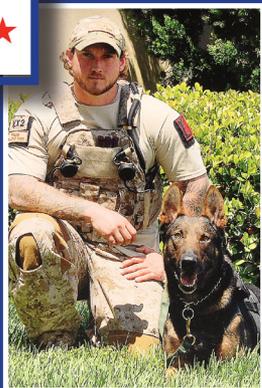




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**ANIMALS IN WAR & PEACE  
MEDAL OF BRAVERY  
AND  
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL  
CEREMONY**

**MARCH 9, 2022**

**WASHINGTON, DC**

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*The Honorable Gus Bilirakis (FL-12)*  
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*The Honorable Julia Brownley (CA-26)*  
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*The Honorable Jamie Raskin (MD-8)*  
*The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-40)*  
*The Honorable Dina Titus (NV-1)*

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*The Reverend Dr. Margaret Grun Kibben,  
Chaplain, US House of Representatives*  
*Major General Thomas P. Kane,  
US Air Force (Ret)*  
*LCDR Jason Berger,  
Commanding Officer of MSST San Francisco*  
*LTJG Anthony Kostek,  
Asst. Operations Officer of MSST San Francisco*  
*Richard Macauley,  
Former Deputy Chief of Special Operations, US Secret Service*

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# SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

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## ***Welcoming Remarks and Videos by Robin Hutton***

*President, Angels Without Wings, Inc.*

## ***Invocation***

*The Reverend Dr. Margaret Grun Kibben,  
Chaplain, US House of Representatives*

## ***March on the Colors***

*Young Marines - Nation's Capitol, Shenandoah Valley, 8th & I*

## ***Pledge of Allegiance***

## ***Retire the Colors***

## ***Introductions of Honorary Guests, Mari Lou Livingood***

*President, The Livingood Group*

## ***Chris Willingham***

*President, US War Dogs Association*

## ***In Memoriam***

*Video honoring the heroic K9s that passed in 2021*

## ***The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard***

*U. S. Congresswoman, California District 40*

## ***Presentation of Distinguished Service Medal***

### ***DSM 1: K9 Hurricane***

*Marshall Mirarchi, Former US Secret Service, Handler/owner*

### ***DSM 2: Smoky***

*Jay & Anna Wynne, Son/granddaughter of Bill Wynne (Smoky's owner)*

### ***DSM 3: K9 Feco (W327)***

*Cory Sumner, R PO1 USCG, Handler/owner*

## ***Procession of K9 Dog Teams and Veterinarians***

### ***Presentation of Medal of Bravery***

#### ***MOB #9: Nemo A534***

*Brian Throneburg, Son of Robert Throneburg (Handler)*

#### ***MOB #10: Cairo***

*Taylor Canfield and Nico, Former Navy SEAL Team 7 dog team*

#### ***MOB #11: MPC Ziggy***

*Staff Sgt Sean Hemphill, USMC MARSOC, Handler/owner*

## ***Blessing of the Animals***

## ***Closing Remarks***

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# 2022 ANIMALS IN WAR AND PEACE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDALISTS

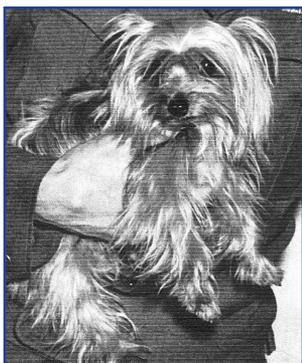
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Video courtesy of PDSA & Retriever.

## **DSM #1: K9 HURRICANE**

U.S. Secret Service, Belgian Malinois - In 2014, Hurricane protected President Barack Obama and the first family when he stopped an intruder who breached the White House perimeter fence racing towards the residence. Despite being kicked and punched, Hurricane held the intruder captive until armed officers apprehended him. In 2019, he received Great Britain's PDSA Order of Merit (Britain's medal for Outstanding Devotion and Service to Society).



Video courtesy of PDSA. Photos: Smoky War Dog LLC.

## **DSM #2: SMOKY**

5th Army Air Force, WWII, Yorkshire Terrier - During WW2, Smoky strung communication wire 70' through an eight-inch pipe in Luzon, Philippines. Because of her efforts, she saved the landing strip from destruction exposing forty war planes and 250 military personnel to the Japanese. Smoky is also the "First Therapy Dog of Record," according to Animal Planet.



## **DSM #3: K9 FECO (W327)**

Homeland Security, U.S. Coast Guard, San Francisco, CA, Hungarian Vizsla - Feco is part of the Canine Explosive Detection Team at Maritime Safety & Security Team San Francisco. Still serving, Feco has tirelessly conducted over 1335 searches, including vehicles, cargo vessels and ferries, buildings, luggage, people, and mass transit facilities. Feco has spent over 2335 hours conducting more than 584 demanding patrols around the Bay area protecting the California coastline.

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## 2022 ANIMALS IN WAR AND PEACE MEDAL OF BRAVERY MEDALISTS

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War footage courtesy of Marking History Channel.

### **MOB #9: NEMO A534**

Air Force, Vietnam, German Shepherd - In 1966, while on sentry patrol, Nemo alerted his unit on a group of enemy commandoes hiding in the brush. As Nemo charged them, he was shot twice: once in the nose, and then under his right eye which exited his mouth. His handler was also shot twice, and even though Nemo was wounded, he crawled across his handler and protected him until help arrived.



War footage courtesy of Marking History Channel.

### **MOB #10: CAIRO**

U.S. Navy SEAL, Afghanistan, Belgian Malinois - In 2011, Cairo took part in "Operation Neptune Spear," the raid that eliminated Osama bin Laden in Pakistan. Cairo provided perimeter security during the raid, searching for bombs and escape tunnels. After all clear, they went inside the building. During his tours, Cairo was shot twice in the line-of-duty, recovered, and continued serving.



### **MOB #11: MPC ZIGGY**

Marine Corps Special Operations Command (MARSOC), Multi-Purpose Canine, Mexico/Jordan/Afghanistan, German Shepherd - Deployed five times to four separate countries, Ziggy conducted over fifty heliborne direct action raids and assisted in discovering forty-three weapons caches, twelve homemade explosive facilities, one vehicle-borne IED, 330 anti-personnel IED's and over 5,000 pounds of homemade explosives.

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## WHO WE ARE

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### ROBIN HUTTON



Robin is President of Angels Without Wings, Inc. and has spent all of her adult life working in major event productions and the motion picture business as a writer and producer. She is the author of a *New York Times* bestseller, *Sgt Reckless: America's War Horse*, and *War Animals: The Unsung Heroes of World War II*. Robin and AWW spearheaded the dedication of six national monuments to SSgt Reckless around the country.

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### MARI LOU LIVINGOOD



Mari Lou Livingood is the President of the Livingood Group, LLC in Washington, DC. The Livingood Group specializes in securing national partners with attention to conservation, government relations and animal rights and recognition. For over 25 years, Mari Lou has worked with non-profit organizations to advance their legislative and philanthropic goals in the Washington, DC region. This new project for Livingood Group comes with a long history and love of animals and an inspiration to recognize our American animals' service to our nation's freedom and peace.

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### CHRIS WILLINGHAM



Chris retired after 20 years of faithful service in the United States Marine Corps. He dedicated the majority of his career to the Military Working Dog (MWD) Program and served in key billets from a K-9 handler to K-9 Program Manager. Chris and his MWD, Lucca, were featured in Maria Goodavage's *New York Times* bestselling book *Top Dog*. On January 1, 2021, Chris assumed the role President of the United States War Dog Association which supports military working dogs and promotes the long history of their invaluable service.

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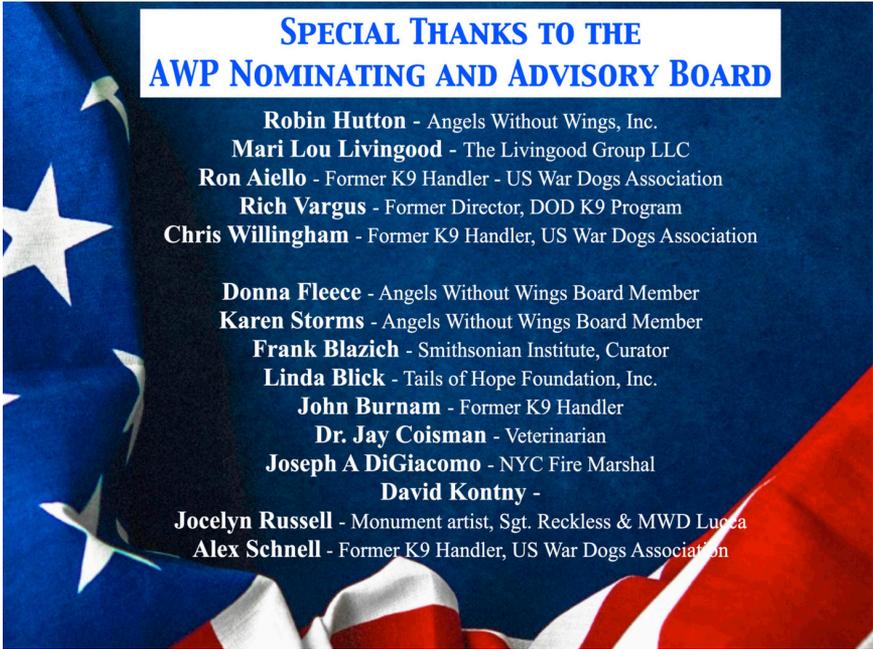
In addition to our sponsors and donors, there are so many people and organizations that helped to make this medal ceremony a reality during these very challenging times:

- To the AWP Nominating and Advisory Boards for their guidance, support and thoughtful selection given to the 2022 medal recipients and an amazing cohort of six canine heroes;
- To the dog teams and veterinarians who participated in the procession, thank you for your brave and valiant service to your country;
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Angels Without Wings, Inc. (AWW) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit California corporation. Spearheaded by **Robin Hutton**, over the last eight years through the DBA, The Sgt. Reckless Memorial Fund, AWW has dedicated six national monuments to this great Korean War horse hero at Quantico, VA; Camp Pendleton, CA; Lexington, KY; Barrington Hills, IL; Ft. Worth, TX; and Ocala, FL.

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