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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF
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Mr. Alan H. Driscoll
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Dear Mr. Driscoll:

Thank you for the recent letter to Army Chief of Staff General Martin E. Dempsey concerning the K9 monument and the K9 Medal for Exceptional Service. As much as he would like, General Dempsey cannot reply personally to all of the correspondence he receives. For this reason, I have been asked to respond on his behalf.

We applaud your efforts to recognize the services of the Military Working Dogs and their handlers. These unsung heroes have been at the forefront in our war on terrorism and in drug interdiction.

I have forwarded your letter and information paper about the medal and its criteria for award to the Army's Military Police School at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. It provides training for military working dog handlers, trainers and kennel masters. I have also sent the information to the Department of Defense Military Working Dog School at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, which has oversight for the Military Working Dog Program. I have asked each to make the handlers and commanders aware of the medal and the criteria for its award.

Thank you so much for sharing the information with us and for remembering man's best friend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maureen Ramsey", is located below the word "Sincerely,".

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