



RETIREMENT CEREMONY

HONORING

MILITARY WORKING DOG

FLEX/A482

Monday, 9 February 2026 | 1430

88 SFS S4 Bay

Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

Opening Remarks

Arrival of Official Party

National Anthem

Invocation

Remarks by Lieutenant Colonel Kevin D. Collett

Certificate of Meritorious Service

Retirement Orders

Guardians of the Night Poem

Remarks by MWD Flex

Closing Narration

Departure



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Flex is a Military Working Dog assigned to the 88th Security Forces Squadron, Wright - Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Flex was born on 20 March 2017. He enlisted in the United States Air Force shortly thereafter and entered Military Working Dog Training on 01 October 2018. Flex graduated from the Military Working Dog Program on 19 April 2019. Flex was assigned to the 88th Security Forces Squadron, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio on 7 May 2019. Flex conducted daily random anti-terrorism sweeps across Wright-Patterson AFB ensuring the safety of the community and resources.

He executed over 3000 random anti-terrorism measures, walking patrols, vehicle searches, and numerous other duty related jobs. He also supported the local community with over 100 demonstrations of the MWD operational capabilities.



MWD Flex's handlers include: SSgt Alexander Schmitt, SSgt Tyler Adams, SSgt Ryan Perry (Not pictured), and SSgt Ben Tombs-Webster.

GUARDIANS OF THE NIGHT

Trust in me my friend for I am your comrade. I will protect you with my last breath When all others have left you and the loneliness of the night closes in, I will be at your side.

Together we will conquer all obstacles, and search out those who might wish harm to others. All I ask of you is compassion, the caring touch of your hands. It is for you that I will unselfishly give my life and spend my nights unrested. Although our days together may be marked by the passing of the seasons know that each day at your side is my reward.

My days are measured by the coming and going of your footsteps. I anticipate them at every opening of the door. You are the voice of caring when I am ill. The voice of authority when I've done wrong.

Do not chastise me unduly for I am your right arm, the sword at your

side. I attempt to do only what you bid of me. I seek only to please you and remain in your favor. Together you and I shall experience a bond only others like us will understand when outsiders see us together their envy will be measured by their disdain.

I will quietly listen to you and pass no judgment, nor will your spoken words be repeated I will remain ever silent, ever vigilant, ever loyal. And when our time together is done and you move on in the world remember me with kind thoughts and tales, for a time we were unbeatable, nothing passed among us undetected.

If we should meet again on another street I will gladly take up your fight. I am a Military Working Dog and together we are guardians of the night.

