



Wow, where did 2017 go?

Our donors of time, talent, and treasures have out done themselves and are a blessing for Patriots and Paws.

In celebrating our 7th year, we surpassed our goal of helping 1,000 Veterans, Active Duty, and Reservists. As of this writing, we gave hope and dignity to 1,050 clients with simple things like a bed, linen, dishes, and even a couch in our Provisions for Patriots program. All through the efforts of our amazing supporters, a generous anonymous donor who funded the purchase a gently used larger truck, and tireless volunteers who have put *in over 14,000 hours* in 2017.

Every Veteran we help has a story to tell and whose life is changed through your compassion. Consider the single father of two beautiful young girls who struggled throughout his adult life carrying two tremendous emotional weights - losing a sibling at an early age and having survivor's guilt from his experiences in military service. To cope, he turned to alcohol and drugs. Knowing he had to make healthier choices so he and his family could live a better life, he sought help. Now he is working, and his family has a place to live. **And after his visit to Patriots and Paws, his family created a home because you cared.**

With Paws we continue to look towards a bright future. We are excited to continue our partnership with WAGS to help unite rescue animals with those who have served our great nation. Further, we are honored to continue our relationships with 4 Paws 4 Patriots and Canine Intelligence Academy (CIA), both of which are Veteran organizations that train rescue animals to be service dogs.

Thank you for making 2017 fundraisers a wonderful success! We would love to have you join us again in 2018, so please mark your calendars:

- Saturday, April 21st – Annual “Show Em the Love” Open House/Fundraiser, Patriots and Paws Warehouse, Orange
- Monday, May 7th – 4th Annual Golf Tournament, Sea Cliff Country Club, Huntington Beach, www.patriotsandpawsgolf.com
- Saturday, October 6th – 4th Annual Hometown Heroes Car/Truck/Motorcycle Show, Canyon RV Park, Anaheim, www.patriotsandpawscarshow.com

If you do social media, please follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Consider signing up on our website for our newsletter if you haven't already done so.

Please consider us in your year end giving up until midnight on December 31st. Donations can be made via mail or on our website through Paypal. Every cent matters.

Your support is vital for our local military community.

Sincerely,

Penny Lambright
Founder/Chairman of the Board