

Career Change Dogs

During their training program, all WCC dogs work with recovering Veterans providing Animal Assisted Therapy. While we strive to have every dog graduate as a service dog, some dogs let us know their skills would be better matched for other important life-saving work.

National Security / Government Agencies

WCC’s Sherri	Puppy Raiser Deborah Logan
WCC’s Wes	Puppy Raisers Lynn Desautels, Zoe Kaminski and JCI Warrior Trainer-Donte

Search and Rescue / Scent Detection

WCC’s Altieri	Puppy Raisers Renee French and Heather Waldron
WCC’s Annie II	Puppy Raisers Fred and Stephanie Short, Cindi Chamberlain, Julie and George Strohlein, Erin Moran and Ayden Naguib
WCC’s Bobby II	Puppy Raisers Russel Remy, Denise Loeper and JCI Warrior Trainer-Pat
WCC’s Jayne	Puppy Raisers Cindy and Steve McCraith
WCC’s Jordan	Puppy Raisers Jen Blessing, Terrie Riley and JCI Warrior Trainer-Mike
WCC’s Katie II	Puppy Raisers Carol Colquhoun, Fred and Stephanie Short, and Kathleen Quinlan
WCC’s Mearl	Puppy Raisers Beth Lange, Sarah Moffitt, Khushboo Rathore, Robin Martin and JCI Warrior Trainer-Donte
WCC’s Miho	Puppy Raisers Sarah Olson, Rudi Streemke, and Margie Lang
WCC’s Molly	Puppy Raiser Elizabeth Dansby
WCC’s Rose	Puppy Raisers Nicole Davidson and Jared Smith, along with Pat and Jane Hipsley
WCC’s Santiago	Puppy Raiser Colleen Githens and Jessica Rabin
WCC’s Taylor	Puppy Raisers Gail Benkert and Amy Straus
WCC’s Zach	Puppy Raisers Rick Brunn and JCI Warrior Trainer-Mike

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 - WarFighters Motorcycle Club, John Basilone Chapter



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Governor Wes Moore
Maryland’s 63rd Governor, US Army Captain

As a former Army Captain and Maryland’s first Black Governor in the state’s 246-year history, he is a proud graduate of Valley Forge Military Academy and College, where he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Earning a Bachelor’s in international relations and economics at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore and as a Rhodes Scholar earning a Master’s in international relations, Wolfson College at Oxford.

In 2005, Moore deployed to Afghanistan as a lieutenant with the 82nd Airborne Division, leading soldiers in combat. Immediately upon returning home, Moore served as a White House Fellow, advising on issues of national security and international relations.

In 2010, Moore wrote “The Other Wes Moore,” a story about the fragile nature of opportunity in America, which became a perennial New York Times bestseller. He went on to write other best-selling books that reflect on issues of race, equity, and opportunity, including his latest book “Five Days,” which tells the story of Baltimore in the days that followed the death of Freddie Gray in 2015.

In addition to his experience as CEO to the Robin Hood Foundation, who distributed over \$600 million toward lifting families out of poverty, he is also the recipient of one of WCC’s most dear titles, Namesake. WCC’s Wes was named in honor of Wes Moore and his service to the country and unwavering support of Veterans in Maryland and beyond.

PROGRAM

- National Anthem**
Performed by the US Army Field Band
- Wag of the Tail Awardees**
Tom Callinan, Mae Philanthropies, and Tee It Up For The Troops
- Remarks by Executive Director, Rick Yount**
- Keynote Remarks by Governor Wes Moore**
- Graduating Class of 2025**
- Breeder/Ambassador Additions**
- Closing Remarks**
- Special Recognition**

Service Dogs

- Suzann Baker, US Air Force and WCC’s Wojo**
Puppy Raisers Florence Scarinci and Deborah Scheuerman
- Latonya Baldwin, US Army (Ret.) and WCC’s Rooney**
Puppy Raiser Terrie Bates
- Nancy Beman, SFC, US Army (Ret.) and WCC’s Mosko**
Puppy Raisers Vincent and Savanna Ciuccoli
- Matthew Estridge, SPC, US Army and WCC’s Pluto**
Puppy Raisers Pam Harris and CJ Sturges
- George Hinojos, SMSgt, US Air Force (Ret.) and WCC’s Lindsey**
Puppy Raisers Steve and Hillary Clagett
- Robert Jackovich, Sgt, US Army (Ret.) and WCC’s Cathy**
Puppy Raisers Julie and Olivia Wight, with Katarina Coates
- Michael Jones, US Army and WCC’s Rocky**
Puppy Raisers Doug and Allie Fout, with Dana and Adrian Riddell
- Joseph McComas, US Marine Corps/Army (Ret.) and WCC’s Fisher II**
Puppy Raisers Tegan Kopilenko, Pamela Fox, and Lynna Feng
- Nolen O’Dell, Sgt, US Marine Corps and WCC’s Stu**
Puppy Raisers Jane and Pat Hipsley, with Angela and Matt Beebe
- Bridget Smith, Capt, US Army and WCC’s Mary Gene**
Puppy Raiser Jenny Ewald
- George L. Watson III, MSG, US Army (Ret.) and WCC’s Amber Lynn**
Puppy Raiser Christie Vu

Military Family Support Dogs

- The Evangelista Family, US Navy and WCC’s Jim**
Puppy Raisers Darcy Lebau and Leah Schuman
- The Galea Family, US Air Force and WCC’s Duke II**
Puppy Raisers Richard Stevens and Pam Govender
- The Kersey Family, US Army and WCC’s Frank II**
Puppy Raisers Robert Morris, with Michael and Ericka Johaneck
- The Nelson Family, US Navy and WCC’s Colledge**
Puppy Raiser Sandi Rosenberg
- The Ramboz Family, US Navy and WCC’s Landry**
Puppy Raiser Cheyenna Wilde

Military Family Support Dogs

- The Stinchcomb Family, US Army National Guard and WCC’s Printzy**
Puppy Raiser Leah McCann

Facility Dogs

- Dr. Sara Brisson, John L. McClellan Memorial Veterans Hospital, Little Rock, AR and WCC’s Wolff**
Puppy Raisers Paul and Susan Kolze, Lynn Manuel, and Elaine Papas Varas
- Roberto Capuno, Sitter & Barfoot Veterans Care Center, VA and WCC’s Toyomi**
Puppy Raisers Sarah Olson, with Tammy and Bill Crozier
- Michael Hartzell, USO, Mid-Atlantic and WCC’s Pete**
Puppy Raisers Cheryl Blessing, Sarah DelCore, and Pam Harris
- Dr. Ryan Rogers, Lebanon VA Medical Center, PA and WCC’s Shelly II**
Puppy Raisers Tony Morelli and Becky Hall
- Kevin Rumley, US Marine Corps, Buncombe County Veterans Treatment Court, NC and WCC’s Rusty**
Puppy Raisers Tony Glander and Tegan Kopilenko

Breeder/Ambassadors

- WCC’s Herre - Service Dog Ambassador**
Puppy Raiser and Caretaker Katherine Kane
- WCC’s Amanda - Breeder Ambassador**
Puppy Raiser Tracy McAvoy Ballard and Caretaker Carrie Meyer
- WCC’s Erica - Breeder Ambassador**
Puppy Raiser Robert Morris and Caretaker Jeannine and John Salamone
- WCC’s Star - Breeder Ambassador**
Puppy Raisers and Caretakers Lydia and Gregg Dehn
- WCC’s Niki - Breeder Ambassador**
Puppy Raiser and Caretaker Eikaiva Zearfoss
- WCC’s Dash - Breeder Ambassador**
Puppy Raiser and Caretaker Desiree Kirby with support from Olney-Sandy Spring Veterinary Hospital