

National President's Project

My National President's Project for 2024-2025 is "Paws for Purple Hearts". Their mission is to improve the lives of America's Warriors facing mobility challenges and trauma-related conditions such as PTSD and TBI by providing the highest quality Assistance Dogs and canine-assisted therapy programs; and by building public awareness about the Important role dogs play in helping Warriors along the road to recovery.

Paws for Purple Hearts is the world's only service dog organization for wounded Service Members and veterans that partners with Bergin College of Canine Studies. Bergin College is the first and only college in the world that focuses on training and learning about dogs. It was founded and continues to be led by the famous canine researcher and inventor of the service dog concept, Dr. Bonnie Bergin.

Through its unique mission to advance human-canine studies, it produces some of the best service dog trainers and highest quality assistance dogs. Although Paws for Purple Hearts is now separate from Bergin College- all of their trainers are Bergin graduates.

As an employee at the VA Palo Alto Health Care/Veterans Affairs, I have had the opportunity to witness the facility dogs in action with veteran inpatients. It is quite a moving experience to see the works of these dogs and how they benefit our veterans. This non-profit 501(c)(3) organization is close to my heart.

There are three ways to donate to this organization:

1. Mail a check to LA FRA National Financial Secretary at PO BOX 706, Goose Creek, SC 29445 and note on the memo line "2024-2025 NP Project".
2. Or click on www.pawsforpurplehearts.org and click on "DONATE". Then go in the "how did you hear about us field" and type in LA FRA 2024-2025 National President Project.
3. Or Venmo to Paws for Purple Hearts@Paws4ph and enter "LA FRA" in the notes field when you donate.

"Warriors helping Warriors-giving back to those who gave so much".



WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Donations to Paws for Purple Hearts can change a Warrior's life from hopelessness to optimism.

Your generous, tax-deductible donation helps thousands of Warriors face the visible and invisible wounds of war. Our Canine-Assisted Warrior Therapy helps them heal as they help others - all with the goal of raising top tier service dogs for Veterans and active-duty Service Members with mobility and trauma challenges.