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ends of the leash*



National War Dog Team Memorial

The proposed memorial represents all US Armed Services and all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations where military working dogs have been used to support military ground operations since WWI.

*John C. Burnam
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Over the course of our Nation's military history, tens of thousands of War Dogs served during WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, Bosnia, Kosovo Peacekeeping Operations, Afghanistan War, and the Iraqi War.

They were specially trained for jobs like Scout, Sentry, Tracker, Mine & Booby Trap, Tunnel, Water Patrol, Coast Guard, Messenger, Search & Rescue, Explosive Detection and Drug Detection.

America's military working dog teams have a long and legendary history of courage, heroism and sacrifice on thousands of named and unnamed foreign fields of battle. They are credited for saving the lives of countless thousands of Americans, allies and noncombatants.



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Their deployment also significantly reduced the enemy's capacity to sabotage or destroy war equipment worth billions of dollars (aircraft, ships, and supply depots).

They had names like Stubby, Chips, Nemo, Prince, Rolf, Baron, Rip, Clipper, Alex, Duke, Renee, Opal, Lady, Flop, Erich, Thea, Rebel, Sarge, Kelly, Tiger, Smokey, Missy, Rocky, Teddy, Casey, and Dutch just to name a few.

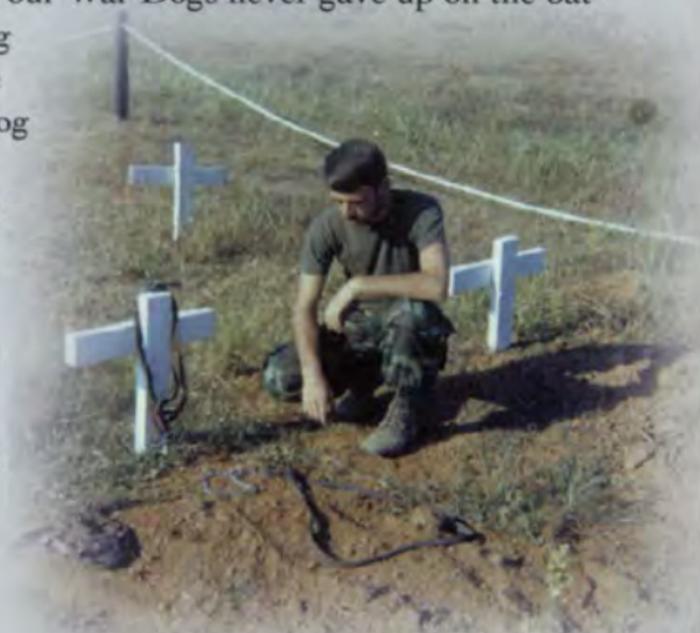
At the end of WWII, the thousands of military working dogs were hailed as heroes and discharged from the military service and returned to the U.S. where many were repatriated with the families that donated them, while others were released to the custody of their handlers to live the rest of their lives in peace.

During the Vietnam War, however, all dogs were classified as equipment and deemed expendable. Despite the enemy placing a price tag on their heads, many dogs survived the entire war and served several different handlers.

At war's end, a little over 200 of the approximately 4,000 dogs that were deployed, made it out alive and were re-assigned for duty at other military installations outside of Vietnam.

The several thousand surviving dogs that remained quarantined were either transferred to the South Vietnam Army for duty or euthanized by order of our government in its haste to withdraw all U.S. forces from that country. Vietnam remains the only foreign war where U.S. Military Working Dogs were treated that way.

Our War Dogs worked for food, water and the love of their handler. In return our War Dogs never gave up on the battlefield. The loving bond and extreme loyalty between dog and handler was unconditional and immeasurable. This is why we must honor them with a National Memorial in Washington D.C!



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Scout Dog Handler SSgt. Robert W. Hartsock was posthumously awarded our Nation's highest award, the Medal of Honor, in a presentation attended by his parents at the White House Oval Office in a ceremony led by President Richard M. Nixon on August 6, 1970 .

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