



Military Dog Trainer

Pauline Welch

Professional summary

Dedicated and experienced Military Dog Trainer with 12+ years of service, specializing in canine obedience, security training, and explosives detection. Seeking a position that leverages my skills in behavior modification and military readiness in support of national security efforts.

Experience

Military Working Dog Handler & Trainer

April 2015 - October 2024

United States Marine Corps / Camp Pendleton, CA

- Trained military working dogs (MWDs) in obedience, patrol, detection of explosives, and search operations.
- Developed individualized training programs for dogs used in high-risk environments such as Afghanistan and Iraq.
- Led a team of dog handlers, overseeing daily training sessions, field exercises, and mission preparation.
- Conducted over 200 successful deployments with canine units, ensuring the safety of military personnel and civilians.
- Trained junior handlers on best practices in working with MWDs.

Military Dog Training Instructor

January 2012 - April 2015

341st Training Squadron, Lackland Air Force Base / San Antonio, TX

- Taught military working dog handling and training to over 150 U.S. and allied military personnel annually.
- Developed specialized curriculum for explosive and narcotics detection.
- Worked closely with veterinarians and behavioral specialists to monitor canine health and performance.

Deployment Experience

Afghanistan (2018)

Led a team of 4 MWD handlers during a 6-month deployment, providing security sweeps and explosive detection in high-risk areas. Conducted 75 successful missions ensuring safe passage for military personnel and convoys.

Iraq (2016)

Participated in over 50 joint missions with allied forces, utilizing MWDs for explosives detection, ensuring mission safety and neutralization of threats in volatile environments.

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Education

Bachelor of Science in Animal Behavior

University of California

Davis, CA

Graduated: 2010

Certifications

- Canine First Aid and CPR, American Red Cross – June 2015
- Explosives Detection Certification, TSA Explosives Detection Canine Program – September 2013
- Certified Military Working Dog Trainer, - 341st Training Squadron, Lackland AFB – May 2012

Skills

Advanced canine behavior and training techniques



Explosives and narcotics detection



Obedience and protection training



Security and patrol operations



Team leadership and mentorship



Field deployment and mission readiness



Veterinary collaboration and canine health monitoring

