

LIFE prides itself on helping those in need and for being the champion for those who cannot speak but who enrich our lives and everyday make us a little more... human.

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# Hearts and Stripes Edition



## Star Board Member of the Month



Dr. Robert Mackler

LIFE Board Member Dr. Robert Mackler has been an active member of the local medical community in both internal and emergency medicine for more than twenty years. His education and training have taken him from the New York University School of Medicine to Chicago, California and Europe. He currently enjoys a busy concierge medical practice here in the Palm Beaches.

In addition to his steadfast support of LIFE, Robert has been and remains an active supporter of several charities, including the Cleveland Clinic and the Haitian earthquake relief efforts. His interests as an animal lover and rescuer have drawn him to the mission of the American Humane Association.

He has served as a chairman of LIFE's "Lady in Red" Gala for the past two years and will once again serve as a chairman for the 2016 Gala, "Speakeasy", slated for December 3, 2016 at the Mar a Lago Club, Palm Beach. **Upcoming events** 

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

December 3, 2016

LIFE's "Lady in Red" Gala "Speakeasy" The Mar a Lago Club By Invitation

#### **AHA Corner**

American Humane Association, the country's first national humane organization and one that is celebrating a century of working with the U.S. military in 2016, has announced the launch of the Lois Pope LIFE Center for Military Affairs, thanks to a generous gift by its board member, the internationally renowned philanthropist Lois Pope. The announcement was made recently at the organization's "Tribute to America's Military Heroes" event in Palm Beach, where country music legend and board member Naomi Judd presented Mrs. Pope with the "Five-Star Champion of Military and Veterans Award."

The new center will encompass a number of programs and initiatives reflecting both the organizations and Mrs. Pope's long-time shared commitment to the well being of America's veterans, including military service canines. They include: K-9 Battle Buddies™; Wags4Patriots™; Operation Purple; and Red Star® for Warriors.

"Thanks to this transformational gift from philanthropist Lois Pope, not only will we be able to continue our proud 100-year legacy of protecting America's bravest men, women, children, and animals, but we are opening a new century of caring, compassion and hope for America's veterans, military families, and military animals," said Dr. Robin Ganzert, American Humane Association's president and CEO. "Lois Pope is a true humane hero, and we and America's warriors remain forever grateful for her vision and compassion."

To learn more about American Humane Association's Lois Pope LIFE Center for Military Affairs and all their military programs, please visit

www.AmericanHumane.org/military/.

#### Dear Friends,

As you all know I have been campaigning with my friend, Congresswoman Lois Frankel, to have October 5, anniversary of the Memorial, designated as American Disabled Veterans Day.

On February 9, 2016, this campaign finally bore fruit when the US House of Representatives <u>unanimously passed</u> a resolution recognizing Oct. 5 as a day to honor disabled veterans. Now it goes on to the US Senate, where passage is likely, and then to President Obama's desk where it will be signed into law.

We are so close to seeing another of my dreams realized! I am unbelievably grateful to all who have supported me on this journey to honor the courage of the men and women who have sacrificed so much in defense of our country and freedoms.

With much love,

Lois

Founder & President of LIFE



Lois Pope at the dedication of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial, in Washington, DC October 5, 2014.



### Everyone deserves a comfy bed!

This past fall 1002 dog beds were graciously donated by Nikki Moen, Maude Cook's stepdaughter. These luxury dog beds were given to local rescue organizations including Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League, Tri County Animal Rescue, American Humane Association and Animal Care & Control. Now many lucky rescued pups will have a cozy place to lay their weary heads. That's a happy ending!

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