but a willingness to learn and a daily commitment to exercise, raise and train a potential assistance dog is a must.

"While it was not the right time for my family to own a family dog, it has been a wonderful experience to have the Veterans Moving Forward puppy join our family for a finite commitment of 18 months to 2 years. Of course, saying goodbye is never easy, but meeting the veteran and having the opportunity to participate in the transition makes it so very fulfilling. I feel like handing the leash to the veteran and saying, 'You need this dog more than I do, and the puppy is so ready to be your service dog.' I know the puppy will be loved and enjoy the opportunity to put the skills he learned to much needed use."

- Jeanette has raised 3 VMF puppies including Service Dog Storm and ADIT Mac



Puppy Raiser Jeanette with ADIT Mac

"To see, up close, a service dog in training grow from a little pup to a mature capable and 'happy-to-be-working' life companion with a veteran 'moving forward' with their life has been a special blessing for us. Having an ongoing relationship, even from a distance, with the pup we raised and his veteran partner is a wonderful bonus gift."

- John and Donna raised VMF Service Dog Jug

Help us recruit for this rewarding experience so that we can acquire more puppies to train for our deserving veterans. For more details, visit our [Volunteer Page](#). Frequently Asked Questions about puppy raising are included in the application packet.



Puppy Raisers John & Donna with Jug

Raise a Glass to Celebrate Veterans and Canines who Serve



703.635.8593.

Meet our Puppy Raisers and ADITs at our annual fundraiser Cocktails with Canines. This year, we celebrate our 5 year anniversary. We'll take a look back at our accomplishments and share stories of the veterans we have served, the canines we've trained and the people who made it all possible.

Save the Date - Sunday, November 8, 2015
Army Navy Country Club, Arlington VA

To support VMF's mission, become an event sponsor, donate auction items, or help plan the event. Contact Lyn at Isherlock@vetsfwd.org or

Raise a Mug to Veterans



Spencer Devon Brewing Mug Club Launch Party
Monday, September 21, 7 - 9:30 PM
106 George St., Fredericksburg VA

A portion of the SDB mug club membership's sales and 10% of SDB overall sales will benefit VMF and MANARC.

Cardio for Cash



For their Grand Opening, Anytime Fitness Stafford donated \$1 to VMF for every two miles logged on the cardio machines. With your help, they raised close to \$700.

Pictured: ADIT Kirby with the big check



Veterans Moving Forward (VMF) is a veteran-centric, non-profit foundation and 501(c)(3) charity dedicated to providing trained service dogs and canine therapy

services 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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