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Recognizing Four-Legged Heroes

U.S. Postal Service Honors Military Working Dogs on Forever Stamps

- What:** The U.S. Postal Service honors the nation's brave and loyal canines with the Military Working Dogs Forever stamps. In this booklet of 20, each block of four stamps features one stamp of each of the following breeds — German Shepherd, Labrador Retriever, Dutch Shepherd and Belgian Malinois — that commonly serve in America's armed forces. News of the stamps are being shared with the hashtag **#MilitaryDogsStamps**.
- Who:** David C. Williams, Vice Chairman, U.S. Postal Service Board of Governors
- When:** Thursday, Aug. 1, at 12 noon CDT
- Where:** American Philatelic Society Stamp Show
CHI Health Center Omaha
455 N. 10th Street
Omaha, NE 68102
- RSVP:** Dedication ceremony attendees are encouraged to RSVP at usps.com/militarydogs.
- Background:** Brave and loyal military working dogs are essential members of America's armed forces. Courageous canines have aided U.S. soldiers in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Afghanistan and Iraq wars. Today, the 341st Training Squadron at Lackland Air Force Base just outside of San Antonio, TX, trains American military working dogs and their handlers.

Dozens of dog breeds have served in the U.S. armed forces, but over time the number has decreased significantly. Modern military working dogs are

predominantly Belgian Malinois, German Shepherds and Dutch Shepherds. Labrador Retrievers are often trained as specialized search dogs.

The background of each stamp features a detail of a white star. A star appears in the center of each block. The stylized digital illustrations are in red, white, blue and gold to represent the American flag and patriotism. The art was created by DKNJ Studios. Art director Greg Breeding designed the stamps. The Military Working Dogs stamps are being issued as Forever stamps and will always be equal in value to the current First-Class Mail 1-ounce price.

Customers may purchase stamps and other philatelic products through the Postal Store at usps.com/shop, by calling 800-STAMP24 (800-782-6724), by mail through *USA Philatelic* catalog or at Post Office locations nationwide.

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