

Sponsorship Levels

Platinum - \$10,000

Included in all media communications and introductions to media, banner headline, speaking/presenting medal opportunity at award ceremony, copy of medal and framed certificate. A table to display products/information will be provided. Photo of sponsor with medal recipients will also be provided. Featured and listed on AnimalsInWarAndPeace.org website and Donor Wall.

Gold - \$5,000

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Silver - \$2,500

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Bronze - \$1,000

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All donations will be placed on the Animals in War & Peace Donor Wall.

Previous Ceremonies

The 2019 and 2022 ceremonies exceeded expectations on numbers of guests, Congressional support, and media attendance. Previous press releases and media listings are available at AnimalsInWarAndPeace.org/Press. Some of those include the following:

Washington Post / Kids Post 2022

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/kidspost/2022/03/22/dogs-awarded-war-and-peace-medals/>

Washington Post 2019

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/science/2019/11/15/us-animals-now-have-medal-wartime-bravery/>

Wikipedia

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Animals_in_War_%26_Peace_Medal_of_Bravery)

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ANIMALS IN WAR AND PEACE 2023 MEDAL CEREMONY

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

This fact sheet is confidential and for use of the designated recipient only. The medalist information is not available for release to the media or the public until the March 2023 event.

The Third Medal Ceremony scheduled for March 8, 2023 will recognize and honor six unsung animal heroes for their accomplishments in both war and peace on Capitol Hill, Washington, DC. The Medal Ceremony is hosted by Animals in War & Peace, The Livingood Group, and US War Dogs Association. The ceremony continues the efforts toward a new Congressional medal to underscore America's appreciation of the sacrifices and heroics of our American animals who served our country. Two medal categories will be awarded to only six animals.

The *Animals in War & Peace Medal of Bravery* will be awarded by Members of Congress to animals that served in past wars (posthumous), and current working or retired military dogs representing U.S. military services, service animals and first responders, for their courage and sacrifice.

The *Animals in War & Peace Distinguished Service Medal* will also be awarded by Members of Congress and presented to animals distinguished by their exceptionally meritorious service to the U.S. in a duty of great responsibility.

Date: March 8, 2023 - 4:00PM to 6:00PM

Location: Rayburn House Office Building's Gold Room, Washington, DC.

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2023 ANIMALS IN WAR AND PEACE MEDAL OF BRAVERY MEDALISTS



MPC KAY: 75th Army Ranger Regiment, Afghanistan/Iraq, Belgian Malinois: MPC Kay served from 2007–2011 as a Multi-Purpose Canine trained in apprehension, tracking, explosive and article detection, area searches, and hunting down fleeing insurgents. MPC Kay successfully completed over 200 Special Operation nighttime raids, over 75 day operations, and apprehended several high-profile Al Qaeda and Taliban leaders during his four deployments. Additionally, Kay located an important phone sim card that was thrown by a high value target during a raid that was the key that unlocked a new web of leaders in a specific terror cell.



MOCKER: WWI, U.S. Army Signal Corps, Homing Pigeon: During the Battle of Saint-Mihiel in Sept 1918, Mocker arrived with a message from the frontlines, despite his right eye having been destroyed by a shell fragment and his head a mass of clotted blood. Thanks to Mocker's flight, the German artillery guns were silenced in only 20 minutes. Even with the loss of an eye, Mocker continued to fly once he healed, eventually credited with carrying 33 messages during the war.



MPC SHIMANSKI: MARSOC, Afghanistan/Iraq/Jordan/Somalia, Belgian Malinois (alive): MPC Shimanski served 4 tours in 7 years. During one operation in Sangin, Afghanistan, the Team Chief was fatally wounded. Shimanski, his handler, and two other members of the unit rushed to the point of injury. Under extremely heavy enemy direct and indirect fire, regardless of his own safety, MPC Shimanski exited the vehicle with his handler to begin establishing a safe path to their wounded teammate and the surrounding area. The team cleared two hasty helicopter landing zones to evacuate their team member. MPC Shimanski preformed to the highest standard, under gravely dangerous conditions, without error.



PACO 352: U.S. Army, Afghanistan, Belgian Malinois (alive). Deployed to Afghanistan in October 2012 in support of Operation Detachment Alpha/Special Operations Task Force. Paco led the unit during night raids on villages in extremely hostile territories, positively identified 52 IEDs during different missions. Paco led a 30-truck convoy 20 miles during an evacuation that was constantly fired upon with small arms and rocket propelled grenades. He was wounded with shrapnel but returned to duty after treated for injuries.



K9 JAFAR: Baytown Police, Texas, Multi-purpose SWAT, Narcotics Detection, Patrol, Belgian Malinois (alive) - Jafar and his partner were called-up to a barricaded armed suspect situation where a suspect was reported to have piles of weapons and was firing shots from a handgun into his neighbors' homes. After an eight-hour standoff, K-9 Jafar was deployed into the residence, which had been heavily tear-gassed. Jafar located the suspect hiding in a pantry with two small dogs. Jafar apprehended the suspect, who in turn grabbed Jafar by the head holding his muzzle closed as the cover officers moved into the residence and apprehended him without further violence.

2023 ANIMALS IN WAR & PEACE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDALISTS



SGT YORK: Army Caisson Platoon - Military Working Equine (MWE) (alive): Sgt York served 25 years as one of the Caisson Platoon's most important and storied MWEs. He became a Caparisoned Horse (Cap Horse), a riderless horse that symbolizes an officer's final ride in battle, where empty boots are faced backwards in the stirrups. He was the Cap Horse in President Ronald Reagan's funeral, and countless other dignitaries. In 2004, he was selected as *Horse of the Year* and placed in the Harness Racing Hall of Fame.