

SPECIAL PROJECT

My special project is 2-Fold. I am interested in the service animal projects that assist veterans who suffer from PTSD, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder or TBI, Traumatic Brain Injury. I have done research and located a facility here in Illinois where animals are matched with a veteran. It's called 1Pet1Vet, based in Manteno with the training center in Lemont. It is relatively new; so far has graduated 3 service dogs with their veteran. Currently 10 veterans are in the program with 4 more applicants. 8 are post 9/11 veterans. Last year, we honored Major Lindsay Leskanich as our Service Woman of the Year. She had continued her Nursing Career thru the Army to receive her Doctorate in Nursing with a focus on PTSD and TBI. This is very near to my heart.

We will be making donations to all the Veterans Facilities. The VA Reps will be in touch with their facilities to determine what their special need might be. For example, lawn furniture, chairs, library books, or fishing poles. Donations should be earmarked for the location you want to support. Undesignated donations will be divided equally to all facilities.