

### **The Problem**

22 Veterans a day commit suicide, which is almost 1 suicide every hour. That is over 8,000 suicides a year and over 125,000 Veteran suicides in the last 15 years. It truly has become an epidemic.

### **A Solution that is Truly Working**

The good news, is we have found an organization that is helping our Veterans and truly getting amazing results. **K9s For Warriors**, a 501C3, rescues dogs from kill shelters and trains them to be service dogs for Veterans with PTSD. What is happening is truly a miracle and the Veterans are getting their lives and families back.

### **Fundraising Event Benefiting K9s For Warriors**

The Harrisonburg Police Department/SWAT Team and K9s For Warriors is teaming up to raise money for Veterans struggling with PTSD. Our big fundraising event is Saturday, July 23rd at the Harper/Presgrass Training Grounds (1010 Greendale Road), Harrisonburg, Virginia. It will be an adventure race, with courses for all levels, that includes a music concert, kid events, knockerball, food trucks, and much more. No Alcoholic Beverages are allowed; Veterans and Military personnel must pay the entry fee to do the races, but can get in free to the concert. There will also be free food for the Veterans and Active Duty Military. All proceeds go to K9s For Warriors.

[www.k9sforwarriors.org](http://www.k9sforwarriors.org)

Our honored guest and speaker at the event will be Sgt Major, Jim Kuiken (ret) and his dog Freedom. Jim is a multi-combat, wounded Marine (served 30 years) who became one of the most senior enlisted leaders in the Marine Corps history. Jim was awarded the Legion of Merit, a Purple Heart, and 3 Combat Action Ribbons. He is also a former firefighter/EMT and served in law enforcement. Jim is currently a writer, speaker, and advocate for many worthwhile causes.

The website for the event and adventure race is [www.k9adventurerace.com](http://www.k9adventurerace.com)

Thank you to the city of Harrisonburg and Police Department for allowing us to use the training grounds.