

Service Dog in Training **Doug** named in memory of:

*Douglas Alexander Groff, 33 (Sergeant, USMC (ret)*

*DEAF: 20 June 1998 EAS 15 June 2006*

*Doug entered the Marines in 1998 to be a field musician. He graduated the Armed Forces School of Music in Norfolk, VA. He was stationed with the Marine Corps Logistics band in Albany, GA and with the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force Band in Camp Foster, Okinawa. During his time in the Corps, Doug performed at numerous events ranging from local festivals and schools, to prestigious venues such as the Edinburgh Military tattoo, where he performed for the Queen of England. Doug was medically retired from the Marine Corps in 2006. Doug was always a dog lover. From the time he was little, our family adopted 3 dogs, counting his dog Gracie which survived his passing. From the time he was little until his death, having a dog was always a big part of his life and he always considered his dogs his best friends.*

*Doug worked hard every day of his life to be the best that he could be. Being a better Marine, a better person, or most importantly to him, a better father. He always ensured that he was taking care of people. He took care of myself and our little sister growing up, after he was a Marine, it was all about taking care of the Marines in his squad and after he was, it was all about giving his all to support his son. I hope that his namesake will continue to do the same for a veteran in need*