



# MOSS CREEK MARINES OPERATION HELPING HEROES



Helping With paws4vets Service Dog

**ADOPTED HERO NO. 13  
MSgt. SIMON PHILLIPS  
WITH GUINNESS**



## **MSgt. Simon Phillips, USMC Ret.**

Simon joined the Marine Corps in 1996. While stationed in Iraq in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, his vehicle was hit by a roadside IED, disabling the vehicle. Simon suffered severe nerve damage to his right arm, left leg and back. After two lower back surgeries (one included fusion) he now walks with the assistance of a prosthetic brace and cane. Simon has been diagnosed with Post-Traumatic Stress (PTS), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), anxiety, depression and chronic pain. Simon rescued GUINNESS from the local pound and they quickly bonded. GUINNESS' natural instinct was always to stay close and attentive to Simon. GUINNESS is trained to provide support with day-to-day tasks such as opening doors or picking up dropped items. Her sociability makes her the perfect fit for Simon allowing him to re-engage with society.