



Bringing awareness to veteran suicide; reducing the numbers one service dog at a time.

Some items featured in this edition of our newsletter:



Questions about service dogs?



News for Veterans



Your contributions are appreciated!

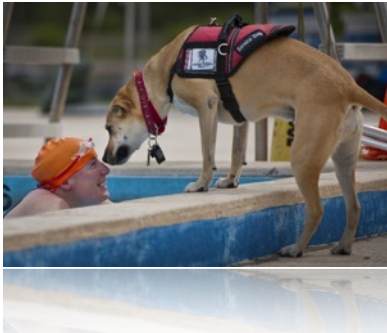
Veteran Resources:

Our website offers a list of resources that can be helpful to veterans, family members, and everyone in between. ADA access information, travel information, financial support links and more are all compiled on one page.

[http://
www.healingpawsforwarriors.org/#!/veteran-resources/ckp2](http://www.healingpawsforwarriors.org/#!/veteran-resources/ckp2)

If you have a resource that you think we should add, please email it to us at info@healingpawsforwarriors.com or call (850) 716-8198.

**Frequently-Asked
Questions about Service
Animals and the
Americans With
Disabilities Act (ADA)**



The Department of Justice provides FAQs on service animals. You can check out the information here:

http://www.ada.gov/regs2010/service_animal_qa.html

The ADA recommends the above guidance be read with its revised requirements on service animals:

http://www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.htm

ADA contact information for questions/concerns can be found at sites listed above.



**A Message From Jennifer Gagne
President, Healing Paws for
Warriors**

Welcome to our first newsletter!

If you are receiving this, you are one of our many supporters—volunteers, staff members, donators— and your efforts are allowing us to work toward the goals put forth in our mission statement.

We are slowly but surely making progress with lining up events to put our organization in the forefront of the community. I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year!

-Jennifer



HOW TO HELP

As HP4WS begins to gain more recognition from the community, we are also gaining more support! Some of it comes in the form of people volunteering specialized services for our veterans and our canines. Some of it is in hours of volunteer work.

Some of it is in donations. We appreciate anything offered! We understand that your busy lifestyles (work, children, school, etc.) may prevent you from volunteering on the weekends. You can still help. The trained service dogs are given to at-need veterans at no cost to the veteran. However, we still need donations to help offset the cost of feeding and housing the dogs during the period of their training. Our website offers a quick and easy way for you to make a donation. Please take a look, and thank you in advance! Healing Paws for Warriors truly relies on caring donors like you.



<http://www.healingpawsforwarriors.org/#!/donate/c1ghi>

37th Annual Jingle Bell Jog

Come out and join us as we raise funds for HP4Ws at this event! Be at 1450 Miracle Strip Parkway SE on Saturday, December 5th.

Register online at <https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/FortWaltonBeach/36thAnnualJingleBellJog>

Sponsored by the Special Forces Association, Chapter 7.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!



**VA Launches Hepatitis C–
Advanced Liver Disease
Disparities Dashboard**

[http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/
pressrelease.cfm?id=2736](http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2736)

**8 Inducted into the 2015 Class of
Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame**

[http://floridavets.org/eight-inducted-into-2015-
class-of-the-florida-veterans-hall-of-fame/](http://floridavets.org/eight-inducted-into-2015-class-of-the-florida-veterans-hall-of-fame/)

**At the VA, Veterans Continue to
Wait For Care**

[http://www.usnews.com/news/articles/
2015/11/11/at-the-va-same-old-story-for-
veterans-facing-long-wait-times](http://www.usnews.com/news/articles/2015/11/11/at-the-va-same-old-story-for-veterans-facing-long-wait-times)

MEET THE TEAM



Sheila Hale is the treasurer of Healing Paws for Warriors. She's spent 20-plus years in finance as a Civil Service employee. More importantly, she's a mother, where her nurturing side is evident in her desire to help people, particularly military veterans. All of the above, coupled with a love of animals, makes her a caring asset to the organization. She has personal experience working with veterans with PTSD and their families, seeing and hearing firsthand the struggles they've endured. Her motto, "we gave our military the weapons to fight, let's provide them with the tools to live" perfectly sums up

her fierce support of the rescue dogs/rescue veterans program; saving lives and saving animals.

Sheila is working towards a Master's in Program Management. She resides in the Fort Walton Beach area with her children, where she is aware and supportive of the needs of the local military community.

*****Note:** All team/staff members of Healing Paws for Warriors are volunteers. The profiles we'll feature in our newsletter will focus on all of our volunteers and the common bond we share in supporting the mission of HP4Ws.



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