

LIFE notes

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Military Heroes Edition



Star Board Member of the Month



Allan & Linda
Adelson

Our Star Board Member this month is the beautiful Linda Adelson. This multi-faceted woman was born in Battle Creek Michigan and attended Ferris State College. Though she is currently retired, during her career she used her financial acumen working with the Investment Group with National Bank of Detroit and as Vice President at Ferris,

Baker Watts.

In addition to her support of LIFE, Linda is active with the Center for Family Services, Daughters of the American Revolution, American Heart Association, Cleveland Clinic, Lung Association, Jewish Federation and Jewish Children's Fund. She is the proud mother of four and grandmother of four.

Linda and her devoted husband Allan will be co-chairs of the 23rd Annual "Lady in Red" Gala, along with Soula and Rick Rifkin. The Gala is slated for December 3, 2016 at the Mar a Lago Club, Palm Beach.

Upcoming events

February 2, 2016

Tribute to America's Military Heroes
hosted by John Payne, Lois Pope and
Robin Ganzert
6:00 pm to 8:30 pm
Brazilian Court
By Invitation

March 1, 2016

Be Humane Celebrity Lunch
hosted by American Humane Association
and Lois Pope
11:30 am
The Mar a Lago Club
By Invitation

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Dear Friends,

This month, LIFE is going to the dogs...military hero dogs, that is!

Dictionary.com defines the word “hero” as one who “has distinguished courage or ability, admired for his brave deeds and noble qualities...who, in the opinion of others, has heroic qualities or has performed a heroic act...”



Lois Pope with
2015 AHA Hero Dog
Harley

I can't think of individuals who better epitomize and actualize this definition than the hundreds, if not thousands of canines who serve as military working dogs. They serve alongside their human military service members on the battlefield - quite often right on the front lines - sniffing out IEDS and other bombs. They come under enemy fire. They search in small spaces and buildings to make sure they are safe for soldiers to enter. In fact, it is estimated that because of their unparalleled abilities of smell and detection, each military working dog saves the lives of between 150-200 warriors.

And when they are not keeping soldiers out of harm's way, these dogs offer companionship and a sense of normalcy in circumstances that for the overwhelming majority of us are simply inconceivable.

Last month, thanks to American Humane Association and the support of all of us at LIFE, President Obama signed the National Defense Reauthorization Act that included for the first time provisions to ensure that these courageous canines are returned home to the U.S. after their service is completed.

On February 2, we all have the wonderful opportunity to meet a few of these four-legged champions (and their two-legged colleagues) at the AHA's Tribute to America's Military Heroes. Together with American Humane's chairman John Payne and president and CEO Robin Ganzert, I am privileged to co-host the prestigious event, scheduled for 6-8:30 pm at the Brazilian Court Hotel, which will serve to launch the AHA's new Center for Military Affairs.

Under the leadership of Captain Jason Haag, USMC (ret.), the Center will be home to such programs as the K-9 Battle Buddies, which helps military K-9 teams on and off the battlefield; Wags for Patriots, which assists returning veterans in coping with the hidden wounds of war; Operation Purple camps, where children and family members coping with post-traumatic stress interact with warm, playful, and loving therapy dogs; and American Humane's groundbreaking research on PTS and service dogs.

In addition to welcoming these courageous canines, we will also meet USMC Col. Scott D. Campbell, Commanding Officer of the Wounded Warrior Regiment at Quantico; Sgt. Matt Eversmann, inspiration for the movie “Black Hawk Down” and AHA National Ambassador; and Col. Dick Bauer, the decorated Vietnam Veteran and AHA Ambassador.

For more information, you can call the AHA's Palm Beach Office at 561-537-5887. I am not barking up the wrong tree in declaring that this is one event you don't want to miss!

With much love,

Lois

Founder & President of LIFE

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