



MOSS CREEK MARINES OPERATION HELPING HEROES



Helping With K9's For Warriors Service Dog

**ADOPTED HERO NO. 31
Cpl. SCOTT WITH MADDY**



WARRIOR-CANINE STORIES: SCOTT & MADDY

Scott joined the Marine Corps in 2006 and was stationed in North Carolina. He volunteered to deploy in support of OIF/OEF, and was sent to Iraq in 2008. Scott returned home in 2009 and finished his military service one year later.

Though he found the strength and motivation to complete a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration after separating, he still struggled heavily with PTSD.

"It put me into a rut for several years. I've gone through nine trials of medication through the VA, but haven't seen any difference. My wife found K9s For Warriors through a Facebook page. We talked about it and decided to give it a shot."



Soon after Scott joined the November 2017 class, he said he "found exactly what I needed." He met his new battle buddy, Maddy, and learned how to manage his PTSD symptoms during their three-week training period together.

"The staff at K9s have done an amazing job as far as making sure we have everything we need and showing that they care. The House Moms assure we are always comfortable. The warrior trainers have been amazing, not just with helping us with our dogs, but they've been easy to talk to with other things as well. I can't wait to be an ambassador for this great organization in the future."