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ODVA AND NORMAN VETERANS HOME CELEBRATE A PAW-SOME JOURNEY AS BELOVED CANINE COMPANION, SARGE, RETIRES

(OKLAHOMA CITY) – The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVA) and The Norman Veterans Home (NVH) were pleased to announce Wednesday that after years of loyal service, Sarge, the furry and faithful friend of The Norman Veterans Home, is officially hanging up his leash and embarking on a well-deserved retirement at the age of 14. Sarge, who has been a cherished member of the NVH family since 2012, is ready to trade in his workdays for endless belly rubs and some long overdue naps.

From his first day at the NVH, Sarge captured the hearts of everyone he encountered. Known for his boundless energy, unwavering loyalty, and infectious enthusiasm, Sarge has played an integral role in the lives of hundreds of our Oklahoma heroes and has been cherished by countless employees of the NVH as well.

"Sarge has blessed so many people here," shared Martha Higgins, Air Force- Korean War Veteran, and President of The Norman Veterans Home Resident Counsel. "The veterans, the staff, family members, and even some of the visitors. He is a true hero in our eyes."

Throughout Sarge's illustrious career, he has demonstrated remarkable dedication and a natural ability to brighten even the dullest of days. His paw-sitive attitude has been a source of inspiration for many Oklahoma Veterans who have called the NVH home over the past 11 years.

"Sarge exemplifies the qualities we should all admire most: loyalty, determination, and an unwavering spirit," said ODVA Director of Homes, Robert Arrington. "As Sarge enters this new chapter of life, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for the smiles, tail wags, and memorable moments he's brought to all of us."

To celebrate Sarge's retirement, The Norman Veterans Home will be hosting a farewell party on Friday, August 25th, 2023, 1776 E. Robinson St, Norman, OK 73071. Friends, colleagues, and well-wishers are invited to join in the festivities at 2:00 PM to bid adieu to our incredible companion who has touched so many lives.

As Sarge embarks on his retirement journey, he leaves behind a legacy of love and loyalty that will be cherished for years to come. From all of us at ODVA we wish Sarge endless days of relaxation – a long deserved reward for a life of service well-lived.

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