



AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors  
att: George Karatzia

Dear Mr. Karatzia,

Canine Companions is proud to present AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors with The Colonel E. David Woycik, Jr. Esq., USA (Ret.) and Lance Corporal Matais Ferreira, USMC (Ret.) Outstanding Service Award. This award is presented each year to a deserving recipient who goes above and beyond to help our heroes who have sacrificed so much for us to continue to enjoy our rights and freedoms. We have the honor of having George Karatzia, the National Chairman for AHEPA – Service Dogs for Warriors and Commander for Disabled American Veterans Chapter #74, accepting this prestigious award.

AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors joined the Canine Companions family in 2020 and has been a strong supporter of our shared mission of matching veterans with highly trained service dog to help them on their path to recovery. In 2016 at AHEPA's national convention, George successfully received a unanimous vote for the creation of the AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors program and to date has raised over \$800,000 to help veterans who struggle with PTSD.

Please join Canine Companions virtually on Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 10AM for the Salute Independence in honoring AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors for their dedication and service to our veteran community.

For more information about the event please visit: [www.canine.org/saluteindependence](http://www.canine.org/saluteindependence).

Regards,

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