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John Sciascia
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Dear Mr. Sciascia:

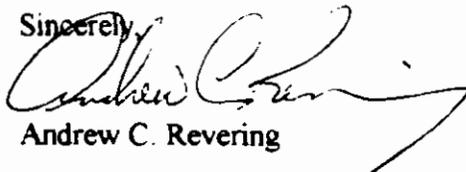
I saw the story of the war dog heroes in the Sunday paper Parade insert. It was very well done. I brought up your web site, which included the enclosed application. If I'm reading the application correctly, I'm eligible to join your association because of my service during the Viet Nam era.

I served as a Sentry Dog Handler with the U.S. Air Force Air Police, 97th Combat Defense Squadron (Strategic Air Command) from 1961 to 1965 at Blytheville AFB, Blytheville, Arkansas. My dog was a German Shepherd name "Chips", # F983.

Upon being Honorably Discharged in 1965 I joined the Anoka, Minnesota Police Department. I served as the City's first Police Dog Handler from 1967 to 1973. I assisted the City's of Minneapolis, St. Paul and others establish canine units during that period. I also served as a Judge for the U.S. Police Canine Association. Upon the death of my police dog "King", the City of Anoka, Minnesota named a city park after him and placed a life size statue in his memory. It was a fitting tribute to a dog who impacted policing considerably in that area. I've included a newsletter page from the 1970s Minneapolis & St. Paul German Shepherd Club which made King an Honorary member along with the 42nd Scout Dog Platoon. I've enclosed a copy of an article, which appeared in law and order magazine about the dedication of the park in Anoka.

I've since retired from the Anoka, Minnesota Police Department where I served for 33 years. The last 14 served as Chief of Police. My wife and I have since relocated to sunny Arizona for the weather. I include this short bio to determine eligibility to join your association. If I am not eligible I'd be glad to assist in any way I can.

Sincerely,



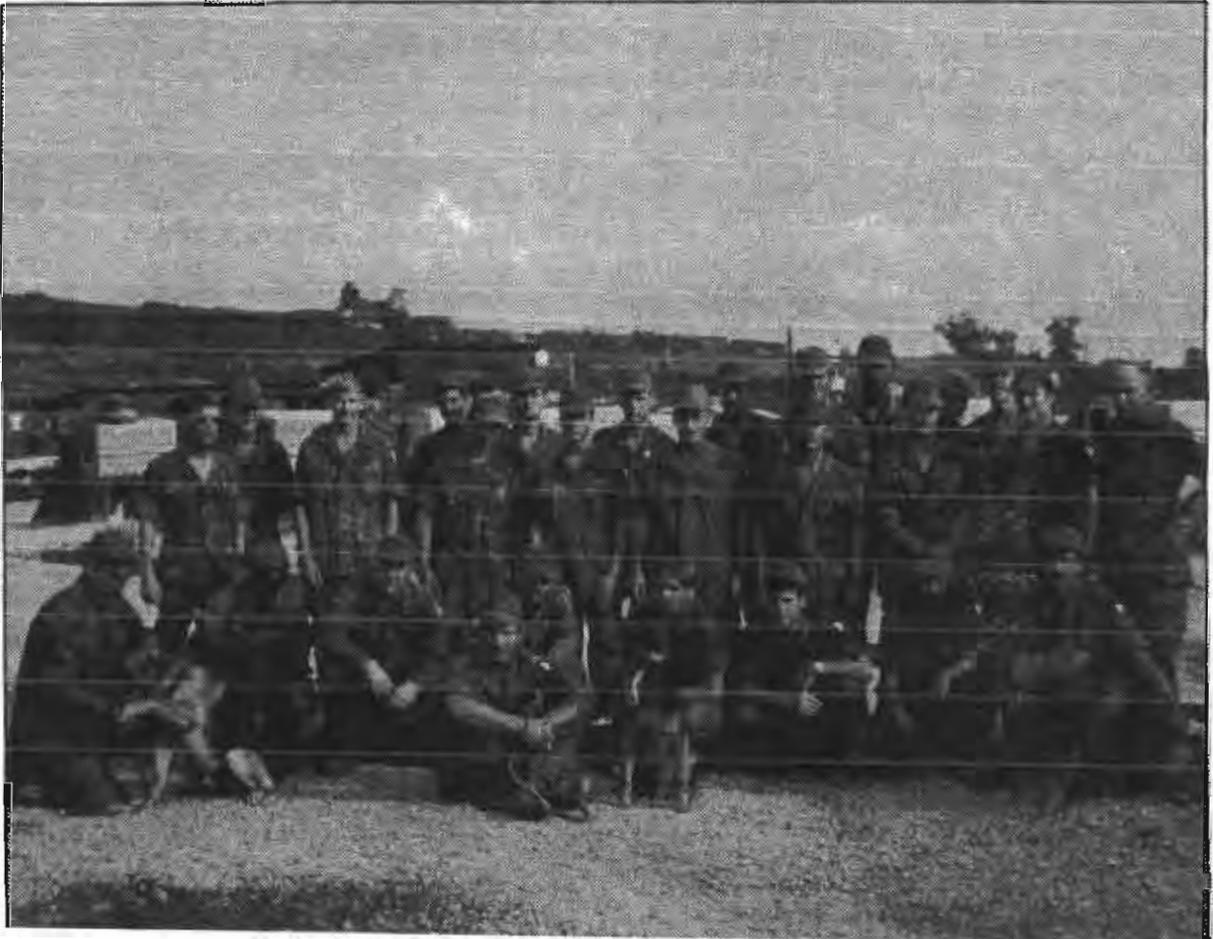
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THE G.S.D.C. OF MINNEAPOLIS & ST. PAUL - PRESENTS THEIR HONORARY K-9 MEMBER WITH AN AWARD.

L-R
Capt. Hall, Andy Revering
and "KING" of the Anoka Police
Dept., Anoka, Minnesota
Jackie & Tom McIntyre



THE G.S.D.C. OF MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL IS PROUD TO PRESENT THE "BEST"
" THE 42ND. SCOUT DOG PLATOON"



Tribute to a Police Dog

By ANDREW C. REVERING

The impact which this fearless protector of the Anoka community had on its citizens will not soon be forgotten, and he will be long remembered by the children of Anoka as a very special and devoted friend.

On May 18, 1977, a small children's park in the city of Anoka was named and dedicated "King Memorial Park." A life-size cement statue of King was purchased by the Anoka Police Federation. The city of Anoka built the brick base, and the original sponsoring civic groups—Anoka Lions, Anoka Jaycees, and Anoka Legion Post 102—furnished the bronze plaque.

The Honorable Charles Sell, Anoka mayor, and Donald Scarborough, former mayor, performed the unveiling ceremony at the monument site. City Commissioner Don Melrose, who is also a teacher at the Sandberg Middle School, introduced three young people who recited essays on the value of dogs. Undersheriff and former Minneapolis Police Chief Don Dwyer was the main speaker. The author addressed the crowd and narrated a police dog demonstration.

Since the dedication, nothing but favorable comments have been received concerning the park. Visitors have journeyed to Anoka to view the monument placed in honor of its first police dog. The park and the monument have promoted most favorable public relations for the city and the police department. ★

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At left, Anoka Police Chief Dave Hoagland; below left, plaque dedicating King Memorial Park to Anoka's first police dog; below right, Mayor Charles Sell and former Mayor Don Scarborough at the unveiling ceremony. Opposite page, City Commissioner Don Melrose with children from his junior high class who read essays on the value of dogs at the dedication; and the last picture of King taken before his death. With him is Eric, Captain Revering's son, then six years old.



In May of 1977, the city of Anoka, Minnesota, a northern suburb of Minneapolis, conducted a very unique ceremony. They dedicated a park in honor of the city's first trained police dog—"King."

King was somewhat of a local hero in Anoka. His accomplishments as a police dog had been compared to the motion picture talents of none other than "Rin Tin Tin."

He was the first trained police dog to be used effectively on a continuous basis in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area, and was recognized in law enforcement as the dog responsible for bringing police dogs back into use in this area.

Involved in numerous arrests in the Anoka area and surrounding communities, King had been cited as being responsible for keeping police officers from becoming



seriously injured or killed on many occasions.

He made apprehensions of suspects when they ordinarily would have gone undetected. His quick and sure apprehensions eliminated the need to resort to deadly force when it ordinarily would have been necessitated.

King was well known by all of the children of Anoka. Every year he was brought to the schools. After displaying his abilities as a police dog, he walked among the school children accepting their caresses as if he were each child's family pet.

King was born in 1965. He came to work on the Anoka Police Department in 1967. The cost of originally obtaining him was borne by the Anoka Lions, Anoka Jaycees, and Anoka American Legion Post 102. He was retired from active duty in 1974 and died of natural causes the following winter of 1975.

King received the Lassie Gold Award for Meritorious Action from the producers of the "Lassie" television show. He also received a Meritorious Service to the Community Award from the Minneapolis-St. Paul German Shepherd Club. A recipient of the Special Citation for Distinguished Police Canine Service from the American Federation of Police, he was formally commended by the mayor and city commission for a job well done upon his retirement.