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Title: Introduction to Hero Dogs

Location: Zoom Webinar

Date & Time: Saturday, September 19, 2020 from 3 - 5

Summary

This presentation is for anyone who is interested in learning more about Hero Dogs, whether as a potential applicant, volunteer, donor, or other supporter.

Description

Would you like to learn more about Hero Dogs? Are you interested in volunteering*? Are you a veteran or first responder who may be interested in applying to receive a service dog?

The first hour of the presentation will include:

- Mission and background of Hero Dogs,
- Overview of Hero Dogs programs,
- Live demonstration of service dog skills, and
- Outline of volunteer opportunities

Then we will break for a tour of the facility. **Those interested in applying for a service dog**, their family members and other advocates, and anyone interested in learning more about partnering with a service dog should plan to stay for the second half of the presentation which will include:

- The Hero Dogs application process
- Team training
- Living with a service dog
- Q & A

*All Hero Dogs volunteers and potential volunteers should attend this session at least once.

Please note: Zoom Dial in information will be sent on Friday before the event to those who have registered.

item 2 - Advertisement for Veterans who are interested in apply for a service dog

[Hero Dogs, Inc.](#) places service dogs with veterans and first-responders with disabilities. We also place skilled home companion dogs with veteran and first-responder families.

To qualify for a dog:

- You must be a veteran of the U.S. Uniformed Services with an honorable or general (under honorable conditions) discharge. Discharges other than honorable will be considered on a case by case basis. First responders must have an equivalent, verifiable service record.
- You must be released from all military and reserve obligations.
- You must have a disability as defined by the ADA, i.e. a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, a history or record of such an impairment, or be perceived by others as having such an impairment. Note that your disability does not need to be service connected and we do not require any minimum VA disability rating.
- You must live within 50 miles or approximately one hour's travel time of Hero Dogs (Brookeville, MD), and be able to provide your own transportation.
- If your disability includes PTSD or any other psychiatric disability, you must currently be in counseling, and must remain in mental health treatment for the duration of your matching and training with Hero Dogs.

If you meet these basic criteria, please visit our [Applicants page](#) to see the rest of the requirements and request an application. If you do NOT meet these eligibility criteria, please visit [Assistance Dogs International, Inc.](#) (ADI) to locate a service dog agency that places dogs in your area or nationally. ADI is a coalition of not-for-profit organizations that train and place service, guide, and hearing dogs.

Contact Hero Dogs, Inc. at 888-570-8653 or via e-mail to applicant@hero-dogs.org.