

# Dedication of Staten Island War Dog Memorial October 29, 2004

K-9 Monument at Ft Wadsworth is located on road before Fr. Capodanno's Monument at the end of that road on right side.



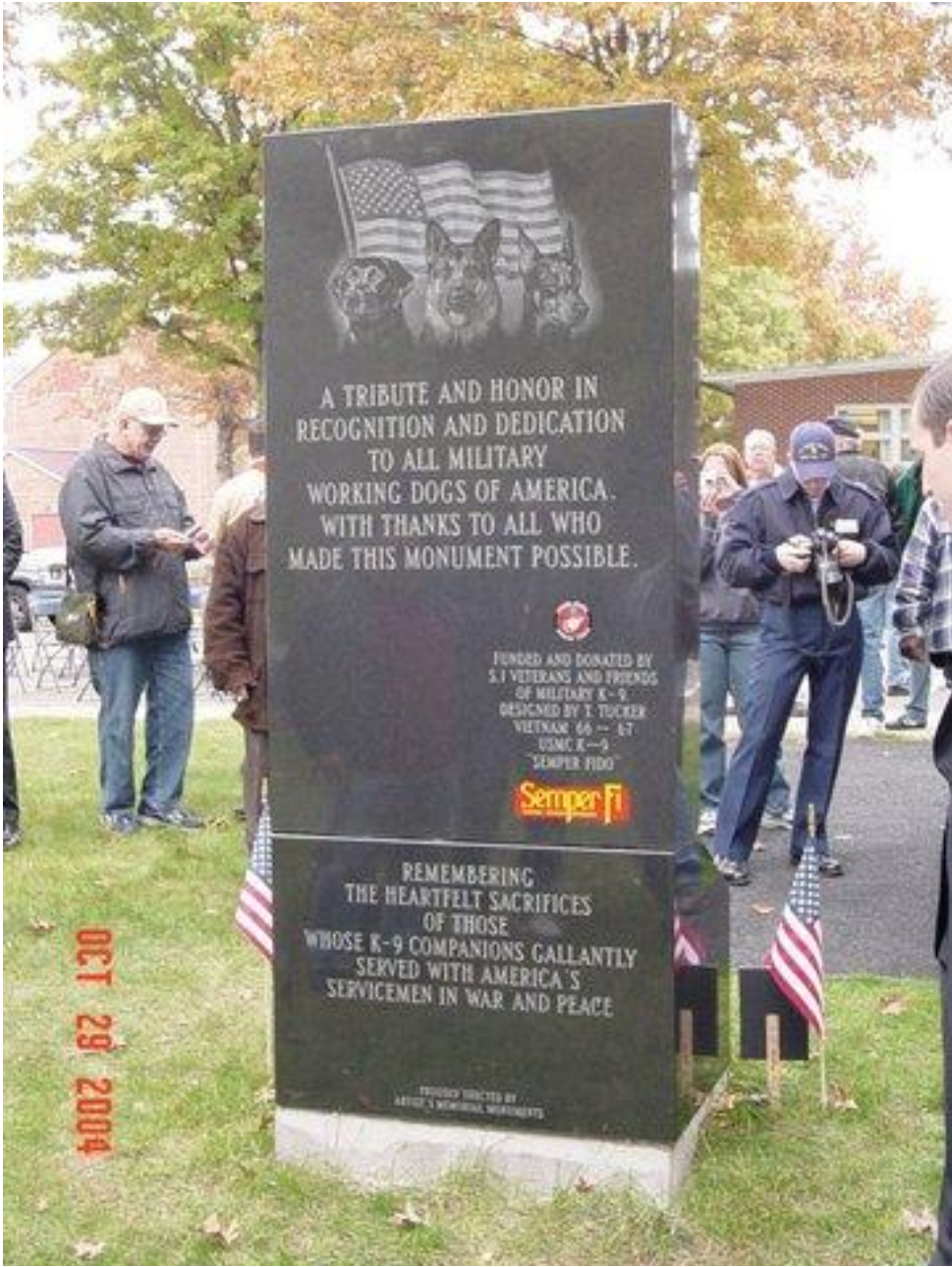
Sergeant Thomas Tucker, a Vietnam veteran dog handler and member of the VDHA, envisioned the memorial and its design years ago. Thomas Tucker was with the USMC, and handled Coco-1A99 a Sentry/Scout Dog and Rex-A061 a Sentry Dog, during the Vietnam War. Tom acquired the assistance of Mr. Robert Flood, Artist Memorial Monuments, Inc.

A meeting with Coast Guard Officials and Dog Handlers was held at the U.S Coast Guard Base, Activities New York area in Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, New York, at which time the art work and location was finalized, the specifications and art work was sent to Barre, Vermont, USA to be made.

On April 24, 2004, Vietnam Veteran Dog Handler and VDHA member Everett Barraclough, 23rd ID, 57th Scout Dog Platoon, handled Chase-98X6, a Scout Dog, and members of the Coast Guard K-9 Unit started the ground breaking, while Vietnam Veteran John C. Gallo and retired National Guardsman Bruce W. Barraclough, Sr. assisted in the ground breaking, but the hard work and dedication, goes out to Staten Island Boy Scout Troop 37 whom made the first step for installation of the monument possible, they dug and poured to a fine finish.

The Monument was erected on August 20, 2004, by Artist Memorial Monument, Inc.

The dedication was held on October 29, 2004 at 10:00 am at the U.S Coast Guard Base, Activities New York area in Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, New York, across from its GYM.



A TRIBUTE AND HONOR IN  
RECOGNITION AND DEDICATION  
TO ALL MILITARY  
WORKING DOGS OF AMERICA.  
WITH THANKS TO ALL WHO  
MADE THIS MONUMENT POSSIBLE.

FUNDED AND DONATED BY  
5.1 VETERANS AND FRIENDS  
OF MILITARY K-9  
DESIGNED BY T. TUCKER  
VIETNAM 66 - 67  
USMC K-9  
"SEMPER FIDO"



REMEMBERING  
THE HEARTFELT SACRIFICES  
OF THOSE  
WHOSE K-9 COMPANIONS GALLANTLY  
SERVED WITH AMERICA'S  
SERVICEMEN IN WAR AND PEACE

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Tom Tucker (with suit), chapter 421 life member, living in Fla., was a USMC Dog Handler, K-9 unit in Vietnam.











STATEN ISLAND  
WAR DOG  
MEMORIAL



THEY PROTECTED AND WATCHED  
OVER US AT HOME AND ON THE  
FIELD OF BATTLE. WE ARE  
FOREVER GRATEFUL FOR THEIR  
UNDYING LOYALTY, DEVOTION, AND  
SACRIFICIAL SERVICE.  
THEY ARE NOT FORGOTTEN.

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