



MOSS CREEK MARINES OPERATION HELPING HEROES



Helping With paws4vets Service Dog

**ADOPTED HERO NO. 14
GySgt. BRANDON FOOTE
WITH TESSA**



GySgt. Brandon Foote, USMC Ret.

GYSGT (E7)

Operation Enduring Freedom, USS Makin Island

Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal (4), Letter of Appreciation (7), Navy Unit Commendation, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon (4), National Defense Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2), Marine Security Guard Ribbon (2), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Certificate of Commendation (Individual) (4), Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Meritorious Mast, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (Persian Gulf), Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (2), Expert Rifle Qualification Badge (3), Expert Pistol Qualification Badge (1)

Brandon is an OEF, OIF veteran. He served in the USMC for 14 years before he was medically retired. He suffers from a TBI from a combat related injury. He lived with PTS for several years before reporting it because he feared being labeled as "weak". He also has a hard time remembering simple things such as where he put his keys, due to his TBI. He suffers from frequent anxiety attacks, he is always on alert and he avoids public places where there are lots of people. He has trouble concentrating and calming down.

Brandon hopes that an Assistance Dog will lower hi blood pressure by alerting to his anxiety in order to help calm him down. He also hopes that a dog will help him become more social and get him back into society. He needs a dog to watch his back and alert him when someone comes up behind him and he really wants help finding his keys!