



Paws of War - "Helping Both Ends of the Leash"

We are a Non-Profit organization under section 501(c)(3) headquartered on Long Island, NY with chapters in FL and now Eastern NC.

We train people and dogs for disabled Veterans and First-Responders. The focus is on those with PTSD or TBI. Where possible the dogs are rescued from shelters.

Bill O'Brien has been training people and dogs since 2018 on Long Island. Worked with approximately 90 Vets and First Responders (25% Vets and 75% First Responders). We have 4 clients in NC. Three in training and one still in search of a rescue dog.

The Veteran and First Responder are never charged for training.

We will also offer obedience training for a nominal fee for the public and free for all Veterans and First Responders if there is a need.

We are in need of a location.

What is the Program and How are we Different:

- We work with the owner's existing dog or help them find a shelter dog.
- We work with all breeds, however some breeds do not make good service dogs like Malinois and Shepards.
- Most programs use very specific dogs to become service dogs.
- We train the owner to train the dog. This builds an unbreakable bond and trust between the owner and the dog.
- Training is based on positive reinforcement, like treats.
- We have 5 levels of training that starts with obedience and basic skills with milestones with an American Kennel Club (AKC) Evaluator and other training certifications. Bonnie Musto is our evaluator for the AKC and Therapy Dog certifications.
 - AKC Canine Good Citizen (GCG)
 - AKC Advanced CGC
 - AKC CGC Community
 - Therapy Dog or Service Dog
- The program takes about 18 months to 2 years to complete and requires the owner to put in the time with their dog.
- There is an online application process for the Veteran or First Responder participant.

Any Questions?

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