

LOYALTY RESCUE HEROES DOGS PARTNERS SERVICE TBI **SOLDIER'S BEST★FRIEND** COMMUNITY VETERANS TRUST INSPIRE HOPE MILITARY PTSD **TOUCHING TWO LIVES AT ONCE** FRIENDS

Soldier's Best Friend provides United States military veterans living with combat-related Post Traumatic Stress (PTSD) or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) with Service or Therapeutic Companion Dogs, most of which are rescued from local shelters. The veteran and dog train together to build a trusting relationship that saves two lives at once and inspires countless others.

After the veteran is accepted into our program, they begin training with our professional dog trainers. They are provided a rescue/shelter dog or train with their own dog, if it meets our criteria. Training a service dog takes a minimum of 6 to 9 months. The pair attend training sessions two times per week. During training the dog lives and bonds with their veteran.

There is **NO** cost to the veteran for placement, training, and necessary equipment.

Graduate Statistics

*Based on our 2020 biennial survey to all program graduates

- 94% reported that having a trained service dog has improved their overall quality of life and made a positive impact on their PTS/TBI symptoms.
- 83% who experienced suicidal thoughts prior to training said that having a service dog reduced their suicidal thoughts by at least 50%.
- 89% reported a positive impact on social activities and 79% reported a positive impact on family activities after graduating our program.
- 73% of respondents reported a positive impact on work/career and 71% of respondents reported the program having a positive impact on their education and schooling.



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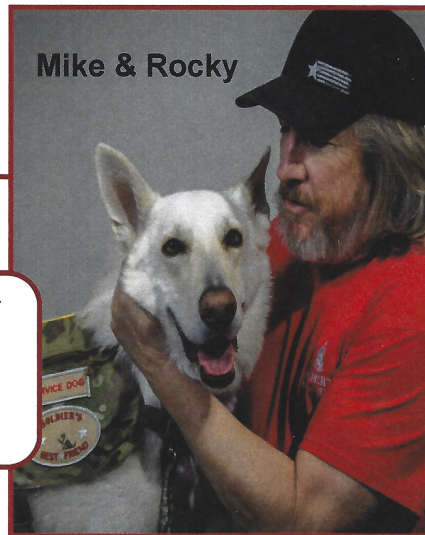
Cost to Pair, Equip,
 and Train a
 veteran/dog team:
 \$7,500 +

At \$0 Cost to the Veteran

"I am more comfortable going out into crowds. Rocky's energy forces me out of my cave and into this world for periods of time throughout the day; a good outcome for both of us. Through this program, SBF has made it possible for a better life for not just me, but for a wonderful dog that someone abandoned."

~Mike & Rocky

2022 Graduates



"Thank you, White German Shepherd Rescue & Soldier's Best Friend, for a second chance at life." ~ Mike & Rocky

TO APPLY OR DONATE

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Veteran/dog teams
 have graduated from
 our program since 2011

200+

Arizona homeless dogs
 have been rescued from
 local rescue/shelter
 partners

SBF TRAINING LOCATIONS



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