



Photo: Peggy Vance



Puppies Behind Bars trains prison inmates to raise service dogs for wounded war veterans and explosive detection canines for law enforcement. The puppies live in prison with their “puppy raisers” from the age of eight weeks to 24 months. As the puppies mature into well-loved, well-behaved working dogs, their raisers learn what it means to contribute to society rather than take from it.

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## Dog Tags Graduation

Tuesday, August 5, 2014

9:30 a.m.

Fishkill Correctional Facility

## The National Anthem

Eric Barsness  
Director of Development  
Puppies Behind Bars

## Welcome and Opening Remarks

Fedele Fiore  
Deputy Superintendent of Programs  
Fishkill Correctional Facility

## Remarks

Anthony J. Annucci  
Acting Commissioner  
New York State Department of Corrections  
and Community Supervision

## Remarks

Major General Patrick A. Murphy  
The Adjutant General  
New York State Division of Military  
and Naval Affairs

## Remarks

Gloria Gilbert Stoga  
President and Founder  
Puppies Behind Bars

## “Responsibility”

Marcus Macon  
Puppy Raiser

## Presentation of Journals by Puppy Raisers to Veterans

Nora Moran  
Director, Dog Tags Program  
Puppies Behind Bars

## Distribution of Certificates of Graduation

William J. Connolly  
Superintendent  
Fishkill Correctional Facility  
and  
Bill Holmberg  
Puppies Behind Bars

## Graduates

Corporal Rafeal Banks (U.S. Marines) and Bamford  
Sergeant John James Brode (U.S. Marines) and Ariel  
Corporal Christopher Guffey (U.S. Marines) and George  
Sergeant Al Sionni (U.S. Marines) and Albee

The dogs graduating today were raised at the Bedford Hills  
and Fishkill Correctional Facilities.

## “Transformation”

Angel Castro  
Puppy Raiser

## Closing Remarks

Fedele Fiore

## Battle Hymn of the Republic

Eric Barsness

Please remain seated until the veterans have left the gymnasium.

Please join us for coffee and donuts after the ceremony.