



MOSS CREEK MARINES OPERATION HELPING HEROES

MAY 2017

Please Join Us As We Honor
Warrior-Canine Team

James & Diesel

Thursday May 18th, 2017 6:00 pm

Camp K9
114 Camp K9 Road
Ponte Vedra, FL 32081



**Pictures Withheld
By Request**

Helping With K9's For Warriors Service Dog

**ADOPTED HERO NO. 22
Maj. JAMES WITH DIESEL.**



Maj. Jim and Diesel

I can't express my appreciation for the contribution that you and the members of Moss Creek Marines make to K9s for Warriors for every Marine who has the privilege of receiving a service dog through them.

Your generous contribution epitomizes the expression "Band of Brothers & Sisters". You not only preach those words but put them into action--from the bottom of my heart, thank you!

We are a prideful breed. You can take the Marine out of the Corps, but you can't take the Corps out of the Marine! It was difficult for me to accept I had a problem and even harder to accept help--first through the VA, now through K9s For Warriors. Your continued contributions to K9s For Warriors will ensure that when a Marine is ready to accept help, it will be there and waiting for them. I can't express how humbling that is to realize I was worthy of help.

Recently, we were asked to complete a survey to support a study Purdue is doing on the impact of service dogs. In going through the survey, I could see where he has really helped me (and some areas we need to focus on together). His primary impact on my life has been a more positive disposition & better control of my emotions. I realized how important our playtime is for both of us as well. It's helped me to realize it's o.k. to have some fun once in a while & it picks Diesel's spirits up, as well! It's amazing how closely linked our emotions have become!

Diesel, is a black/chocolate lab with some other breed mixed in. He was found abandoned in Jacksonville and taken in by the Jacksonville Animal Shelter. The President of K9s For Warriors saw the potential in him and got him a new home and purpose in life.

Thank you all again for your support and efforts. It's hard to believe it's only been about 1 1/2 months since Diesel & I graduated. Already, he's had a positive impact on my life!

Regards,