

## July 2020 News

## In Case You Missed It...

Are you looking for ways you can stay involved with K9s For Warriors despite COVID-19?

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## Step into the shoes of a K9 Trainer

Our K9 trainers spend every day from three to six months with our Service Dogs-in-training, and naturally, a bond begins to grow. After months of hard work from both the trainer and the Service-Dog in training, the day finally comes when the dog will meet their Warrior, which we happily call "Dog Day." One of our K9 Trainers, April, allows us to step into her shoes and experience Dog Day with her.

"Dog Day is a bittersweet day for me filled with emotions. I feel excited and anxious for my dog to meet their Warrior for the first time. While we line the dogs up out of sight to meet the Warriors, I give them each a pep talk and tell them to be good for their new mom or dad, and I feel very proud as my dog sits next to me. To see the Warrior walk up for the first time is very emotional and exciting to know that their journey together is just beginning, and such great things are in store for both of them. Once the Warrior clips their leash to the dog's collar and I unclip mine, I become filled with hope and feel one of the most rewarding feelings I have ever felt. It is amazing to watch the Warrior walk away with their Service Dog for the first time, knowing that the bond they create will be incredible."



April 2017 graduate, Andrew, had his old dress blues tailored to fit Ren, his battle buddy. Ren wears the dress blues for special occasions and gets a lot of attention for his adorable, classy look.





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