

ECAD'S PROJECT HEAL GRADUATION, FRIDAY, MARCH 8, HASTINGS ON HUDSON

Four Veterans of the US Armed Services and individually paired Service Dogs will graduate from ECAD's Project HEAL Program Friday evening, March 8. Graduation ceremonies will be held at the James V. Harmon Community Center in Hastings on Hudson. Doors open at 5:30PM. The public is cordially invited.

The four teams will have completed the two- week Team Training at ECAD's main facility on the campus of Children's Village in Dobbs Ferry. Project HEAL is designed to meet the needs of Veterans living with physical injuries, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and/or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).

The Graduates are:

Former US Army Lieutenant Caroline Jacobs who comes from Oregon and has worked as a nurse in the VA. Her Service Dog is Robert.

Former US Army Nurse Corps Captain Mary Margaret Riddle. Maggie served in Viet Nam and was exposed to Agent Orange. She lives in Warwick, RI. Her Service Dog is Boone. Boone was named after an early Project HEAL graduate.

Retired US Marine Corporal Michael Jackelin. Mike was also a Paramilitary Specialist for the Department of Defense. He saw duty in numerous northern African countries, the Mid East, India and Pakistan. Going home with Mike is Russ, Jr.

Retired US Army Sergeant Michael Drummond. Michael served his country for nineteen and a half years, including service in the Army National Guard. He lives in Rome, NY. His Service Dog is Nook.

Among those congratulating Robert, Boone, Russ Jr., and Nook on their graduation as Service Dogs will be the students who have educated them through the ECADemy Program on the campuses of Graham Wyndham, Hastings-On-Hudson, NY, Green Chimneys, Brewster, NY, Children's Village, Dobbs Ferry, NYJBFCS (Jewish Board of Family and Children Services) on the campuses of Ittleton, Goldsmith, Linden Hill, Hawthorne, NY

The public is cordially invited to attend the graduation ceremonies. Refreshments will be served. Doors open at 5:30PM. The Harmon Community Center is located at 44 Main Street, Hastings-on-Hudson.

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