

TADSAW NEEDS YOUR HELP:

Today, TADSAW receives calls and inquiries from Veterans all over the United States, including Puerto Rico. They are Active Duty, Retired or Discharged. Applicants are from the Korean War Era on up to the more recent conflicts. They are all needing help and TADSAW is there for them. It is TADSAW's desire to do the Right Thing and that is to 'Train the Dog and Save the Warrior'!!

75 to 85 teams enter the program ready to begin training every month.



The applications are being completed and returned faster than ever, and, unfortunately, are now exceeding the available resources, causing applicants to be placed on a 'waiting to start' list. And time is a most precious commodity with suicides being an ongoing concern.

THE TADSAW PROMISE

TADSAW is committed to serving the men and women of the United States Military, their families and the First Responders, responsible with protecting our Nation. Each Veteran is somebody's daughter, son, sister, brother, aunt, uncle, mother, father, spouse or partner.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TODAY

TADSAW, Inc. is funded through private donations and grants. The cost to sponsor one TADSAW Veteran/Service Dog Team is \$2,500.

Any size donation is greatly appreciated. To make a donation online, please go to the website and use I donate, PayPal, Visa, MasterCard or Discover. Recurring monthly gifts can also be made online. Checks can be mailed to the office at the address shown below.



TADSAW combines the disciplines of occupational, physical, psychopharmaceutical and spiritual therapy in a single program, designed to enrich the Quality of Life and re-connect and heal the Veteran over a period of time, with the training of a canine "Battle Buddy" with their family, in their neighborhood and in their community.

Please visit www.tadsaw.org to learn more about the Veterans' journeys and the lives that have been changed or for more information on the application process.

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TRAIN A DOG - SAVE A WARRIOR PROGRAM

"Life was locked in my house all day. Afraid to leave, afraid to go to a restaurant or to my kid's Soccer game, or to the grocery. I had to sit with my back to the wall, watch all the doors, never slept without horrible flash-backs, was hyper vigilant and drank too much. Twice I came close to killing myself when my wife stopped me."

All too often TADSAW hears these words from other Veterans seeking assistance. The above Veteran's life was changed in the Fall 2011 with a Service Dog, named GUNNY.

You can save a Veteran's life, just like this one, and help a family and a community.

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Twenty-two suicide deaths daily of Veterans surviving with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and/or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), reported in March 2013 by a VA spokesman who then stated "We are comfortable with this number." **THINK about those words and that OVER 20% of all Service Members will be affected by PTSD, the 'Invisible Wound'.**

The **TADSAW Mission** is to provide for the training of a Medical Alert Service Dog, as designated by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 2010 guidelines, for ANY wounded Veteran service member (Active Duty, Retired or Discharged), surviving with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Military Induced Anxiety Depression Syndrome (MIADS), Military Sexual Trauma (MST) and/or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), in order to restore and improve the Veteran's Quality of Life with a canine "Battle Buddy" at NO Charge to the Veteran or their family, and the difference made to the family, the neighborhood and the community.

The concept "**Plan – Prepare – Engage**" is unique to the TADSAW program as it re-establishes habits that were ingrained in the training of today's veterans, with the exception of now having a canine 'Battle Buddy'.

As one Spouse said, "**They don't get over PTSD, they just learn how to live with it moment to moment**". Now, instead of just surviving, the Veteran and their 'Battle Buddy' can PREVAIL!!

IMAGINE the thought of RE-CONNECTING with the family for the first time since returning home!! WOW!!

THINK about rescuing a dog from a kill-shelter and pairing it with a Veteran surviving with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) – or Military Induced Anxiety Depression Syndrome (MIADS) an occupational hazard due to the horrors of war, and the 'Train a Dog – Save a Warrior' philosophy "**TOGETHER THEY TRAIN TO HONE THEIR SKILLS AND BOND AS A TEAM.**"... Since July 2010, the results of the program's success has produced **over 750 TADSAW Service Dog Teams**, including over 92 Vietnam Veteran Teams and ONE Korean War Veteran Team, and still training, accrediting and counting! THINK about the difference made in the Quality of Life for the 595+ Veterans, 750+ Dogs and the families, the neighborhoods and the 750+ communities where these Teams live.

TADSAW is about the power of the American Service Member and the American people and what they can do.

Are we **AmeriCANS** or **AmeriCANTs** when it comes to supporting Our Veterans? Each one of us can make a difference now and get it done. It is called the **POWER OF ONE**. And all it takes is just one to start things moving. One raindrop can become a flood. One snowflake becomes a blizzard. One Veteran saying "I Need Help" and one wounded Veteran saying "I wish my dog could be that well behaved". And finally one person saying "It's as simple as chocolate and peanut butter in a candy bar!" Train a Dog – Save a Warrior!! And that's how it began in 2010 for TADSAW.

THINK about saving two lives today – the Dog's and the Veteran's – at the same time - and the ripple effect it can have on the family and community!!

Pray as if everything depended on God. Act as if everything depended on YOU!!!

REMEMBER "VETERANS LIVES MATTER" 

- Bart Sherwood, Program Director, TADSAW INC.

