

MAKING A DIFFERENCE, 4 PAWS AT A TIME

Bill Blackburn is a resident of Portland, Oregon, but travels extensively throughout the US and world as a hotel executive. Growing up on a farm and the only child at home, he relied heavily on his dog and horse for companionship.



Except for a four year service in the US Navy, dogs always played an important part of Bill's life, so it makes sense that he would seek the services of a dog when he was diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes.

Because of his exposure to "Agent Orange" and other combat issues during his three tours of duty in Vietnam, Bill has a number medical complications. Bill purchased an 8 week old German Shepherd and began training immediately, with the assistance of the local Hannah Society and the Houston based, "My Service Dog" organization (<http://myservicedog.com>).

Bill has become a passionate service dog advocate who is constantly visiting and speaking with those desiring support and advice. Because of his constant travels, Bill strongly believes that having a canine companion who can alert to his glucose levels is a huge advantage in his personal fight against Diabetes.

On September 4th, Bill will be talking about:

- **Would you benefit from a service dog.**
- **Selecting the right dog for you.**
- **ADA Laws.**
- **Traveling with a service dog.**
- **Training procedures.**
- **A word about the Hannah Society**
- **Need for a professional trainer – My Service Dog, Inc.**

The GSDC of Oregon – Meeting Thursday, September 4, 8 PM at the Clackamas Community Club. The location is easy to reach right across the road from the Clackamas Post Office, between SE 82nd Dr and I-205.