



A positive story on PTSD

RSL and RSB “Operation K9” Graduation this Friday

The culmination of almost two years’ intensive training will be recognised this Friday, when five Operation K9 dogs and their new handlers graduate.

A joint program of the Returned & Services League of South Australia and the Royal Society for the Blind, Operation K9 provides assistance dogs to veterans of the Australian Defence Force who have a diagnosed post-traumatic stress disorder due to operational service.

An Operation K9 dog is an accredited assistance dog that can provide benefits in terms of supporting independence and social interactions, as well as a range of specific tasks tailored to a veteran’s needs. The dogs’ skills – instilled by RSB expertise – are remarkable. They can even be trained to switch on a light when a veteran is experiencing a nightmare.

The positive impact these highly trained dogs have on the lives of the veterans they are paired with, and the bond that they form, is immense – mateship in the greatest Aussie tradition.

Interview opportunities are available prior to and at the event.

WHEN: 12:00 – 2:00pm Friday December 9, 2016

WHERE: Drill Hall, RSL SA – Torrens Parade Ground

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