



**THE HERITAGE PARKWAY ENTRANCE IS COMPLETED!** (Photo: Courtesy of Marine Corps Heritage Foundation)



**MARINE CORPS HERITAGE FOUNDATION  
COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS**

*“This Brick Pathway Is Dedicated To  
Family And Friends Of Timothy T. Day”*

The Timothy T. Day Foundation has purchased a section of commemorative bricks to line a pathway in the Semper Fidelis Memorial Park, which overlooks the National Museum of the Marine Corps in Triangle, Virginia. The brick pathway is intended as a tribute to Marines, families and friends who have served our great Nation and support our commitment to the Marine Corps. The first phase of the pathway involved the installment of over 330 bricks in November 2015, and we expect the pathway will continue to grow as we add bricks to honor those who have served.

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## MAG-13 AT MARINE CORPS AIR STATION (MCAS) YUMA, AZ TRIP

“Smash” (Col Eric Austin) and “G-man” (BGen (Sel) Bob Sofge) put together an exciting trip to visit MAG-13 at MCAS in Yuma, Arizona on Friday, February 26, 2016.. A group of 11 Fellows and friends traveled to Yuma to visit MAG-13 and observed some of the unique programs on the Base - including the F35B Squadron (Green Knights), MAWTS-1, and the VMX-22. Col Marcus “Steroid” Annibale was a great host, the presentations were very impressive, and it is always invigorating to see our sharp and professional Marines in action. The group also enjoyed themselves over dinner, drinks, and various tall tales at River City Grill and Prison Hill Brewery.

Some of the group returned to Phoenix on Saturday to visit Taser International, hike the nearby mountains, and attend the 13th Annual Friends of Animal Care & Control HERO Awards dinner as guests of Tim and Sandy Day. Brunch on Sunday morning was held at Wrights in the Biltmore, and then guests headed back home after forging many new memories.



MCAS Yuma Group included Fellows and Friends: Tim Day, Col Eric Austin, BGen (Sel) Bob Sofge, BGen (Sel) Frank Donovan, BGen George Smith, Col Chris Patton, Peter Brooks, Blake Rice, Ira Shapiro, Jim Kitchel and Jay Kopelman.



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## FELLOWSHIP MARINES ON THE MOVE

### NEW RECIPIENTS OF OUR EXECUTIVE EDUCATION FELLOWSHIP AT HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL

February 8, 2016

We are pleased to announce that Colonel Matthew Trollinger and Colonel William Berris have been selected as the fifteenth and sixteenth recipients of the Timothy T. Day Marine Corps Executive Education Fellowship at Harvard Business School, where they will attend the Advanced Management Program in the Spring of 2016.



Col Matt Trollinger



Col Will Berris

### GENERAL OFFICER ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 23, 2016

We are proud to report that four recipients of our Executive Education Fellowship at Harvard Business School were recently selected for promotion.



Colonel Francis L. Donovan USMC has been nominated for appointment to the rank of Brigadier General. Frank is currently serving as the chief, Trans Regional Threat Division, Headquarters Special Operations Support Team, U.S. Special Operations Command, Washington, District of Columbia.



Colonel Ryan P. Heritage USMC has been nominated for appointment to the rank of Brigadier General. Ryan is currently serving as head, Program Analysis and Evaluation Branch, Programs and Resources Department, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, District of Columbia.



Colonel Robert B. Sofge Jr., USMC has been nominated for appointment to the rank of Brigadier General. Bob is currently serving as head, Aviation Plans, Programs, Joint, Congressional Matters Doctrine and Budget Branch, Department of Aviation, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, District of Columbia.



Colonel Matthew G. Trollinger USMC has been nominated for appointment to the rank of Brigadier General. Matt is currently serving as the assistant chief of staff, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

*Per the U.S. Department of Defense Press Release No: NR-063-16, dated February 23, 2016, Secretary of Defense Ash Carter announced that the President has made the above nominations. All of the selected Fellows expect to move this summer as the Marine Corps places them in assignments commensurate with their new rank.*



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- **COLIN BARRY** – Congratulations are in order... Colin is officially engaged to be married! Katie Bolin said “YES” to Colin’s proposal. We are happy to welcome Katie to the Fellowship family.
- **COL WILL BERRIS** – Col Berris will be relocating to Bahrain as of July 2016. He will be stationed in Bahrain for 1 year.
- **DAN BROOKS** – Dan recently traveled to Manila, Philippines for the FIELD 2 global experience.
- **PATRICK CLEARY** – Patrick’s wife, Ronica started a job in Washington, DC as a political correspondent with WTTG, a local station in the area. He and Ronica now live in Bethesda, MD.
- **COL FRANK DONOVAN** – Frank will be relocating to Bahrain as of May 2016. He, his wife Kim, and their son will be stationed in Bahrain for 2 years.
- **NATE FICK** – Nate’s company, Endgame, announced a major global partnership with Accenture with the goal to accelerate Endgame’s growth in the commercial market. Nate said, “*Endgame’s alliance with Accenture is transformative for the cyber security industry. We look forward to working with Accenture to deliver an end-to-end security solution that enables its clients to hunt for and eliminate advanced adversaries in a perimeter-less world where previous security measures are no longer enough.*” See the attached article for more information.  
[www.businesswire.com/news/home/20160301005292/en/Accenture-Endgame-Form-Alliance-Organizations-Hunt-Block](http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20160301005292/en/Accenture-Endgame-Form-Alliance-Organizations-Hunt-Block)
- **COL RYAN HERITAGE** – Ryan completed the AMP Program at Harvard Business School in October 2015.
- **COL JIM JENKINS** – Jim completed the AMP Program at Harvard Business School in October 2015.
- **COL CHRIS PATTON** – Chris will be taking command of MAG-24 in Hawaii on June 30, 2016. MAG-24 is aboard Marine Corps Base Hawaii which is on the island of Oahu. The MAG primarily supports the 3rd Marine Regiment.
- **BGEN STEVE SKLENKA** – Steve received a promotion and has been formally assigned as the Principal Director, South and Southeast Asia, OSD-Policy.



*Executive Education Fellowship recipients, Colonel Dave Odom and Colonel Jim Jenkins, bumped into one another at Camp Courtney in Okinawa, Japan. Marine Corps Warfighting Laboratory (MCWL) was doing a command visit with III Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF). Dave and Jim had the opportunity to visit and share “chow” at Bulldog Burgers.*



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## SEMPER FI FUND - THE TIM AND SANDY DAY CANINE COMPANIONS PROGRAM



In keeping with their mission to help wounded service members and their families live fulfilling lives, the Semper Fi Fund developed the Tim and Sandy Day Canine Companions Program in 2012, which is supported by Timothy T. Day Foundation. Grants from the program not only unite injured service members with service dogs, but they also ensure the dogs are properly trained and continually cared for despite the financial difficulties that often arise while an injured service member is transitioning back to civilian life and dealing with physical rehabilitation.

Since 2012, the Tim and Sandy Day Canine Companions Program has had a tremendous impact on many Marines and their four-legged battle buddies. To date (as of Feb 28, 2016):

- *\$1,620,000 assistance provided*
- *528 Marines helped*
- *170 lives from other service branches transformed*
- *1,925 grants delivered*

We are very proud of our partnership with the Semper Fi Fund because we continue to change the lives of Marines and their families. Although life will never be the same, service dogs give our heroes and their families the opportunity to build a new normal. Over and over again, we hear stories about Marines and how their wonderful service dogs have saved their life, gave them a renewed purpose, and made life worth living again.



*Lcpl Christopher Hoang and Riso*

### FROM BAGHDAD, WITH LOVE – A TRIBUTE TO LAVA

*Courtesy of Jay Kopelman*

In November 2004, in the midst of a firefight with insurgents in Fallujah, Marines found a 5-week old puppy of indeterminate breed; they took the pup to their command post, where they cared for him and named him Lava. Coincidentally, the Marines were the Lava Dogs of 1st Battalion, 3rd Marines, and Lava became their mascot and more -- he was their connection to a time and place far away... home. It was later that Lava became known to so many in the United States, and later still when many good people made it their mission to bring Lava home. Lava had become the ward of LtCol Jay Kopelman, who was finally able to bring Lava home to America in April 2005.



*Lava and Jay Kopelman*

Because of his upbringing, Lava had problems. Like many of the Marines who fought in Fallujah and continue to fight battles to this day, so did Lava. For Lava, there was no outlet other than to be hyper-vigilant and, at times, hyper-aggressive. He wasn't wired the way other dogs are. On January 4, 2016, Lava had finally had enough. Jay spoke with Lava's veterinarian and together they decided that the best thing for Lava would be to silence his demons of Fallujah. With a very heavy heart, Jay took Lava to the clinic where he was allowed to finally come to peace. For 10 1/2 years, Jay and Lava supported one another, with Lava doing the lion's share. Lava was not just a dog, he was a symbol of hope for all the underdogs (literally) who survive. Rest in peace, Lava, and run free across that rainbow bridge... until we meet again.



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# Lulu's CORNER

Featuring Stories Of The Heart From Rescue Organizations Supported By Lulu's Fund



*Eva – Before and After*

## 2ND CHANCE DOG RESCUE AND PACC911 LULU'S ANGEL FUND COME TOGETHER TO SAVE A LIFE

Meet Eva. She was rescued from the county shelter as an emergency medical case. Eva was extremely sick with distemper and mycoplasma, and was very emaciated. 2nd Chance Dog Rescue did not think she would make it, but Eva rebounded under the care of the amazing veterinarian, Dr. Scott Darger. Eva is now happy and completely healthy. She is being fostered by a volunteer and is doing AMAZING. She gets along with everyone - people, kids, dogs, cats - and is well-mannered, sweet, housetrained, and loving. She is literally the perfect dog.

Thank you to PACC911 Lulu's Angel Fund and 2nd Chance Dog Rescue for giving Eva a new life!

For more information visit: [www.2ndchance.rescuegroups.org](http://www.2ndchance.rescuegroups.org) and [www.pacc911.org](http://www.pacc911.org)

## PUG NATION OF L.A.

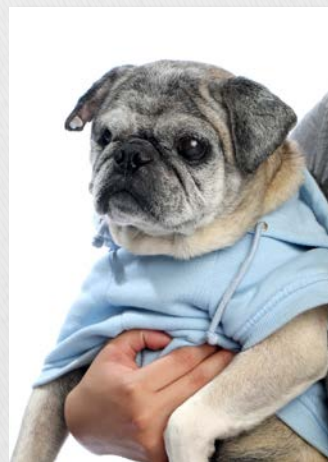
### "ON A MISSION TO CHANGE A PUG'S LIFE"

Leon is a twelve-year-old pug, who is currently available for adoption through Pug Nation of L.A.

This poor old dog was relinquished to Pug Nation Rescue of L.A. He was in deplorable condition. His underside was black, his ear was swollen to five times its healthy size and his eyes were a mess. He recently had his right eye removed as it had no sight and was painful to him. Leon needs a ton of TLC. Pug Nation of L.A. is hoping to find him a home that will pamper and love him for his remaining years.

Visit their website to read more about Leon and how you can adopt him!

[www.pugnationla.org](http://www.pugnationla.org)



*Leon*



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### HEARTS2HEARTS RESCUE BRINGS 115 PUPPY MILL SURVIVORS TO FREEDOM

*Courtesy of National Mill Dog Rescue*

Seven-year-old Nimbus didn't know how his life was about to change when he was rescued on February 27, 2016 from a Midwest puppy mill and brought, along with 114 other dogs, to National Mill Dog Rescue's (NMDR) headquarters in Peyton, Colorado. Nimbus had been a breeding dog for most of his life, but he was no longer profitable to the mill owner; and so, one way or another, he had to go.

Thanks to the delicate relationships National Mill Dog Rescue Executive Director Theresa Strader has built with about 150 commercial breeders, tiny Nimbus got a chance for a whole new life.

Nimbus was part of one of the largest rescue efforts in the organization's 9-year history. Dubbed Hearts2Hearts, the trip covered 1,800 miles in 56 hours through three states, with three rescue vehicles and a team of nine experienced rescuers.

Strader led this latest run, as she so often does, and she oversaw the dogs' care and treatment post-arrival at Lily's Haven, the spacious NMDR kennel facility. Below are a few remarks noted in her recent reports.

*"The following is a list of conditions our veterinary team found in this group of dogs: severe dental disease, broken and/or decaying jaws, dry eye, ear infections, orthopedic diseases, mange, cherry eye, hernias, luxating patellas, cataracts, eye infections, blindness, skin infections, injuries/wounds, foot lesions, pyometra, mammary tumors, heart murmurs, neurological disorders, respiratory illnesses, alopecia, severe matting of fur, fleas and ticks, internal parasites and a variety of congenital defects. After doing the math, 95 percent of our new arrivals are suffering from one or more of these conditions.*

*Unfortunately, there is nothing new or unusual with this group of dogs. It is so deeply disheartening to see them in such horrible condition, an utter betrayal of the human-animal bond. There is so much work yet to be done to abolish this cruelty.*

*Despite these deplorable conditions, the vast majority of the dogs greet us with resilient and forgiving spirits, wagging their tails, kissing our hands and accepting our touch. As ever, a few will take more time to find their courage; but, over time, we will make all of them well and prepare them for the life they've always deserved."*

For more information about National Mill Dog Rescue, including photos of available dogs, visit:

[www.milldogrescue.org](http://www.milldogrescue.org).



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## LUV OF DOGZ FUND, INC.

Courtesy of Hillary Brose

Wally, who now goes by the name of "Diego," was originally brought to Luv of Dogz by our very own, Sandy Day – "mega hero" to animals and rescuers. He was not eating, was very skinny and did not trust many people. Luv of Dogz took Diego to their veterinary office where he was stabilized, medically cleared and then sent to a foster home. He had a tough time adjusting, but with ongoing love and training, he found his wonderful adopter Cindy. Here is what she has to say about him...

*"Diego came to us as a high energetic dog full of life. Just like most dogs, if you don't fulfill their needs they will find trouble. My husband and I can't believe we got so lucky to have him. We just brought a girl dog named Bailey into our home and Diego has helped her adjust to a new lifestyle with lots of love and play time. He is such an amazing, loving, smart dog that is full of life."*

Visit Luv of Dogz website for more information:

[www.luvofdogz.org](http://www.luvofdogz.org)



## IN THE SPOTLIGHT... DOG IS MY COPILOT, INC.



*Congratulations to Dr. Peter Rork and Dog Is My CoPilot, Inc. on their new plane affectionately called the "Big Dog"! They now can transport well-over 100 abandoned dogs to their forever homes in a single flight!*



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## IN MEMORY OF

### FIGHTING FOR DAWN SENIOR SANCTUARY

March 7, 2016

Our friends at Fighting for Dawn Senior Sanctuary had to say goodbye to Dawn, the inspiration and reason this Atlanta-based rescue organization was founded. Sandy Day discovered Dawn's story on Facebook three years ago when a rescue dog named Phoebe Love was delivering her Lovelies (pups) via a live cam. Dawn's story and big beautiful smile touched her heart. They have been friends ever since.

Dawn was once an emaciated Pit Bull with mange, clinging to life and eating wood chips to survive behind a Walmart. Luckily she was rescued, loved and nursed back to health by Denise Stubbs. Dawn, also known as "Chunky Butt", inspired Denise to form Fighting for Dawn Rescue Organization (now Senior Sanctuary) which has rescued more than 400 animals. Today we celebrate Dawn's life, her incredible will to survive and how she inspired the many thousands who knew and loved her. Thank you Denise for sharing Dawn's big beautiful life with us. Run free Dawn and always wear tutus.



Dawn a.k.a. "Chunky Butt"

For more information on Dawn's story:

[www.fightingfordawn.com/dawns-story](http://www.fightingfordawn.com/dawns-story)

[www.vimeo.com/157909476](http://www.vimeo.com/157909476)



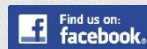
### IN LOVING MEMORY OF SOPHIE

Beloved dog of *Animal Guardian Network's* Carrie Singer. Sophie was loved by many and will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Visit their website for more information:

[www.animalguardiannetwork.org](http://www.animalguardiannetwork.org)

Sophie and Carrie



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