

## TADSAW TRAINING PROGRAM

The TADSAW training program is based on a 20-to-25-week course of Positive Reinforced training, depending on the Team's progress. The ability of the human and the canine 'Battle Buddy' to work together is key to developing a successful Medical Alert Service Dog Team.

### PHASE 1: (7 to 8 weeks)

The initial part of the program focuses on being able to give the obedience commands, to have the Dog follow those commands, as well as to behave appropriately in public as determined by the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen test. The Veteran will also learn to read, understand and proactively respond to the Dog's body language.

### PHASE 2: (8 to 10 weeks)

The second part of the program focuses on the social interaction skills necessary to be in public settings. These include hospitals, medical clinics, shopping centers, restaurants, movie theaters, workplace environments, etc. Also, the Veteran's special needs, such as special tasks and training, will be finalized.

### PHASE 3: (5 to 7 weeks)

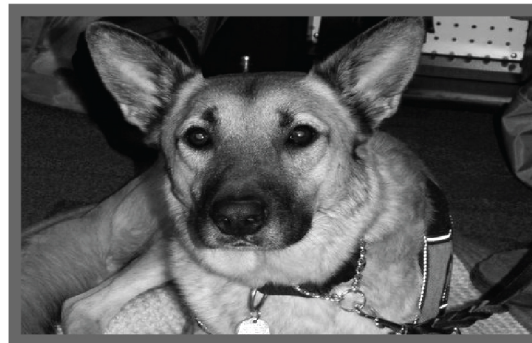
This final part prepares the Service Dog Team for the TADSAW Public Access Temperament Test (PATT), which is the final classroom session of the program.

When the Team successfully completes the PATT, they are now recognized as an accredited TADSAW Medical Alert Service Dog Team, according to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 2010 guidelines and definitions and benefitting with all of the Right of Public Access afforded...

TADSAW's **PTSD** program combines all of the disciplines of occupational, physical, psycho-pharmaceutical and spiritual therapy into a single program, designed to enrich the Veteran's Quality of Life, with the training of a canine "Battle Buddy", in order to re-connect and "heal" the Veteran over a period of time with their family, in their neighborhood and in their Community.

## IS THIS FOR YOU?

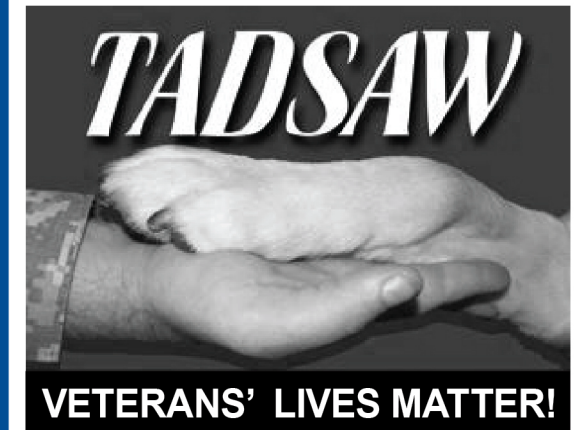
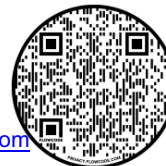
1. Recognize and accept that you have MIADS/ptsd//MST//TBI and want an alternative therapy to assist in restoring and improving your quality of life.
2. Make certain all immediate family members, and/or support systems are 100% supportive.
3. Make certain health care provider is on board.
4. Strong commitment to training, including your time, effort, and gas to attend the sessions and be a part of a service dog team.
5. Accept and understand that having a service dog will initially focus more attention to you. You will learn how to handle the situation and be more comfortable.
6. It is your obligation to keep your Battle Buddy healthy, well cared for, and safe.
7. Personal dogs to be evaluated must be spayed/neutered and at least 12 months of age.
8. If you agree to the above - PLEASE contact TADSAW INC for an application.



Please visit [www.tadsaw.org](http://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 flashbacks, 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.

From July 2010 thru 11/30/2024, TADSAW INC. has accredited **1,541 Service Dog Teams**, including **174** Vietnam Veteran and **TWO** Korean War Veteran Teams! **Are you ready to sign up?**

TADSAW INC., founded in 2012, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, EIN:45-4556055.



## MISSION STATEMENT

The Train A Dog - Save A Warrior (TADSAW) mission is to provide for the training of a Medical Alert Service Dog, as designated by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines, for ANY and ALL wounded Veteran Service Members (Active Duty, Retired, Discharged), surviving with **Military Induced Anxiety Depression Syndrome (MIADS)**, post traumatic stress disorder (ptsd), Military Sexual Trauma (MST) and/or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), in order to improve and restore the Veteran's Quality of Life with a canine 'Battle Buddy', at **NO CHARGE** to the Veteran or their family.

Remember the TADSAW program philosophy is, "Together you train to hone your skills and Bond as a Team". These same words appear on the U.S. Military Working Dog Monument at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas.

Another unique TADSAW concept, based upon Military culture, is 'Plan – Prepare – Engage', in order to increase the probability of successfully completing the mission.

**1,060+ MALE Veteran Teams...AND  
480+ FEMALE Veteran Teams**

## WHO WE ARE

TADSAW INC is based in San Antonio, TX and has been providing training to Veterans beginning in July 2010. Since then, TADSAW has accredited **1,540+ Medical Alert Service Dog Teams** throughout the United States. TADSAW tries to locate trainers within a 45 to 90-mile driving radius of your home, if not closer.

*"Learn One – Do One – Teach One". "Listen, learn then Lead", "Plan-Prepare-Engage",* are phrases associated with the United States Military and are the words all Service Members learn and live by to complete a successful mission. These phrases are essential to the success of TADSAW.

## SO, YOU THINK YOU ARE READY TO HAVE A SERVICE DOG - NOW?

What kind of "crutch" do you want? Psychological counseling, poly-pharmaceutical, or a Service Dog?? **THE CHOICE IS YIOURS!! Having a Service Dog is a 24/7/365 commitment.**

## HOW TADSAW TRAINING WORKS

TADSAW is a **Participant Trained Service Dog (PTSD)** program - meaning You are totally involved in the training of your Service Dog and getting your **Military Induced Anxiety Depression Syndrome (MIADS)** – an Occupation-Related Health Hazard - under control and **Destigmatizing** your condition as a Mental Health/ Mental Illness issue as the Department of Defense and the VA refers to post traumatic stress disorder (ptsd!!).. **TADSAW Fights Fire with Fire!!!**



1,490 + VETERAN Suicides prevented by TADSAW Service Dogs since 2010! And this is just the start!

**PTSD** has proven to be a major factor in preventing suicides!!! **1,540+ !! Huh???**

**Participant Trained Service Dog// Personal Trained Service Dog** – it still is **PTSD!!** Just Improved!!

In 2021, instead of using phrases such as Daily Veteran Suicide rate, let us start concentrating on both Suicide Prevention and decreasing those numbers. No Veteran suicide is acceptable, and NO explanation should be tolerated. The only question is, 'Why and what happened NOT to prevent this suicide'?? No more **Acceptable Losses or Missed Intervention Opportunities (\*MIO\*) PERIOD!!!** And let us begin by **destigmatizing** the health issue propagated by the Department of Defense and continued by the Department of Veterans Affairs and restating the medical condition from a mental health/mental illness diagnosis to an Occupation Related Health Hazard!!