Special Event Notice
September 27, 2011

Canine Companions for Independence, the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the Women's Memorial Celebrate Independence

Canine Companions for Independence in collaboration with the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the Women In Military Service For America Memorial Foundation come together for a special afternoon to educate people on how assistance dogs enhance the lives of veterans with physical disabilities. Observe a live demonstration with a CCI Instructor and a Dog in Advanced Training, meet and speak with veteran teams, Sam Cila and Service Dog Gillian and Buddy Hayes and Service Dog Ellie. All this is happening September 29, 2010, from 2:30 – 5:00 pm at the Women In Military Service For America Memorial, Gateway, Arlington National Cemetery, and Arlington VA.

Guest speakers include: Dr. Clifford L. Stanley, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Brigadier General Wilma L. Vaught, President, Women’s Memorial Foundation; Corey Hudson, CEO, Canine Companions for Independence, Secretary, Assistance Dogs International, and; Carlene A. Garner, International President, General Federation of Women’s Clubs.

Canine Companions for Independence Wounded Veterans Initiative provides highly-trained assistance dogs, at no cost to veterans with physical disabilities from the Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts and to military hospitals and medical centers. Register to attend at http://www.cci.org/independence, or call (631) 561-0206.

ABOUT CANINE COMPANIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE: Canine Companions for Independence is the largest non-profit provider of trained assistance dogs with five regional training centers across the country. Established in 1975, Canine Companions provides highly trained assistance dogs to children and adults with disabilities and is recognized worldwide for the excellence of its dogs, and quality and longevity of the matches it makes between dogs and people. There is no charge for the dog, its training and on-going follow-up services. For more information, visit http://www.cci.org or call 1-800-572-BARK.

ABOUT THE WOMEN’S MEMORIAL: The Women In Military Service For America Memorial is the nation’s only major memorial honoring all servicewomen, past and present. Located at the gateway to Arlington National Cemetery, the Women's
Memorial is readily accessible by Metro (Blue Line) and paid parking is available. The Memorial is open to the public 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily and features an exhibit gallery, theater and Register of women who have served. For more information visit http://www.womensmemorial.org or call 1-800-222-2294/703-533-1155.