

Letter of support for K9 Tambo

From: Randy Pierson

To Whom it may concern,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you today to support the nomination of K9 Tambo for the AWP Distinguished Service Medal. Being a canine trainer during Tambo's entire career I got to witness his many years of relentless service and dedication to our department, agency and country. Whether it was sweeping public areas at the 2017 presidential inauguration or serving with distinction as a crucial part of a K9 unit that has conducted millions of vehicle sweeps ensuring personnel security throughout his career.

Tambo served not only as an explosive detection canine but provided numerous agency personnel with a method of relieving stress while making numerous office visits to provide emotional support for our fellow agency employees. His unique ability to search thousands of vehicles a year but be understanding and compassionate when the situation called for him to be calm and approachable makes him a truly special animal.

His injury that forced his retirement was undoubtedly a direct result of the years of searching thousands of vehicles on asphalt and concrete without any complaints. He has continued in retirement proving to be a great representative of the sacrifice and dedication these animals give throughout their lives for our safety and wellbeing. It is these reasons I felt it necessary to send this letter of support for a truly unique working dog who has given his all both in service and retirement and deserves to be recognized for his distinguished service.

Sincerely,

Randy Pierson