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YORKIE DOODLE DANDY

SMOKY THE WORLD WAR II CANINE HERO



Considering the stress of combat, it's no wonder military dogs tend to be tough breeds known for their size and strength. German shepherds, boxers, and various bully breeds are well-acquainted with the battlefield. But in World War II, the most famous military dog weighed only 4 pounds and stood a mere 7 inches tall. Smoky the Yorkshire Terrier wasn't exactly what most people associated with Shakespeare's "let slip the dogs of war," but her small size is part of what made her such a hero.

In 1944, after being discovered beside a foxhole in the jungles of New Guinea, Smoky met Corporal William A. Wynne, an American soldier from Cleveland, Ohio. The two quickly became inseparable, and she stayed by Wynne's side the entire time he was stationed in the South Pacific. Smoky is credited with going on 12 combat missions, surviving 150 air raids, parachuting 30 feet, and earning eight battle stars. Smoky's sensitive hearing allowed her to alert Wynne and other soldiers of incoming air raids.

Smoky's most famous act of heroism occurred when she went where no man could go at an air base at Lingayen Gulf, Luzon. The engineers needed help, so Wynne tied a strand of telephone wire to her collar and Smoky ran through a 70-foot-long pipe in a matter of minutes. Without Smoky, it would have taken three days to lay the wire. Her work kept over 250 ground crewmen and 40 fighter and reconnaissance planes out of danger from enemy bombings.

In addition to saving lives on the battlefield, Smoky is also considered to be the first recorded therapy dog. She learned a number of tricks to cheer up troops and would visit injured soldiers at the hospital in New Guinea. After World War II, Smoky and Wynne visited veteran hospitals across the United States.

"Corporal" Smoky lived for another 10 years after the war before dying on Feb. 21, 1957, at approximately 14 years old. Wynne would go on to write a memoir about his time with Smoky titled "Yorkie Doodle Dandy." Almost 50 years after her death, a life-sized bronze statue of Smoky was erected at her final resting place in Lakewood, Ohio. Her statue is dedicated to the bravery of all war dogs, and it is a reminder that heroes come in all shapes and sizes.

IT'S FIESTA DE LA FLOR!

Fiesta de la Flor happens this month, and we're excited! This event is a celebration of Selena Quintanilla and her music. For two days – April 12 and 13 – people from all over Texas, Mexico, and, really, the world, will be celebrating in Corpus Christi.

At this year's Fiesta de la Flor, we are once again sponsoring El Mercado! This will be our fifth year sponsoring the event. El Mercado features dozens of artists and artisans from Mexico and Central America – some even come from South America – as well as artisans from around Texas and the U.S.

El Mercado is a shopping experience like none other. You'll find art, clothes, crafts, food, and much more. The market is always filled with unique items. Hopefully we'll see you there!

At the office, we're celebrating our one-year anniversary with Law Tigers! If you're not familiar with Law Tigers, they're a large network of attorneys around the country who specialize in motorcycle accidents. It's been great being a part of their wonderful community.

In fact, we recently attended the first annual Law Tigers Summit. It was a meet-and-greet event, and we had the chance to mingle with other Law Tigers lawyers. Many of those who were in attendance also gave 20–30-minute presentations, ourselves included.

One major topic of discussion was traumatic brain injuries as a result of motorcycle accidents. This type of injury isn't fully understood and, as a result, someone involved in an accident might not get the full care they really need.



For example, when a person is wearing a helmet, a collision can shake the brain. This can cause serious damage, even if the skull isn't broken and there are no other apparent injuries. We fight hard for folks who may struggle to get the care and compensation they need following this type of accident.

Other topics included explaining brain injuries to juries, trucking accidents, how laws apply across state lines, and motorcycle safety (and Motorcycle Safety Month is coming up in May, so you can expect more on that next month).

Altogether, it was a great event. I enjoyed talking with other lawyers who deal with similar cases we tackle at Herrman & Herrman.

We're also ramping up our scholarship program once again. It was a huge success this past year. If you or someone you know is getting ready to go to college, be sure to check it out. You can find more information on our Facebook page at Facebook.com/HerrmanAndHerrmanPLLC.

Much like last year, participants write and submit essays. We're offering a scholarship for the top three essays. We're looking forward to seeing everyone's submissions!

And as we wrap up this month, I did want to mention something I realized I hadn't previously said: I'm a grandpa! My daughter had a baby last year – little Sophia.

Gregory Herrman