

## NEADS...

- ★ Has placed over **1300** assistance dog teams since 1976
- ★ Is accredited by **Assistance Dogs International**
- ★ Is endorsed by therapeutic professionals
- ★ Serves numerous repeat and long-term clients
- ★ Matches each client with a custom-trained dog
- ★ Begins each dog's training at 8 weeks old and continues through adulthood



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### NEADS/Dogs for Deaf and Disabled Americans

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“ We went from fighting on the battlefield, to laying in a bed and having people take care of us, back to being independent and doing everything **on our own...** ”

Chris Strickland, age 22  
Corporal, US Army  
about the influence of his service dog on his life

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**Both highly trained.  
Both on a mission of freedom.**





**LOYALTY.**



**SERVICE.**



**SKILL.**



**FREEDOM.**

Each client is unique – and so is each assistance dog. That’s why our one-on-one application and training process is so important. When veterans apply to our program our client coordinator and dog trainers guarantee a **personalized** experience that is tailored to meet the needs of each individual.

### WHAT IS AN ASSISTANCE DOG?

Assistance dogs partner with people who have a physical disability or hearing impairment. Our highly trained dogs enhance independence, especially in public situations.

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), assistance dogs are permitted to accompany their partners at work and in public.

## APPLY

Veterans with a DD214 discharge or who have finished rehabilitation can qualify for a NEADS dog



## GET MATCHED

Each client is matched with a dog based on compatible task requirements, lifestyle, family and personality



## TRAIN

Client has 2 weeks of on-site training at NEADS and stays at our fully accessible converted New England farmhouse



**BECOME  
BATTLE  
BUDDIES  
FOR LIFE**



### WHAT CAN AN ASSISTANCE DOG DO?

- ★ Help with the transition to prosthetics
- ★ Aid with balance when walking
- ★ Retrieve and carry objects
- ★ Press buttons and open doors
- ★ Turn lights on and off
- ★ Provide support on ramps and stairs
- ★ Offer valuable social interaction
- ★ Assist with tasks if you are in a wheelchair
- ★ Respond to sounds if you are hearing impaired.

### HOW MUCH DOES THIS COST?

NEADS/Dogs for Deaf and Disabled Americans may provide a fully trained assistance dog to qualified veterans at **no cost.**



For information, applications and donations, visit [www.neads.org](http://www.neads.org) or call NEADS at 978-422-9064