

## VFW Auxiliary National President Peggy Haake's special project combines two of her passions: **veterans** and **dogs**.

- The VFW Service Dog Training Program is an initiative of Chung Mei VFW Post 8358, Sacramento, California.
- The objective of the program is to give back to veterans, who gave of themselves to serve our country, sustaining injuries both visible and those we cannot see.
- Their goal is to establish a veteran/K9 bond through training that will result in a life-changing experience for both. They will also assist in locating and matching a K9 for a veteran to participate in the training program to achieve the best possible service dog.

Our goal?

**Raise \$25,000 to help up to 15 veterans receive a service dog from the program\*.**

- It costs approximately \$1,600 to foster a K9 for six months.
- There is no charge to the veteran who is receiving the service dog.
- They assist in K9 locating, evaluating, matching, and training for veteran adoption.
- They help the veteran who already has a K9 and needs assistance with obedience and behavioral issues.
- They provide training that complies with the American Disabilities Act (ADA) PTSD Anxiety, Title 2 and Title 3 protocol.
- The training will prepare the veteran and K9 for the Assistance Dog International Public Access standards test.

*\* This particular program was selected because it's VFW members helping VFW members; veterans are required to join the VFW for a minimum of one (1) year to be eligible for the program.*

# SERVICE DOG TRAINING PROGRAM



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