



THE ROUNDUP For NOVEMBER 11, 2021

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P-Deb: *Our Break Room Topic:* We were sent to our Break Out rooms to discuss what today means to us. Reconvene at 6:20ish

It is always fun to meet with other members in our 'Break Room' to not only talk about the topic question but to find out what is going on with each other.

Maybe there are more Club members like myself who didn't know -- Americans don't typically wear poppies on November 11 (Veterans Day), which honors all living veterans. Instead, they wear the symbolic red flower on **Memorial Day**—the last Monday in May — to commemorate the sacrifice of so many men and women who have given their lives fighting for their country.

The Wikipedia had lots of information regarding the wearing of poppies:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Remembrance_poppy

another link of note passed along by our member Char Hart that you might want to google: National Geographics Honoring the ever-fewer WWII veterans.

P-Deb: In honour of Remembrance Day the Canadian and American National Anthems were played for us.

Thank you, President Deb, for a lovely sentiment on such a somber day.

Pati: Graciously introduced our guest speaker Chaplain Leah Rosetti to speak to us about dogs in War.

Leah: Started off by explaining something that had been of concern to her and that was when a dog who had served in the military was discharged, for years they were no longer recognized for their service to country. Thanks to the passage of Robby's Law in 2000, all retired military working dogs, if suitable, are now allowed to be adopted. Most retired MWDs (90%) are adopted by their current or former handlers.



Because of this, there is a 12-18 month waiting list for a civilian to adopt a retired MWD.

The United States military has a long and furry history with military working dogs (MWDs), and remarkably, the dogs usually outrank their human Handlers. "It's a matter of tradition as well as military custom. ... "The dog, being a non-commissioned officer, or NCO, would outrank or match in rank to their handler." This encourages the handler to have respect for their dog.

NOTE: Canada Military: One group of dogs are trained exclusively for sniffing out threats such as bombs, while the other is also used to conduct patrols with Canadian special forces soldiers to track and apprehend the enemy. The Canadian government has also spent around \$500,000 on more than a dozen custom-fitted vests for the military's canine units that include video cameras and receivers that let handlers see and hear what their dogs are experiencing in the field.

Leah's presentation was recorded and is on our homepage for you to view. Attached is her slide presentation.

Leah: Thank you for having me today to speak about a subject that is very important to me as a military person suffering with PTSD. If it was for my dog I'd wouldn't be here speaking to you today, he has been my saviour.

P-Deb: Thank you Leah for this great and informative programme. We are glad you have your dog to help you.

Trudy

Service Chair: Rotaractors have 3 places for us to help on November 20th. The information will be sent out on Club Runner. We hope you will be able to join a group to help build a relationship with the Rotaractor Clubs of District 5050.

Area F, is having the 12 Days of Kindness. One of the items that they have proposed is Club members purchase five holiday greeting cards to be presented to a Senior who is in a health care facility. Please write a greeting inside the card. The cards are to be delivered to the Surrey Rotary Field House.

They are also in need of socks for the homeless. Deliver them Surrey Rotary Field House, Surrey, BC up to December 1, 2021.

Take a video of yourself to show how you work on your own self-care present it at a future meeting.

Rhian

Membership Chair: We will be calling on Club members over the coming year to attend a meeting and give a brief chat about themselves. I will explain more when I call you. We are going to start off this project with our members Char Hart and Drew Antrobus, DGND District Governor Nominee Designate for District 5050. Char Hart:

Char: I joined Rotary in 1990. I wanted to volunteer and meet people. I felt Rotary would offer me great connections in the business world. Rotary has fulfilled those things. I had perfect attendance in Rotary for 10 years in a row. I've been Rotary Club secretary. I graduated from Friday Harbour High School. When my father moved his family to Friday Harbour it was a blessing in disguise. Please see the attached for more about Char.



Drew: I joined Rotary in 1986. I thought about Rotary's diversity, Rotary Foundation and what they stood for they were things that I could find myself working with. Rotary has offered me so much over my years of joining. I was President of the Rotary Club of Richmond Sunset. I have been selected to be District 5040 Governor for 2024/25. My life continues to be very involved with Rotary and interesting. Rotary personally continues to be very full filling and rewarding. I look forward to serving Rotary.



Rhian: Thank you Char and Drew for sharing your stories with PNW Club members.

P-Deb: Remember November is Rotary Foundation. If you are able you might want to make an extra donation this month.

P-Deb: Thank you so much Pati for getting all the great speakers over this year.

Pati: Cleone will be joining the Club on February 24.
December 9, Jerry Wall will be speaking to us about Rotary Wine Fellowship.

I have speakers up to March 24th, 2022.

Julie: Rotaractors will be helping with the December 11th Green Bag pick up. They are going to be great supporters of the program.

P-Deb: Please don't forget to use FundScripts in Canada and Scrips in the US. Both these programs are fundraisers for our Club.

P-Deb: Our favourite Club fundraiser PNW Passport Rotary Club for our projects --- **HAPPY BUCKS!**



Ken – while visiting family in Edmonton, he went to 8 hockey games to see grandchildren play.

Roy – soon to be a grandparent.

Char – family travel to help her celebrate turning 60!

Tim – recognition of Veterans.

P-Deb – celebrating retiring on October 31. Trips to Disney.

Other members joined in donating to our projects.

Please do not forget to send your Happy Bucks to either Terry Greer or Lindagene Coyle.

P-Deb:

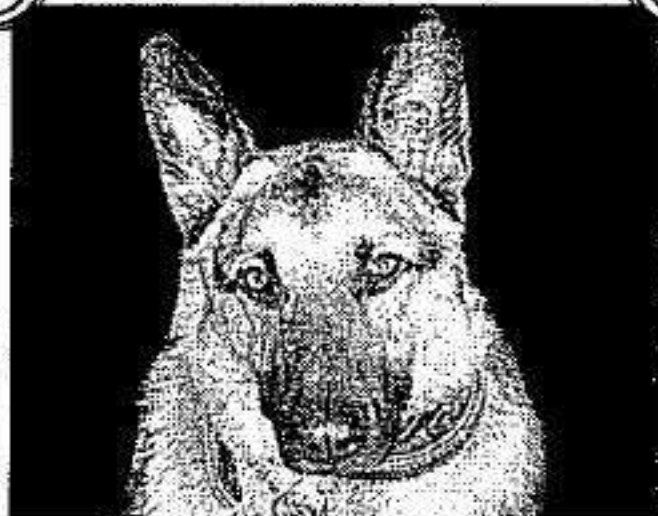
Roy, please ring our Rotary Bell to end the meeting – 7:45 pm

PLEASE GIVE THIS SERIOUS THOUGHT AS YOU PLAN YOUR ANNUAL GIVING:

The Burlington Rotary Foundation (PO Box 175, Burlington, WA 98225) and the Rotary Club of White Rock Charitable Society (PO Box 75005, White Rock, BC, Canada V4A 0B1) are prepared to accept donations that will be used **100% for flood relief throughout District 5050**. Please state “flood relief” on your check.



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U.S. War Dogs

Army-Marine

Air Force-Navy-

Coast Guard

MWD (Military

Working Dog)

1776 to Present

HONOR- COURAGE-

LOYALTY

"Freedom Comes At A High

Price" USWDA



REVOLUTIONARY WAR



GENERAL CHARLES LEE, DOG LOVER



- Charles Lee was a general in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. Lee had ambitions to lead the army as its commander-in-chief, but lost that appointment to George Washington. This may have been due in part to Lee's various eccentricities. He was foul-mouthed, slovenly in appearance and, as a "great admirer of dogs," he was trailed by several of his beloved pets at all times. Lee not only took his dogs with him on the battlefield in packs, but to dinners as well. At one party, Lee ordered one of his dogs, Spada, to sit in a chair and shake hands with Abigail Adams.

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S MANY DOGS

Our first president and commander-in-chief of the Continental Army was a lifelong dog lover, owning dozens of dogs of many different breeds. These included Captain, Duchess, Drunkard, Juno, Jupiter, Pilot, Rover, Searcher, Sweet Lips, Truelove, Taster, Tipler and Vulcan, to name just a few. Sweet Lips was a particular favorite of Washington's, and he took the American Staghound with him on trips to Philadelphia, and even into battle.
(Dogster)

First Continental Congress

- George Washington brought along his favorite dog, Sweet Lips, with him when he went to the First Continental Congress in 1774.



BRITISH BULLDOG AT THE SIEGE OF YORKTOWN

The brave men of the Continental Army weren't the only ones with man's best friend by their side. The redcoats had canines of their own. At the Siege of Yorktown, there was a particularly large British Bulldog that chased British cannonballs fired over American trenches. Wrote rebel soldier Joseph Plumb Martin, "Our officers wished to catch him and oblige him to carry a message from them into the town to his masters, but he looked too formidable for any of us to encounter." The dog might have intimidated the Continental Army soldiers, but it couldn't win the battle for its masters. The Americans' decisive victory at Yorktown ended the war. (History Matters)

AMERICAN CIVIL WAR

- Sallie Ann Jarret, an English Bull Terrier, born circa 1861, was a mascot of the 11th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and served through almost entire Civil War. With a very unusual name for a dog, she also had a very extraordinary life for a dog.
- During marches, her favorite position was on the lead and had a chance to march in front of President Abraham Lincoln (twice!).
- Among notable battles she was present were: Battle of Cedar Mountain (1862); Second Battle of Bull Run (1862); Battle of Antietam (1862); Battle of Fredericksburg (1862); Battle of Chancellorsville (1863); Battle of Gettysburg (1863); Battle of the Wilderness (1863); Siege of Petersburg (1864-65).
- She wasn't very deadly foe, but she liked to bark at the Confederate forces from the front lines. Just that says a lot about her spirit.
- On one occasion, at Gettysburg, her unit though she was lost or dead, she was found a few days later, still on the battlefield, guarding her dead and wounded comrades. Her life ended at the Battle of Hatcher's Run (1865), killed by a bullet.



11th PENNSYLVANIA
INFANTRY

1898: THE SPANISH, AMERICAN WAR

During the Spanish-American War in 1898, dogs were used as scouts for Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders' horseback patrols in the dense jungles of Cuba. Each of these "war dogs" were trained as point scouts, and while being used ambushes by the enemy became near impossible; the lessons learned in Cuba by the Corp were later proven again in the many Pacific Island jungles against Japan during WWII and again much later in Vietnam.

WWI WAR DOG FACT

IT HAS BEEN ESTIMATED
THAT OVER 1 MILLION
DOGS WERE KILLED IN
THIS WAR.

WWI WAR DOGS

German Defector



- Rin Tin Tin (September 1918 – August 10, 1932) was a male German Shepherd that was an international star in motion pictures. He was rescued from a WWI battlefield by an American soldier Lee Duncan, who nicknamed him "Rinty"

SGT. MAJ. JIGGS



SERGEANT STUBBY



- In WWI, a pitbull named Stubby, who started his life as a stray, became the most decorated War Dog in history by saving an entire company from a serin gas attack. Sergeant Stubby fought in several campaigns, was wounded twice, and saved countless lives
- The Sad Ending Of Sergeant Stubby - The most decorated WWI hero dog

Sergeant Stubby

- Cpl. John Robert Conroy took Stubby to Yale where the soldiers were training. Conroy then snuck Stubby with him to France when the troops shipped out. After the two survived a gas attack by the Germans, Stubby developed a keen smell for gas and would alert the men to incoming attacks since he could smell it long before a human could. He received multiple medals, met 3 Presidents, and became the official mascot of Georgetown University after the war. Sgt. Stubby was with Conroy when he died in 1926.



Photo Credit: Smithsonian Institute

WWII FACT

EVERY MILITARY WORKING DOG IS AN NCO- IN SOME TRADITION AT LEAST. SOME SAY THE CUSTOM WAS TO PREVENT HANDLERS FROM MISTREATING THEIR DOGS; HENCE, A DOG IS ALWAYS ONE RANK HIGHER THAN ITS HANDLER.

National K9 Veterans Day

National K9 Veterans Day, **March 13**, is a day set aside to honor and commemorate the service and sacrifices of American military and working dogs throughout history.

It was on **March 13, 1942**, that the Army began training for its new War Dog Program, also known as the "K-9 Corps," according to American Humane, marking the first time that dogs were **officially a part of the U.S. Armed Forces.**

WWII WAR DOGS

CHIPS



The most decorated military dog of World War II was a German Shepherd/Collie/Husky mix named Chips. Part of the Dogs for Defense program initiated after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Chips was given to the military by his owner in New York. Chips served in General Patton's Seventh Army in Germany, Italy, Sicily, France, and North Africa. He was awarded the Silver Star for valor and the Purple Heart for his injuries. Unfortunately, the military later took back the medals, claiming that Chips was only equipment and not eligible to receive the medals.

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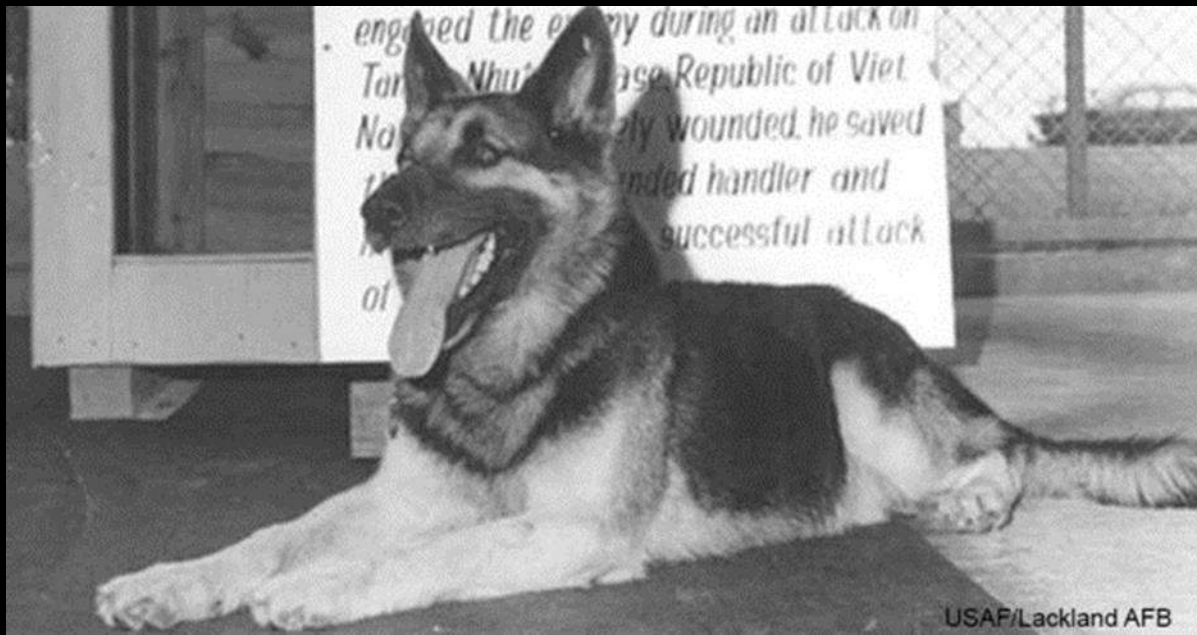
KOREAN WAR DOGS



VIETNAM WAR DOGS

NEMO

Nemo A534, a German Shepherd, served with the Air Force in the Vietnam War.



Home Coming a Harsh Reality



- He was the first hero of his kind to return from the Vietnam War. The welcoming committee watched him walk down the ramp of the plane that had just landed at Kelly Air Force Base. He was wounded, his right eye was missing and a scar ran from below his right eye socket to his mouth. But his wounds weren't what made him different from other returning Vietnam veterans...it was because he was a dog.

CURRENT WAR FACTS

GERMAN SHEPARD'S AND LABRADORS CAN DETECT WEAPONS, BOMBS, GASSES AND DRUGS MORE ACCURATELY THAN ANY AVAILABLE MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

THERE ARE ABOUT 2,500 WAR DOGS IN ACTIVE SERVICE TODAY AND 700 DEPLOYED OVERSEAS.

CURRENT CONFLICTS AND WARS



U.S. Army
military working
dog searches
among rubble
and trash
outside a target
building in
Rusafa, eastern
Baghdad, Iraq.

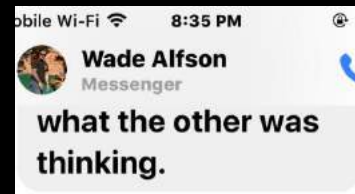
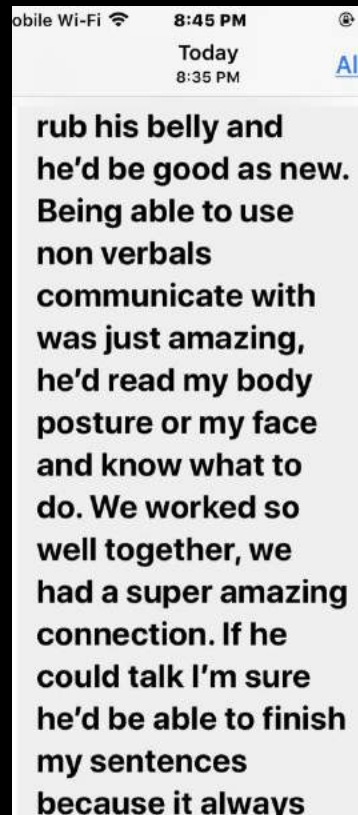
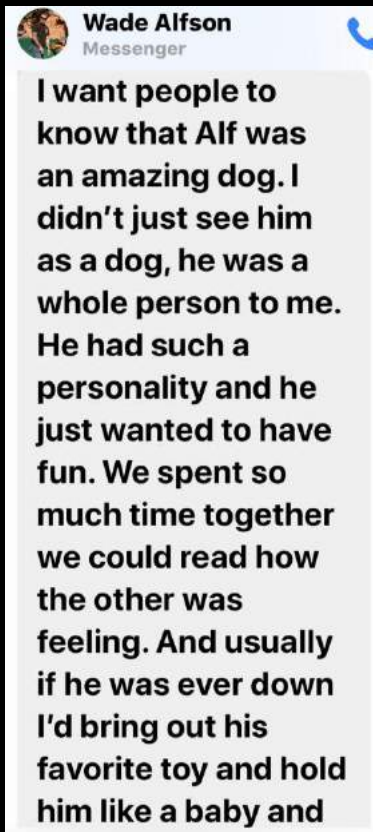


Staff Sergeant Wade Alfson and MWD Alf USAF



In Staff Sergeant Wade Alfson Words

From Somewhere over there.



He was laid to rest because he had cancer. He will have a military service for his funeral.



U.S. Army working dog, a German Shepherd, wearing body armor clears a building in Afghanistan





U.S. Navy
handler with a
Military Working
Dog paying
respects at the
National War
Dog Cemetery,
Naval Base
Guam



**Yes. I have a
question.**





MILITARY DOG

Sees what you're doing ... and doesn't like it

Hello - I am Charlotte - or Char - Hart

So - a bit of my story.

I came to Rotary back in the early 1990's - ready to give back to my community while making some business connections. At the time I was founder and part owner of a Marketing and Advertising Firm. I was the second (or third) woman in Whatcom County North Rotary Club - behind our own Julie Johansen.

I served in the Club as Secretary and in various committee positions, proudly earning a Paul Harris Award.

[I also had perfect attendance the 10 years I was there!] I eventually stepped away from Rotary and then returned as a Charter Member of this Club.

I will share - that my motivation to be involved in Rotary has changed over time. Initially it was seen as a savvy business move, now I see it first and foremost to give back to my community. I especially appreciate the grassroots projects like the park enhancements and the Green Bag Food Project - to truly be the hands and feet of service.

My interest in volunteering and service goes back to my childhood and was actively modeled by my parents.

I was an east coast girl - born in Virginia and except for about 5 years spent in Asia (Saigon and Taipei) I grew up outside of Washington, DC. My father served this country first in WW2 and then in the Foreign Service Office during the Vietnam era. When we lived in Saigon, he and my mother taught English to Vietnamese college students in our home.

We lived in Arlington until I was in middle school when my father took early retirement and we moved to Friday Harbor, San Juan Island. I graduated High School there.

I can't say that I was a military brat - since we didn't travel as often as some, but I do believe that I moved at pivotal times. First as a very young child living in a foreign country, next as a middleclass teenager, then as college student going from the west side of the STATE to the east side, and again as a young professional coming to a new community. All were examples of starting over - knowing no one other than my immediate family and later - just not knowing ANYONE.

When you are a teenager your sense of self is tied directly to your social life and then when you have to start completely over...Going from a metropolitan middle school of 2,000 students to a small island community with a year around population of 1,500 - you learn to adapt by putting yourself out there. I had a different job every summer starting at the age of 13. And - I was grateful for the chance.

I washed dishes, I cleaned hotel rooms, I waited tables, I cooked for a nursing home, I did retail sales...I had the opportunity to rub shoulders - AND serve - the young, the old, the poor, and the wealthy. Being a "big fish in a small pond" taught me more than I may have had the opportunity to learn as a "small fish in a big pond" so as much as I hated moving when we did - it was a blessing in disguise.

My degree in college was a BA in Graphic Design - after college I worked for Weyerhaeuser Corporate in Seattle. After I got married, I moved to Bellingham and started my freelance design business. One of the first things I did upon moving here - again, not knowing anyone - was to volunteer for the Whatcom Literacy Council as a tutor to a young mother going back for her GED. I think she taught me more than I taught her - perseverance being the key lesson.

Fast forward to now - still happily married and blessed to have helped raise two amazing young women. I have spent the past 10 years working for SPIE here in Bellingham as a Marketing Project Manager implementing the promotions for educational conferences held in the US and internationally. As an organization we host over 25

conferences world-wide and bring together brilliant scientists, researchers, and industry professionals specific to the optics and photonics technology fields (think lasers and lenses) and the many ways to "bend light".

At the end of the day - I am blessed to be healthy, to have the opportunity to work and VOLUNTEER alongside some amazing people as we try and do our part - large or small - in making our communities a bit better than they might have been yesterday.

Thank you for the opportunity to share a little bit about me.