



“It’s almost impossible to put into words how very important working with these dogs has been to me. Training these dogs helps me rebuild my confidence level and to feel I am functioning as an effective member of the Army and of society.”

- *Warrior-trainer*

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Warrior Canine Connection enlists Service Members and Veterans with combat stress in the critical mission of training service dogs for fellow Wounded Warriors.



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A Mission of Helping and Healing

WCC's program not only creates valuable service dogs, it harnesses the healing power of the Warrior Ethos and the human-animal bond. The program is designed to trigger powerful mind/body effects in our Warrior-trainers that reduce the symptoms of combat trauma.

“To train a service dog, you have to lead them confidently through places like grocery stores and on underground Metros. I find that while teaching the young dogs how to navigate these places, I am much more comfortable as well. I'm even learning how to enjoy when strangers approach me to talk to me about the dog.”

“It's been great working with the dogs. They are helping me with my depression, anxiety, and sleep. Working with the dog has taught me patience, which also carries over to being a parent.”

- *Warrior-trainer*



Warrior Canine Connection Service Dog Training Sites

WCC is proud to be serving our Wounded Warriors at the National Intrepid Center of Excellence (NICoE), at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC) in Bethesda, Maryland. This state-of-the-art facility is dedicated to advancing the diagnosis, clinical care and research of complex Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and psychological health conditions affecting Service Members and their families.

WCC recently launched a service dog training program at the new facility for complementary alternative medicine at the Veterans Hospital in Menlo Park, CA.

WCC's dogs are also in training at the Warrior Transition Units at WRNMMC and Fort Belvoir, Virginia.



A decade of military conflict has taken a devastating physical and mental toll on hundreds of thousands of Wounded Warriors. The next great battle our nation must face is to bring peace to the hearts and minds of hundreds of thousands of Service Members who have brought these conflicts home with them.

WCC is supporting that mission by offering a safe, effective, non-pharmaceutical intervention for the invisible wounds of war while helping to provide highly-skilled service dogs for Veterans in need. *It's the ultimate Win-Win story.*

