



WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW

2019 KLINGER PERPETUAL AWARD FOR HONOR & SERVICE

Presented by EQUUS Foundation

The Klinger Perpetual Award for Honor and Service was created in 2013 to honor Klinger, a special horse who has touched the lives of many in his life of service with the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) Caisson Platoon. Among his duties, Klinger has served as the official escort to the President of the United States, led the Presidential Inaugural Parade, and acted as a TAPS Ambassador bringing comfort to veterans and families of our fallen heroes. Klinger has been inducted to the Horse Stars Hall of Fame by EQUUS Foundation and USEF for his service.

Klinger has also been an important part of the Washington International Horse Show for a number of years, visiting with children on WIHS Kids' Day, joining the Breakfast with the Mounted Police, and participating in the Caisson Platoon exhibition on WIHS Military Night.

The Klinger Perpetual Award for Honor and Service presented by EQUUS Foundation, will recognize a horse, individual or organization each year that best demonstrates the values of honor and service as embodied by Klinger.

Nomination Period: July 15th – September 13th 2019

[Nominations must be received by Friday, September 13, 2019](#)

The award recipient will be notified in early October and will be invited to participate in an award presentation on WIHS Military Night on Friday, October 25th, 2019 at Capital One Arena in Washington, DC. The award recipient may select an equine charity on the Equine Welfare Network of the EQUUS Foundation to receive a \$1,500 grant from the EQUUS Foundation.

Nominated by: Dawn Isaacson Nominator Email: dawn@luckyorphanshorserescue.org
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Nominee: Deanna Mancuso Nominee Email: luckyorphans@gmail.com Phone: 845-416-8583

Tell us about the nominee and why we should consider them for this award?

I believe you should consider Deanna Mancuso, Director of Lucky Orphans Horse Rescue, for the Klinger Perpetual Award because of her tireless focus on the welfare of all animals, humane education for the community, and equine-assisted therapy, growth and learning programs. I have had the pleasure of knowing Deanna for over 8 years. Since 2008, Deanna has given 100% towards the rescue and sanctuary of horses. But that isn't all. She has continually taken course work to improve not only the animals' care, but also, her own personal growth that allows for many programs to be offered utilizing the rescued horses. Garnering and maintaining GFAS and TAA accreditation since 2015, shows the dedication of Deanna and the volunteers/staff. Certifications in EAGALA, Natural Lifemanship, Certified Horsemanship, Certified Equine Experiential Education, Harmony Horsemanship and Academy of Prosocial Education, just to name a few, have allowed for many educational programs for the community. These opportunities at the farm can garner support into the future.

Offering Veterans equine-assisted growth and learning programs has been a priority for the last couple of years. Through fundraising and joint events with local veteran organizations, LOHR has providing funding for free equine-assisted sessions, which has opened a pathway for Veterans to find healing in a very trying time. She is hopeful that this programming will continue to grow with the support of the community.

In conclusion, I believe Deanna embodies the character of Klinger by improving the lives of many horses over her equestrian years through rehoming, rescue and sanctuary. She has honored their stories of abuse/neglect and rescue by garnering community support for their care and by educating young and old for a more compassionate future. And most of all, she has taken horses that were to be discarded and given them purpose in healing people through equine-assisted therapy, growth and learning programs. "People Helping Horses Heal People"

Please submit nomination forms to info@wihs.org, attention "Klinger Award," or by mail to: Washington International Horse Show, 1300 L Street NW, Suite 201, Washington, DC 20005