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## **Naval Consolidated Brig Charleston to place service dog with wounded service member**

NAVAL CONSOLIDATED BRIG CHARLESTON, S.C. – August 4, 2011 Naval Consolidated Brig Charleston, in partnership with Carolina Canines for Service, will place a prisoner-trained service dog with a wounded service member.

Marine Sergeant Darrell Jones will be the 5th member of the Wounded Warrior Battalion East to receive a service dog trained at NAVCONBRIG Charleston. Sgt Jones made two combat deployments to Afghanistan in 2004 and 2005. He was later deployed to Iraq in 2006, where he sustained injuries during combat operations.



Sgt Darrell Jones interacts with Elder during familiarization training.

Sgt Jones, originally from Pineview, KY, has served in the Marine Corps for 13 years. He is currently stationed in Jacksonville, NC, where he lives with his wife and daughters. Sgt Jones is looking forward to receiving Elder, a 4 year-old Labradoodle, in hopes that this prisoner-trained service dog will allow him return to the lifestyle he wants to lead.

NAVCONBRIG Charleston houses prisoners from all branches of the military sentenced up to five years; longer sentences on a case-by-case basis. The brig provides extensive prisoner programs, including rehabilitative treatment; substance abuse treatment; counseling, education and training (academic, vocational, military, physical); productive work; and religious.

NAVCONBRIG Charleston work programs support military and federal agencies to provide productive, cost-effective work, which also is used as a skill-training process. Work programs include carpentry/furniture making/repair, auto maintenance/repair, metal works and welding, sign making, upholstery, service dog canine training, and culinary arts.

In April 2010, the brig received an internationally unprecedented seventh consecutive 100 percent compliance rating during its triennial re-accreditation audit by the American Correctional Association (ACA), the oldest and largest international correctional association in the world. NAVCONBRIG Charleston is the only adult prison in the United States or Canada to have ever achieved seven consecutive 100 percent ratings in ACA's 141-year history.

Carolina Canines for Service is a nonprofit health and human services organization that trains service dogs for people with disabilities. In 2008, CCFS launched a national program, Carolina Canines for Veterans, to train rescue dogs from local shelters to assist wounded veterans. Operating entirely on private donations, CCFS instructs prisoners to raise and train each service dog.

A Carolina Canines service dog is a constant companion that can perform more than 70 tasks for the wounded veteran, including retrieving and carrying objects, opening doors, helping with stress and balance difficulties, as well as providing a bridge back to society. They can also:

- Pull their partner in a wheelchair, push elevator buttons and even transfer money at the grocery store.
- Provide social support by acting as a link to conversation and acceptance. When a service dog accompanies a wounded veteran, the focus is on the dog, not the disability.
- Provide balance and stability for an amputee or someone who has lost mobility.
- Be a source of love and companionship. Both the veteran and the dog are a team and make the transition back to independence together.

