



THE TIMOTHY T DAY FOUNDATION

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THE MARINE CORPS HERITAGE FOUNDATION PLANS FOR A NEW SEMPER FIDELIS MEMORIAL PARK PAVILION

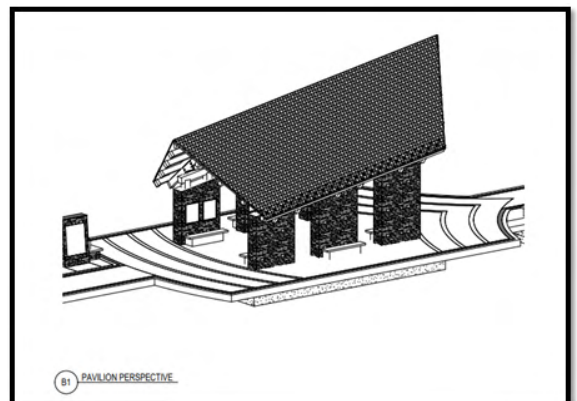
The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation (MCHF) has plans in 2022 to expand Semper Fidelis Memorial Park which will include: new Rally Points, additional monument locations, a new Pavilion, an additional Overlook, and more pathways for brick placements. The Timothy T. Day Foundation has always been a strong supporter of the MCHF, and we are excited to announce that we plan to fund the development of the new Semper Fidelis Memorial Park Pavilion.

The Pavilion will be a beautiful new addition to the existing structures in the park.

Some highlights of the new 600 square-foot Pavilion include:

- The Pavilion will be used for small ceremonies and gatherings
- Visitors will be able to walk 360 degrees around the Pavilion
- When standing in the Pavilion, visitors will have a view of the back of the Museum
- The Pavilion will have the architectural look and feel of the Semper Fidelis Memorial Chapel
- There will be several benches and plaques for sponsorship opportunities

While the expansion project of the Semper Fidelis Memorial Park won't break ground until mid-2022 and is expected to take about one and half years to complete, we look forward to celebrating it's opening.



FELLOWSHIP MARINES ON THE MOVE

NEW HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL EXECUTIVE EDUCATION FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS

February 2021

We were proud to select Colonel Joseph Clearfield, Colonel Christopher Escamilla, Colonel Michael Perez, and Colonel Stephen Lightfoot as recipients of the Timothy T. Day Marine Corps Executive Education Fellowship at Harvard Business School for spring of 2021. This brings the total number of recipients for the AMP Fellowship to thirty-six.



Colonel Joseph Clearfield



Colonel Christopher Escamilla



Colonel Michael Perez



Colonel Stephen Lightfoot

ADVANCED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AT HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL SELECTS MARINE FELLOW FOR CLASS SPEAKER

June 2021

Another Marine was named Class Speaker for the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School for spring of 2021: Joseph "J.R." Clearfield, also newly selected for Brigadier General. The graduation ceremony was held via Zoom on Friday, June 25, 2021.

We would like to congratulate the following officers who have also been selected for this honor over past years. We are proud to have you represent the Marine Corps in each AMP class!

Brigadier General David Odom; October 2012

Lieutenant General George Smith, Jr.; October 2013

Colonel Todd Simmons; May 2015

Brigadier General James Adams; October 2016

Colonel Denise Mull; May 2018

Brigadier General Jason Morris; October 2018

Colonel David Jones; May 2019



Brigadier General (Sel) Joseph Clearfield

FELLOWSHIP MARINES ON THE MOVE



Captain Joel Malkin



Captain Marcus Landers

NEW HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL ENTREPRENEUR FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS

September 2021

We are pleased to announce that Captain Joel Malkin and Captain Marcus Landers were selected as the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh recipients of the Timothy T. Day Marine Corps Entrepreneur Fellowship at Harvard Business School, where they are first-year MBA students.

DAY FAMILY OFFICE HOSTS A VIRTUAL TRIBE REUNION WITH OUR HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL MARINE FELLOWS

October 2021

While we had hoped to plan an in-person Tribe Reunion in 2021, the current COVID-19 pandemic made that challenging. So, we sent a survey to our Marine Fellowship recipients to see if there was interest in planning a virtual one. And the response was overwhelmingly positive. The two-hour virtual Tribe Reunion took place on October 9, 2021, and was attended by nearly 40 recipients located around the globe. With the assistance of some senior Marine officers, an insightful and informative Agenda was crafted, which included:

- Introductory Remarks by Tim Day
- Force Design 2030 Panel Discussion Hosted by Lt. General George Smith, Jr. and Panelists Major General Frank Donovan, Major General Jim Glynn, Brigadier General Jim Adams, Brigadier General Eric Austin, Brigadier General Adam Chalkley and Brigadier General Jim Wellons.

On March 23, 2020, the Marine Corps announced a major force design initiative planned to occur over the next 10 years. The intent is to redesign the force for naval expeditionary warfare and to better align itself with the National Defense Strategy, in particular, its focus on strategically competing with China and Russia. The panel discussed the following:

- Framework of Force Design 2030
 - Update on the acquisition, wargaming and experimentation efforts in support of Force Design
 - Perspective of operational commanders - balancing current requirements with a force in transition
 - Opportunities and challenges across the MAGTF
- Fellow Updates
 - Closing Remarks by Tim Day

The virtual Tribe Reunion was a successful and wonderful event, and it was great to see everyone's faces on the Zoom call. And our post-Reunion survey indicated there was great interest in coordinating a future virtual Tribe Reunion in six months or so until we can safely plan an in-person event. We look forward to the next Tribe Reunion and staying connected with our Fellow Marines.

FELLOWSHIP MARINES ON THE MOVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

The Foundation is proud of its continued relationship with our Fellowship Marines, and enjoy sharing their promotions, life experiences and adventures with you.

BGen James Adams, USMC (AMP 2016) has been nominated for the appointment to the rank of Major General.

BGen Eric Austin, USMC (AMP 2013) has been nominated for the appointment to the rank of Major General.

BGen William Bowers, USMC (AMP 2012) has been nominated for the appointment to the rank of Major General.

BGen Joseph Clearfield, USMC (AMP 2021) was promoted to Brigadier General on June 2, 2021 and is currently serving as the Deputy Commander for Marine Forces Pacific in Hawaii.

Col Dirk Cooper, USMC (Ret) (AMP 2017) is currently serving as Vice President, Business Development Navy and Marine Corps Programs for Amentum/DynCorp International.

MajGen James Glynn, USMC (AMP 2014) has been serving as the Commander, Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command (MARSOC) at Camp Lejeune, NC, since June 2020.

BGen Anthony Henderson, USMC (AMP 2017) was promoted to Brigadier General July 1, 2021 and is currently serving as the Deputy Commanding General, II Marine Expeditionary Force and Commanding General, 2d Marine Expeditionary Brigade at Camp Lejeune, NC.

MajGen Ryan Heritage, USMC (AMP 2015) is currently serving as Commanding General for Marine Corps Forces Cyberspace Command in San Diego, CA.

BGen Jason Morris, USMC (AMP 2018) is currently assigned as the Commanding General of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Western Recruiting Region in San Diego, CA.

BGen Dave Odom, USMC (AMP 2012) is currently serving as the Director, Expeditionary Warfare Division, OPNAV N 95 on the Chief of Naval Operations staff at the Pentagon in Washington, DC.

Col Christopher Patton, USMC (Ret) (AMP 2015) had a career change and is now working with Lockheed Martin in Arlington, VA.

BGen Chick Rideout, USMC (AMP 2019) is currently serving as Deputy Commanding General I Marine Corps Expeditionary Force in Camp Pendleton, CA.

Col James Ryans, USMC (AMP 2018) is currently serving as the Marine Corps Fellow to the Council on Foreign Relations in North Carolina.

LtGen Steve Sklenka, USMC (AMP 2017) was promoted to Lieutenant General on August 19, 2021 and currently serves as the Deputy Commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command in Hawaii.

LtGen George Smith, Jr., USMC (AMP 2013) is currently serving as Commanding General I Marine Corps Expeditionary Force in Camp Pendleton, CA.

FELLOWSHIP MARINES ON THE MOVE

MajGen Bob Sofge, USMC (AMP 2011) was promoted to Major General in July 2021, and is currently serving as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Strategy, Plans, and Policy at US Forces Korea.

Col Chris Tavuchis, USMC (AMP 2017) is preparing for retirement. Chris last served as the Commanding Officer, Marine Artillery Detachment, Fort Sill, OK.

MajGen Matt Trollinger, USMC (AMP 2016) was promoted to Major General on July 9, 2021. Matt has been in transition from his command of Naval Amphibious Force, Task Force 51/5th Marine Expeditionary Brigade in Bahrain, back to the US for duty in the Joint Staff J5, as the deputy director, politico-military affairs for the Middle East.

BGen Jason Woodworth, USMC (AMP 2020) was promoted to Brigadier General on July 23, 2021, and currently serves as the Commanding General MCIWEST-MCB Camp Pendleton, CA.

Colin Barry (MBA 2010) and his wife, Katie, welcomed their first son, Blake Theodore Barry, who was born on August 6, 2021.

Dan Burton (MBA 2011) and his wife, Corie, welcomed their second son, Graham Cooper Burton, who was born on October 29, 2021.

Ian Epperson (MBA 2019) is now engaged to wed his fiancée, Meredith Cantwell, and is working as an Associate with McKinsey & Co. in Boston, MA.

Lauren Harris (MBA 2017) and her husband, Jordan, welcomed their second son, Isaac Paul Harris, who was born on August 3, 2021.

Brad Holden (MBA 2016) and his wife, Christina, welcomed their first son, Andrew Michael Holden, who was born on July 12, 2021.

Phillip Jones (MBA 2019) is now working as a consultant with Bain & Co. in their Washington, D.C. office.

Mark Powers (MBA 2014) and his wife, Alicia, welcomed their son, Grant Wolcott Powers, who was born on September 22, 2021.

Blake Rice (MBA 2011) and his wife, Morgan, welcomed their first daughter, Eleanor Rice, who was born on March 12, 2021.

Carlo Scott (MBA 2015) and his wife, Ashley, welcomed their first son, Joseph Harrison Scott, who was born on September 21, 2021.

Dan West (MBA 2013) married his fiancée, Isabel Eberstadt, on March 20, 2021.



Isabel and Dan West

FELLOWSHIP MARINES ON THE MOVE



Jordan, Lauren, Levi and Isaac Paul Harris



Joseph Harrison Scott



Colin and son, Blake Theodore Barry



Graham Cooper Burton



Mark, Alicia and Grant Wolcott Powers



Christina, Brad and Andrew Michael Holden

HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL PORTRAIT PROJECT 2021: PHILLIP JONES

As the school year came to a close, the Class of 2021 shared reflections on the lives they hope to lead through the HBS Portrait Project.



We are pleased to share that Phillip Jones, a recipient of the *Timothy T. Day Marine Corps Entrepreneur Fellowship Fund*, is one of the students featured in this HBS tradition. The project asks, “*What will you do with your one wild and precious life?*” I hope you enjoy reading Phillip’s [candid and personal response](#).

Be sure to also read [PHILLIP JONES VIDEO BLOG: MY EXPERIENCE AS A VETERAN IN THE HBS/HKS JOINT DEGREE](#)

DAY FAMILY OFFICE ANOUNCES NEW MEMBER TO DAY FAMILY GOVERNANCE

The Day Family Office is excited to announce that Ira M. Shapiro will be joining the Day Family in a variety of official positions, namely as:

- Day Family Board of Counselor Member
- Day Foundation Board Member
- Investment Committee Member

Ira is a long-time respected friend of the Day Family and has been serving as a Family Advisor in an “unofficial capacity” for some time, so we are thrilled that his appointments became official effective November 20, 2021.



When not helping out the Day Family, Ira is a Partner with Raintree Wealth Partners in Scottsdale, and has been providing financial advice for over 30 years. It’s also important to note that Ira served in the U.S. Marine Corps from May 1986 - September 1991, and attained the rank of Captain. Ira was discharged from the Marines shortly after serving in Operation Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia. In fact, Ira is often referred to as “*Mr. Marine of Arizona*” as he is very involved in a variety of Marine-related nonprofit boards and local organizations. Ira is also an avid hiker and many of our readers probably know him well and have hiked with him and Tim when visiting Phoenix – and if not – it’s surely something you can count on next time you visit the Day Family Office.

Welcome aboard Ira, and we look forward to the continued experience and expertise you bring to the Day Family.

**MARINE CORPS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION
DAY SCHOLARS PROGRAM "HONORING MARINES BY EDUCATING THEIR CHILDREN"
AY 2021-2022**

The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation's *Day Scholars Program* was created to provide financial and mentoring assistance to outstanding college seniors who are children of Marines – particularly those who are considering military service or whose parents were wounded or killed in combat.

Each year we select 10 recipients of the *Day Scholars Program*. Congratulations to our tenth class!

Christopher Cooney; *University of North Carolina at Wilmington (Film Studies)*

Perri Jenkins; *Texas Tech University (Creative Media Industries, Journalism & Electronic Media)*

Zachary Luyo; *Christopher Newport University (Neuroscience)*

Zachary McDaniel; *Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Computer Science)*

Aidan Morson; *San Francisco State University (Physics)*

Tanner Rodgers; *Brigham Young University (Physical Education)*

Dylan Rodriguez; *Texas A&M University (Engineering)*

Collette Smith; *Georgia Institute of Technology (Neuroscience)*

Ethan Springer; *California Baptist University (Aviation Science)*

Amanda Swankoski; *Rowan University (Mathematics)*




**MARINE CORPS
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**A SPECIAL
THANK
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TO TIMOTHY T. DAY**

Thank you for your years of generous support for the Marine Corps Association and our Commander's Forum programs.



"We are honored to support a process that enables current Marine leaders to learn from historic battlefields by walking the actual grounds and seeing the challenges that past warriors faced."
—Tim Day

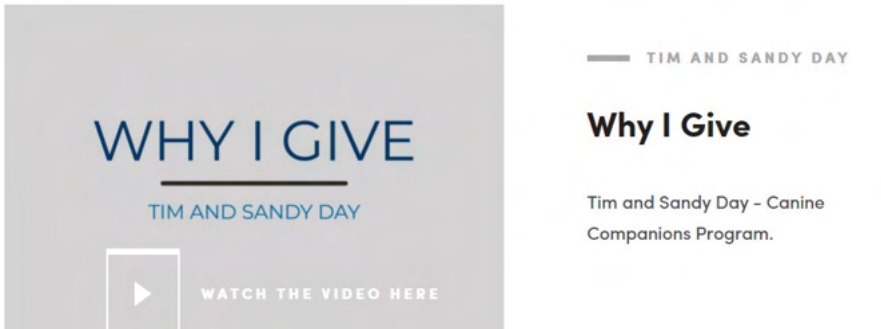


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For Our Combat Wounded, Ill, and Injured

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"WHY I GIVE"

The "[Why I Give](#)" campaign invited donors to share about why they give to Semper Fi & America's Fund.

Be sure to watch Tim and Sandy's video to hear their story and why the [Tim and Sandy Day Canine Companion Program](#) is so important to them.



THE TIM AND SANDY DAY
CANINE COMPANIONS
PROGRAM

There is no doubt that dogs are something special. Being around a dog is not only good for the soul, but it can lower blood pressure and heart rate, relax muscles, and significantly reduce the amount of cortisol, the stress hormone, your body is producing. Tim and Sandy Day's combined love for Marines and animals has now provided \$1,735,000 to 800 Marines and their constant furry companions. Overall, the program has provided nearly \$4,000,000 of assistance to 1,600 service members of all branches. Tim first started supporting The Fund back in 2004, at The Fund's very inception, when it was known as the Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund. He believed in the mission and team well before many knew about the small group operating out of Camp Pendleton for the early efforts supporting those coming back in medevacs from Iraq and Afghanistan.

With additional funding from the Timothy T. Day Foundation, in 2012, Semper Fi & America's Fund introduced The Tim & Sandy Day Canine Companions Program, created to unite injured and critically ill service members with service dogs. The program ensures that dogs are properly trained and related expenses in caring for the service dogs are provided, such as vet bills, dog food, and service dog training. Some dogs are trained in mobility to assist amputees while they take off their prosthetics. Others are trained to smell the chemical changes that happen in the body when an anxiety attack or seizure is about to occur. Service dogs are so much more than just pets. For their human companions, they are therapists with four legs, a safe harbor during difficult times, and a gentle nudge when physical or emotional support is needed the most. Dogs know their humans better than the service members know themselves. The following stories are just a few of the thousands of the smallest and furriest support units of Semper Fi & America's Fund. Tim and Sandy Day stated...

"We always believed that the unconditional love of a dog — a devoted companion — could be of great benefit for the healing of our injured warriors."

A private first class from New Jersey contracted methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) in 2010. The MRSA did not respond to treatment, irreparably damaging the



tissue in the private's arms and legs. He underwent emergency surgery that — although ultimately life-saving — resulted in the amputation of all four of his limbs. The private first class, who is in a wheelchair, expressed interest in obtaining a service dog to help him gain independence and to provide him with a sense of safety and security. Funding from the Canine Companions Program offset the cost of purchasing and training his Belgian Malinois service dog, Kimber. Kimber learned how to work off-leash, follow commands to pick up items off the floor, and turn light switches on and off, which is a blessing to both the Marine and his wife, who also uses a wheelchair due to multiple sclerosis.

After two deployments to Iraq, the private first class from Illinois began his journey toward meeting his future service dog. During his second deployment, his vehicle struck an IED. The shock wave from the explosion caused severe TBI issues, and the Marine left active duty in 2006. He moved back home, and his sister-in-law became his caregiver as he moved forward in recovery. Several years later, doctors diagnosed him with PTSD and he began inpatient treatment for severe anxiety, memory loss, stuttering, and nightmares. "I was in a bad part of my life at that time dealing with my brain injury and PTSD. On top of that, my dog had recently died, and I didn't want to leave my house." After hearing about Abby, he went to see her in person and adopted the Pitbull. An earlier donation from The Tim and Sandy Day Canine Companions Program in 2012 helped the private first class pay for the training needed to turn Abby into a certified service dog.

Since then, Abby and her Marine have attended college together, where she was a favorite in the laboratory classes, sporting her safety goggles. On graduation day, Abby walked with him to receive "their" diploma. Abby reduces his anxiety in crowded spaces, reminds him to take his medicine, helps him when he is having a nightmare, and can get him to a safe place. Over the years, she has helped him with his stuttering because so many people have approached him to talk about Abby, which forces him to practice almost daily. The Canine Companions Program recently covered Abby's annual checkup, shots, and prescribed medication, ensuring she is healthy and able to help her best friend as he continues to progress and heal.

Deployed with the military police to both Iraq and Afghanistan, a staff sergeant had four deployments between 2003 and 2013. She was diagnosed with extreme PTSD and has found great comfort in her service dog, Cali Bear. Cali Bear is my 5-year-old Black Lab/Golden service dog that I utilize for both mobility and PTSD symptoms. What does she mean to me? I can tell you in just two words: "The world." Her service dog has become her right hand, calming her when her anxiety gets high and bringing her back up when her depression starts to

take over. The Tim & Sandy Day Canine Companions Program helped cover Cali Bear's medical bills.

The master sergeant was born and raised in Pennsylvania, attending boot camp at Parris Island, SC, immediately following high school graduation. After one deployment to Afghanistan and two to Iraq, the Marine returned to Iraq for the third time in 2007. While conducting combat operations with the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, his vehicle struck and activated a pressure plate IED. The blast from the device amputated his legs from the knee down. Told it would be a year before he could walk, the master sergeant surpassed expectations taking his first steps only two months after his injury. He received a Purple Heart, was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat "V," the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with Combat "V" and 4 Gold Stars, and the Combat Action Ribbon with 2 Gold Stars. Medically retired in December 2009 the Marine lives in California with his wife and four children. Since his injury, Semper Fi & America's Fund has provided support for the master sergeant and his family, allowing them to concentrate on his recovery and lengthy hospital stays throughout seven surgeries. One of his first needs was a service dog to assist him with balance issues and managing his PTSD symptoms. Because of his height, the master sergeant needs a large dog, and, in 2007, we helped him with the purchase of his first service dog, a Bullmastiff named Zeus. Unfortunately, after nine years of dedicated service, Zeus passed away. In 2017, funding from the Tim and Sandy Day Canine Companions Program offset the cost for the purchase and training of a new service dog, a Cane Corso named Murphy. The program provided a gift card to help the Marine keep up with Murphy's 8–10 pounds of dog food per week, ensuring that his extra-large support system stays well-fed and healthy.

The corporal deployed to Afghanistan with 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines, and experienced numerous IED blasts and multiple firefights. In June 2011, the Marine's brother, also serving in the same unit, stepped on an IED and had to be medevaced to a trauma center in Afghanistan. After his brother stabilized, the corporal flew with him to Bethesda, where his brother, unfortunately, succumbed to his injuries. After emergency family leave, the Marine wanted to return to his unit, but he began suffering from anxiety and depression. Assigned to the Wounded Warrior Battalion-East and sent to the National Intrepid Center of Excellence at Walter Reed, the corporal received diagnoses of PTSD and a TBI. He subsequently completed an inpatient stay at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, where he learned valuable strategies to progress and heal. He was medically retired in 2013 and has focused on his recovery. Last year, he received a service dog, Nash, a Golden Retriever, to help him manage his PTSD symptoms. The Canine Companions Program provided travel funds so the corporal could bond and train with Nash during his service dog training.

GOOD FOOD . GOOD FRIENDS . GOOD TIMES



February 17, 2021 - Bob Sofge, Tim Day, Adrienne Sofge, Sandy Day, Kristen and Luke Larson at Tarbell's (Phoenix, AZ)



June 19, 2021 - Tim Day, Alicia and Mark Powers, Mike LeBlanc, Sandy Day, Chiryze LeBlanc and Robin Hutton at the Manhattan Room (La Jolla, CA)



May 22, 2021 - Ryan Heritage, Tim and Sandy Day, Chris Heritage, Faye and Jim Kitchel at the Manhattan Room (La Jolla, CA)



October 30, 2021 - Jason Morris, Jane Conwell, Tim Day, Kathleen and George Smith, Jackie and Chick Rideout at Eddie V's (La Jolla, CA)



November 1, 2021 - Michael and Chiryze LeBlanc, Tim and Sandy Day, at Harry's Coffee Shop (La Jolla, CA)

Lulu's Corner

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

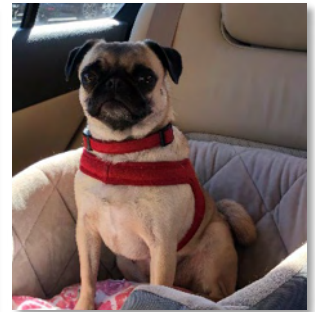
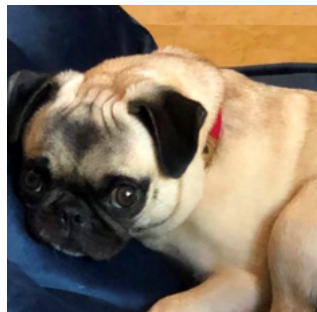
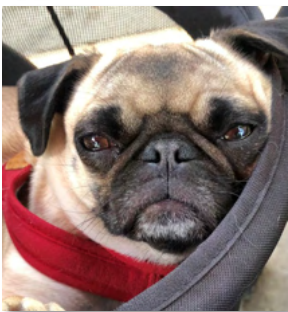


MEET LUCY DAY!

Lucy was born at a Kansas puppy mill where she spent the first two years of her life. After delivering two litters of puppies by C-section due to her small size, the mill thankfully, relinquished her to [National Mill Dog Rescue](#) (NMDR) located in Colorado Springs, CO.

Lulu's Fund has a long-standing relationship with this amazing organization that rescues dogs from puppy mills throughout the Midwest. Sandy spotted Lucy on social media where she was following the rescue mission and reached out to NMDR Founder, Theresa Strader. The rest as they say, is history!

Lucy joined the Day household on April 11, 2021, and has filled their home with so much love and joy. Given her humble beginnings, we think she has Lulu's seal of approval!



Please consider adopting a pet. There are so many wonderful organizations in our communities with animals who would love nothing more than to become a member of your family.

[SEE OUR WEBSITE HERE FOR ORGANIZATIONS LULU'S FUND IS CURRENTLY SUPPORTING!](#)



16,420 dogs saved and counting





The Arizona
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THE ARIZONA PET PROJECT RESOURCE CENTER

One morning over coffee in early 2020, Leanna Taylor, CEO of The Arizona Pet Project, was updating Sandy Day on all of the important work The Arizona Pet Project was accomplishing to keep families together and pets out of shelters. During the conversation, Leanna identified a real need for a [bilingual community support center](#) that would provide much-needed assistance to pet families living in South Phoenix.

This is an area where families love their pets, but struggle to find resources and face many barriers in accessing care for them. Lulu’s Fund was happy to provide funding to cover rent for the first year, allowing The Arizona Pet Project to focus *all* of its attention on supporting families with pets in need.

PHOENIX

At Arizona Pet Project's resource center in south Phoenix, the focus is on humans and pets

Megan Taros Arizona Republic
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Leanna Taylor, the CEO of the Arizona Pet Project, unravels the company's logo at its new resource center in Phoenix on April 26, 2021. The Arizona Pet Project helps families provide care for their pets. Thomas Hawthorne/The Republic



THE ARIZONA PET PROJECT HEROES UNLEASHED October 2021

After a year of planning and changes due to the pandemic, The Arizona Pet Project was able to give 2021 HERO(es) a second chance to take center stage.

An exclusive [“HEROes Unleashed” fundraising cocktail & dinner event](#) was held at the beautiful Ocotillo Restaurant in downtown Phoenix, AZ on Friday evening, October 22, 2021. Lulu’s Fund had wonderful representation as the presenting sponsor, and enjoyed supporting this very important cause.

The community’s support of this fundraiser helped our most vulnerable residents, including veterans, the elderly, domestic violence victims, and the homeless with basic care for them and their beloved pets.





Dog Is My CoPilot



**ANIMAL ADOPTION CENTER
BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS & HOPE IN LAREDO, TEXAS**

Imagine waking up each day and going to work at an animal shelter where you know approximately half of the 250 animals in your care will be euthanized due to overcrowding. With limited resources, rescue partners, and funding, there was not much hope for change; that is what the shelter [Laredo Animal Care Services](#) staff and animals faced each day.

About 18 months ago, Carrie Boynton, Executive Director of the [Animal Adoption Center](#) (AAC) in Jackson, WY, spoke with Sandy Day about the tragic situation in Laredo, TX. Conversations were already taking place with [Dog Is My Copilot](#) (DIMC) and American Pets Alive, on possible ways to help alleviate the high numbers of euthanasia, and transport dogs and cats to areas where they would be adopted.

Lulu's Fund happily volunteered to help with the funding of monthly spay and neuter clinics, while DIMC provides multiple animal transports, and the AAC assists in helping the Laredo dogs and cats find their forever homes. A community of animal loving people and organizations have come together to make this happen including the dedicated shelter staff and veterinarian teams.

Please take the time to watch this [8-minute inspirational video](#) that was presented at the Animal Adoption Center's "New Leash On Life" gala in July 2021. It will warm your heart... and you might want to have a tissue handy.



AMERICAN ★★★★★★★★ HUMANE FIRST TO SERVE



Staff Sergeant Sheridyn Rupp, MWD Irk with Timothy T. Day Foundation representatives - Karen Hall, Ira Shapiro and Pamela Balliet



MWD REUNIFICATION WITH FORMER HANDLER, SERGEANT SHERIDYN RUPP October 2021

The Timothy T. Day Foundation had the opportunity to host the reunification between Military Working Dog, Irk, a 9-year-old German Shepherd, and his former handler and best friend, Staff Sergeant Sheridyn Rupp. The two had not seen each other in a year, and the heartwarming reunion took place in our office on October 18, 2021. The joy and relief shining on both of their faces when they saw each other again reminds us why the American Humane military reunification program is so important.

We were fortunate to be a part of this reunion, and enjoyed meeting both Staff Sergeant Rupp and Irk. Happy retirement to Irk!

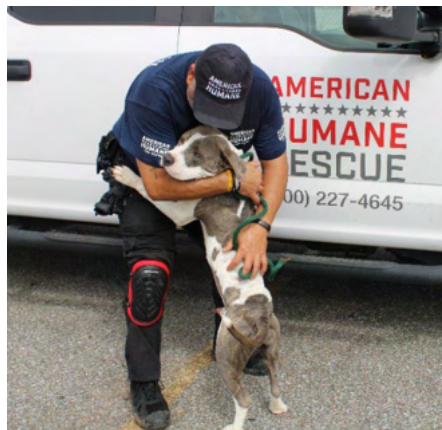
[WATCH THE VIDEO HERE!](#)

Photos courtesy of American Humane photographer, Danny Smitherman

AMERICAN HUMANE RESCUE EFFORTS

From August through the end of September of 2021, the American Humane Rescue team was busy with dual deployments. They deployed one team to help animals impacted by the devastating [Caldor Fires in Northern California](#) and another team to help animals in the wake of [Hurricane Ida](#).

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Photos courtesy of American Humane



AMERICAN HUMANE HERO DOG AWARDS

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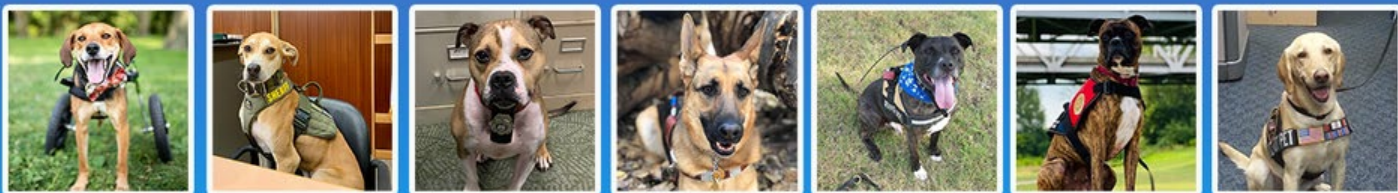
Meet Deputy Chance, the 2021 Shelter Hero Dog sponsored by Lulu's Fund. Before being rescued by local authorities, Chance was a victim of animal abuse. Chance has not allowed his life to be defined by poor circumstances, and he is now deputized and working for the Lee County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit.

The 11th Annual American Humane Hero Dog Awards Gala took place on November 12, 2021, in Palm Beach, Florida. American Humane revealed the overall winner, [Therapy Hero Dog Boone](#), a dog on wheels with a heart of gold, won the title of 2021 American Hero Dog. Lulu's Fund sends many congratulations to Boone and his family for this tremendous honor!

If you missed the American Humane Hero Dog Awards broadcast on the Hallmark Drama channel, you can watch it [ONLINE HERE!](#) You don't want to miss this celebration of the extraordinary 2021 Hero Dogs pictured below. Their stories are heartwarming and telling about why each nominee is beyond deserving of this award.



Shelter Hero Dog Deputy Chance and his handler, Lt. Richard Castellon at the 11th Annual American Humane Hero Dog Awards Gala.



Photos courtesy of American Humane

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Instagram: @AmericanHumane or @HeroDogAwards

Twitter: @AmericanHumane

#LOVEPUP

THE LOVEPUP FOUNDATION

The LovePup Foundation (#LovePup) was founded by Johnjay and Blake Van Es. Johnjay, of Johnjay & Rich, uses his radio platform to create awareness for homeless dogs in our community.

Shelter prevention is a key focus of #LovePup. “A Dog is Forever” is a #LovePup program that helps families keep their beloved pets by paying medical or training bills for dogs in need. The LovePup Foundation also serves the homeless population by vaccinating, altering and microchipping their dogs.

In February 2021, #LovePup opened a shelter to house homeless dogs while they find their forever homes. The LovePup Foundation believes that dogs deserve a happy place to stay before their transition to their new life. The #LovePup shelter is just that!



Blake and Johnjay Van Es with Sandy and Lucy Day

#LovePup has teamed up with Lerner & Rowe, Safeway and Albertsons to microchip every dog that is adopted at Maricopa County Animal Care and Control. The LovePup Foundation has entered their third year in this partnership and the return to owner rate has increased by 2-3% each year.

#LovePup believes that all shelters and rescues should work together to create greater good. We all have the same goal of helping homeless dogs in our community, so The LovePup Foundation created #LovePup “Family Fest”, which is a family event with popular artists, interactive sponsor areas and a huge adoption center where all rescues are invited to showcase their dogs.

“Thank you, Lulu’s Fund, for partnering with #LovePup to help homeless dogs in our community.”



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COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY LAPROSCOPIC SPAY FOR A CAUSE

Colorado State University Veterinary Teaching Hospital and Dr. Eric Monnet are training practicing veterinarians

while helping the rescue community. Dr. Monnet scrubs in on every surgery to closely monitor each procedure. Attached is a [short video](#) on laparoscopic spays and how this program is providing services to dogs before they are adopted.

Dr. Monnet operated on Lulu three times and gave us many additional years with our girl. We are so appreciative of what he and the CSUVTH team did for us personally as well as what they are doing for the rescue community.

Lulu’s Fund is proud to provide support to Dr. Monnet and his team!

Should you wish to support **Laparoscopic Spay for a Cause - Lulu’s Fund**, you can [use this link!](#)



“Marley, a Pit bull who was all heart. He wanted nothing more than to sit by your side or hang out in his big comfy bed. Marley went to the Rainbow Bridge in October 2021 at 12 years old with his dad, Richard, by his side. He was loved by many and will be greatly missed, especially by his dad, his aunt Sandy and his gram, Joanna.” – Sandy Day



Richard Weeks and Marley



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