



Animals in War & Peace Nomination Form Distinguished Service Medal

The ***AWP Distinguished Service Medal*** is awarded to recognize distinguished and exceptionally meritorious service in the performance of his or her duties.

This Medal is awarded to any animal who distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism, not justifying the Medal of Bravery award.

To justify this award, exceptional performance of duty, clearly above that normally expected during day-to-day operations, which has contributed materially to the success of a unit, command or department is required.

The Medal is also warranted for sustained superior performance throughout the course of their duties.

Name(s) of Individual(s) Submitting the Award:

Lt. James Klein

Address:

242 W. 29TH St

City:

Baltimore

State:

Maryland

Zip Code:

21211

Daytime phone number:

443 742 6512

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James.Klein@baltimorepolice.org

Are you over 18 years old: Yes

No

What type of animal: Dog Horse Pigeon Other Please Specify:

Nominated Animal's name: Roscoe
If deceased, provide date of death:

Age: 3

What branch of service (USA, USAF, USMC, USN, USCG, USSPACECOM), public safety (law enforcement, fire department, etc.), or private sector service is animal affiliated with: Law Enforcement

If the animal is a personal service animal, what is its main duty:

Are you the Owner/Handler? Yes No

If you're not the Owner or Handler, you will need the permission of the animal's Owner to submit. If there is no Owner/Handler, please explain why:

As the Lieutenant of the Baltimore Police Department K9 Unit, I am the representative (owner). The dog is assigned to Det. Donald Hayes as the handler.

Name of Owner/Handler:
Baltimore Police Department/Det Donald Hayes
Address: 242 W. 29th Street

City: Baltimore State: Maryland Zip Code:21211

Daytime phone number: 410 804-8144 Email:
Donald.Hayes@Baltimorepolice.org

By submitting and signing this nomination form you agree to full unrestricted use of the details of your nomination (and/or award if you are successfully selected) and your image and that of the animal nominated in this form to be utilized in all forms of publicity, including but not limited to, social media platforms indefinitely.

Signature of Owner/Handler:
Date:3/13/2026 *LT. Det. Don Hayes*

Signature of Individual Submitting the Award:
Date: 3/13/2026 *LT.*

Supporting Documentation: We need to know as much as possible about the animal you have nominated. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO PROVIDE** as much supporting documentation as possible.

- Please provide a document (up to 250 words) that describes, in detail, why you believe the nominated animal deserves the ***AWP Distinguished Service Medal***.
- Please provide a document (up to 500 words) outlining the narrative history of the animal's life to date/career
- Please provide up to five (5) letters of support for the nomination detailing why this animal is worthy of recognition. It is especially important to provide statements and/or letters of support from other members of the team that served with the animal, if possible.
- Please provide a document (one page) that includes photos of the animal.
- Please provide a document (one page) with digital links to news/social media, etc., and/or bibliography sources (books or articles).

Contact:

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WarAnimals@yahoo.com
805-603-2174

Please send completed application by mail or email to:

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K-9 Team Award Nomination

Detective Donald Hayes (H139) and K-9 Roscoe (4136)

Team Biography

Detective Donald Hayes (H139) is a 25-year law enforcement veteran who has served as a K-9 handler since 2016. He is currently assigned to the Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Task Force, where he works alongside his K-9 partner, Roscoe (4136). The pair have been partnered since December 2023, providing narcotics detection support to numerous local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies throughout Maryland.

K-9 Roscoe is a three-year-old brown and white German Shorthaired Pointer with an athletic build who was imported from Hungary at 18 months of age. Selected for his exceptional working traits, Roscoe was trained by the Baltimore Police K-9 Unit training staff and is certified in narcotics detection. Roscoe possesses a relentless hunt drive and determination that make him highly effective during searches. Extremely toy-driven and always motivated to work, he approaches every deployment with enthusiasm and intensity.

Despite his high energy and strong drive, Roscoe remains steady and composed in stressful operational environments. His intelligence, focus, and ability to quickly process complex search scenarios make him a dependable detection partner. Combined with Detective Hayes' years of experience as a handler, the team has developed a strong working bond that allows them to operate efficiently and effectively in demanding law enforcement operations.

Together, Detective Hayes and K-9 Roscoe exemplify the professionalism, discipline, and dedication required of elite K-9 teams, serving as a powerful force in disrupting narcotics trafficking and protecting the communities they serve.

Narrative of Service and Accomplishments

Detective Donald Hayes and K-9 Roscoe have served as a dedicated K-9 team since December 2023 and are currently assigned to the Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Task Force. Since their assignment, the team has demonstrated exceptional professionalism, reliability, and operational effectiveness while supporting numerous local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies across the State of Maryland.

Between July 1, 2024, and March 12, 2026, Detective Hayes and K-9 Roscoe assisted multiple agencies including the Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore County Police Department, Cecil County Drug Task Force, Maryland State Police, Maryland Transportation Authority Police, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and Homeland Security Investigations. Their consistent availability and willingness to support

partner agencies have made them a critical regional resource in the fight against narcotics trafficking and violent crime.

During this timeframe, K-9 Roscoe conducted **239 scans** which resulted in the seizure of significant quantities of illegal narcotics and criminal assets. These operations led to the detection and seizure of approximately **379.58 kilograms (836.83 pounds) of illegal narcotics**, including fentanyl pills and powder, cocaine, marijuana, methamphetamine, MDMA, and heroin.

In addition to narcotics seizures, their work contributed to the recovery of **28 illegal firearms** and the seizure of **\$772,232 in U.S. currency** connected to criminal activity.

The results achieved by this team demonstrate not only K-9 Roscoe's exceptional detection ability but also Detective Hayes' skill as a handler in coordinating deployments and supporting complex investigative operations. Their work has directly disrupted the distribution of dangerous narcotics—particularly fentanyl—throughout the region and has helped remove illegal weapons and criminal proceeds from the streets.

Through their professionalism, dedication to training, and commitment to supporting partner agencies, Detective Hayes and K-9 Roscoe have made a measurable impact on public safety. Their work reflects the highest standards of law enforcement service and makes them highly deserving of recognition.

Closing Statement

Through their dedication, skill, and relentless commitment to the mission, Detective Donald Hayes and K-9 Roscoe have proven themselves to be an exceptional K-9 team. Their work has significantly disrupted narcotics trafficking operations, removed dangerous firearms from circulation, and strengthened cooperation among law enforcement agencies throughout Maryland. Their performance exemplifies the highest traditions of the K-9 profession and makes them highly deserving of this award and recognition.

Brief Biography:

Detective Donald Hayes (H139) is a 25-year law enforcement veteran who has served as a K-9 handler since 2016. He currently works alongside his K-9 partner, Roscoe (4136), assigned to the Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Task Force. The pair have been partnered since December 2023, providing narcotics detection support to numerous local, state, and federal agencies throughout Maryland.

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Operational Results (July 1, 2024 – March 12, 2026)

Total K-9 Scans Conducted: 239

Narcotics Seized

Drug Type	Amount (Grams)	Kilograms	Pounds
Fentanyl Pills (approx. 350,000 pills)	28,600 g	28.60 kg	63 lbs
Fentanyl Powder	29,190 g	29.19 kg	64.37 lbs
Cocaine	262,869 g	262.87 kg	579.52 lbs
Marijuana	56,929 g	56.92 kg	125 lbs
Methamphetamine	1,243 g	1.2 kg	2.2 lbs
MDMA	583 g	—	—
Heroin	170 g	—	—

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379,584 grams | 379.58 kilograms | 836.83 pounds

Additional Seizures

- **28 Firearms Recovered**
- **\$772,232 U.S. Currency Seized**



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U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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Baltimore, MD 21202

March 12, 2026

Medal Committee
Animals in War and Peace

To the Members of the Medal Committee:

I respectfully submit this letter of recommendation nominating K-9 Roscoe, partnered with Detective Hayes, of the Baltimore City Police Department, for the Animals in War and Peace Distinguished Service Medal. From July 1, 2024, through the present, K-9 Roscoe has served with exceptional distinction while assigned to the Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Homeland Security Task Force 3; Weapons and Narcotics Trafficking (HSTF-3), operating throughout the State of Maryland.

K-9 Roscoe is an indispensable member of our investigative team. HSI's success in combating narcotics and weapons trafficking in Maryland would not be nearly as substantial without his contributions. Day after day, K-9 Roscoe and Detective Hayes are among the first to volunteer for operations, willingly responding to requests for assistance from our group and our law enforcement partners. Their professionalism, reliability, and constant readiness have made them a go-to resource for complex, high-risk investigations.

K-9 Roscoe's detection capabilities have directly contributed to the disruption and dismantlement of major narcotics and weapons trafficking networks throughout Maryland. During the period from July 1, 2024, to March 12, 2026, his work has been instrumental in seizures totaling approximately:

- 350,000 fentanyl pills (about 28.6 kilograms)
- 29.19 kilograms of fentanyl powder
- 262.87 kilograms of cocaine
- 56.92 kilograms of marijuana
- 1.2 kilograms of methamphetamine
- 583 grams of MDMA



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These efforts amount to roughly 380 kilograms of dangerous narcotics removed from circulation. In addition to the narcotics seizures, investigations supported by K-9 Roscoe have resulted in the removal of 28 firearms from the streets and the seizure of approximately \$772,232 in U.S. currency linked to criminal activity. Collectively, these results have had a measurable impact on reducing violent crime and drug overdoses in our communities.

There is no single “headline” incident that defines K-9 Roscoe’s service, and that is precisely what sets him apart. Each deployment, whether a vehicle sniff, parcel interdiction, search warrant, or support to another agency, is conducted with the same unwavering focus and effectiveness. Time and again, when K-9 Roscoe and Detective Hayes arrive on scene, fellow investigators express confidence that if contraband is present, it will be found. Their consistent, repeatable excellence over hundreds of operational deployments is the hallmark of distinguished service.

Beyond his operational achievements, K-9 Roscoe’s presence has strengthened teamwork and morale across HSTF-3 and among our state and local partners. He has supported large, multi-agency investigations, often working long hours in demanding conditions. Despite this, his drive and enthusiasm never waver, reflecting the exceptional training and professionalism of both K-9 Roscoe and Detective Hayes.

K-9 Roscoe’s record during this period reflects sustained superior performance, bravery in the face of inherent dangers associated with narcotics and weapons enforcement, and a direct, demonstrable contribution to public safety. His work has saved lives, protected communities, and significantly advanced the mission of Homeland Security Investigations and our partner agencies.

For these reasons, I strongly and without reservation recommend K-9 Roscoe for the Animals in War and Peace Distinguished Service Medal. His service exemplifies the highest standards of working animals in law enforcement, and he is richly deserving of this recognition.

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination.

Respectfully,

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Attention Medal Committee for Animals in War and Peace:

I am honored to recommend Homeland Security Investigations Task Force Officer (TFO) and Baltimore City Police Department Detective Donald Hayes (H139) and his K9 partner, Roscoe (4136), for the Animals in War and Peace Distinguished Service Medal. Their exemplary service and outstanding achievements have made a significant impact on public safety and the success of Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Maryland.

Detective Hayes has served as a TFO with HSI since 2016, bringing years of experience and dedication to his role. Since December 2023, he and K9 Roscoe have worked together and are currently assigned to the Homeland Security Task Force (HSTF) Group 3, which focuses on combating illegal narcotics and weapons trafficking. Their teamwork and professionalism have set a standard for excellence within our agency.

From July 1, 2024, to the present, Detective Hayes and K9 Roscoe have provided invaluable assistance to numerous agencies throughout the State of Maryland, including the Baltimore City Police, Baltimore County Police, Cecil County Drug Task Force, Maryland State Police, Maryland Transportation Authority Police, Customs and Border Protection, the Drug Enforcement Agency, and the Department of Homeland Security Investigations. Their collaborative efforts have greatly enhanced interagency operations and contributed to the safety and security of our communities.

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In total, these efforts led to the removal of 379,584 grams (379.58 kg / 836.83 lbs) of dangerous narcotics from our streets. Additionally, Detective Hayes and K9 Roscoe were instrumental in the seizure of 28 firearms and \$772,232 in U.S. currency, further disrupting criminal activity and enhancing public safety.

Detective Hayes is recognized as a senior TFO within HSI Maryland and is frequently sought out by other groups for his expertise and leadership. Both he and K9 Roscoe are invaluable assets to HSI Maryland and the broader community we serve. Their dedication, professionalism, and extraordinary accomplishments make Detective Donald Hayes and K9 Roscoe highly deserving of the Animals in War and Peace Distinguished Service Medal. I wholeheartedly endorse their nomination and commend their unwavering commitment to protecting our nation.

Sincerely,
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HSTF Group III – Narcotics and Firearms Trafficking









