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On March 13, 1942, the US Army's Quartermaster Corps launched what was call the War Dogs Program, also known as the K-9 Corps. This program was put in place to train and send dogs into the warzone with their human counterparts, working to help the war effort on the frontlines.

This practice is still in use today, to some degree, and we mark the anniversary of its beginning by honoring and celebrating all of the four-legged soldiers that have bravely served our country.

The original program was started in effort by the American Kennel Association and the US Army, in which dog owners were called on to donate healthy and capable animals to the Quartermaster Corps. From there, the training began and then spread to the other branches of the military as well.

It was from these World War II beginnings that we see the image of our modern-day military dogs emerge and we could not be more grateful. These dogs work hard to save countless lives, and to help keep our servicemen and women safe as they serve our country. Today we salute those that have fallen in battle, those who have come home, those who continue to serve, and those who have peacefully crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

Thank you.

Want to learn more about National K-9 Veterans Day and the K-9 Corps? Check out these links below for more info!

<https://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/u-s-army-launches-k-9-corps>

<https://www.americanhumane.org/press-release/national-k9-veterans-day-on-march-13-honors-americas-military-dogs/>

<https://nationaldaycalendar.com/national-k9-veterans-day-march-13/>