

Service for Service Washington Goes to the Dogs



Ty Carter is a United States Army Staff Sergeant and Medal of Honor recipient. He was awarded the United States of America's highest military honor for his actions at the 2009 Battle of Kamdesh in Afghanistan.

Carter, Army Captain William D. Swenson and Army Sergeant First Class Leroy Petry are the only Medal of Honor recipients in any branch of service still on active duty as of 2014.

Carter is currently stationed as a staff noncommissioned officer with the 7th Infantry Division at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.



Kathryn Champion is an honorably discharged Iraqi War Veteran & Bronze Star Recipient. She receives VA care for multiple sclerosis and post-traumatic stress disorder. Kathryn was an Army reservist and former science teacher in Thurston and Yakima counties who rose from the ROTC to the command of an all-male "civil affairs" unit in Iraq. Her job was laughably uncivil. For 15 months, she made life-or-death decisions, tended to bleeding comrades, and stood her ground under fire. She was awarded a Bronze Star. While in Iraq, Kathryn contracted a virus that caused her optic nerves to deteriorate.



John George, WDVA Service Dog Program Coordinator, is a veteran of OEF & OIF. John served 8 years in the United States Air Force, with multiple deployments to combat zones within Iraq. John separated from the military and was diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. He spent many years researching different approaches to managing his symptoms of PTSD, and decided a service dog was the best option. John worked extensively to become educated on the process, extensive training, and the law as it pertains to service dogs. He is currently partnered with Alphonse, a good-natured and loving Goldendoodle.

Green River Community College Lindbloom Student Center August 7, 2014 ~ 8:30am - 3:30pm

Registration from 7:45 - 8:30

Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) and the King County Veterans Program bring you a fascinating day focused on service dogs and Veterans.

Sessions on Service, Emotional Support,
Companion, and Therapy Dogs.

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