



## **Contract Canine (K9) Handler:**

Patriot Group International (PGI) is aggressively searching for talented cleared professionals who wish to become part of a team focused on professionalism, trust, and the desire to excel. Contract positions are available for deployment to high threat zones. PGI offers competitive rates, a manageable deployment schedule, and retention incentives. PGI values a strong team environment, quiet professionalism, and the initiative to improve individual skills, physical fitness, mental fitness, and increase capabilities

**Purpose:** Provides Contracted Canine Handler services in support of customer objectives. Conducts explosive detection and security work as directed.

### **Scope of Work:**

- Deploy to high risk/austere environments for extended periods of time handling explosive detection K9's.
- Maintain skills in accordance with sustainment training protocols.
- Participate in selection/testing of working canines for future use.
- Maintain standard of physical fitness; physical demands include, but are not limited to, running a distance of 3.5 miles, navigating obstacle courses, climbing walls, ropes and ladders and working independently for prolonged periods in austere/remote geographical regions.
- Perform ad hoc security related requirements as requested by customer.

### **Skills/Qualifications:**

- The Contract Canine Handler will have at least 4 years of military experience.
- 4 years handling explosive detection canines either in a military or law enforcement environment.
- One year experience handling canines in a high threat environment.
- Individual will have successfully completed a decoy/agitator/helper certification or seminar.
- Must possess a US Government SECRET Security clearance or higher.

### **Contract Requirements and Rates:**

- Must be able to deploy for at least 3 deployments of 45 – 90 days in one year. The average number of days deployed for PGI Handlers will be 215 – 235 per year.
- Contract rates are approximately \$600 per day while deployed. A retainer rate will be paid between deployments.
- Holiday rates will be paid for deployments covering Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Independence Day.
- Must have a tourist passport with at least 18 months until expiration.
- Must be a US Citizen

### **Medical Requirements:**

- Must be physically fit and able to run 2 miles in under 17 minutes. Must also be able to drag a 200lb dummy 50 yards.
- Must complete a drug screening and complete physical prior to deployment.
- Binocular vision correctable to 20/20.

### **Attributes:**

- Interpersonal skills and the ability to communicate professionally with the PGI team and customer.

### **To Apply:**

1. Send a scanned copy of your DD214 and a resume of no more than 2 pages to [PatriotTeam@patriotgroupinternational.com](mailto:PatriotTeam@patriotgroupinternational.com)
2. In the "Subject" line of your email, please state your level of clearance. For example: " DOD Secret Canine Handler "
3. Qualified applicants will quickly receive a questionnaire and paperwork required by our customer.

### **IMPORTANT:**

- The resume must have detailed dates of employment. The military dates and MOS must match your DD214.
- You **MUST** have 4 years of net active service in the US Military to be considered for this position.
- You **MUST** have a US Government SECRET (or higher) within the last 3 years to be considered for this position.
- The government will not allow waivers for these requirements. Due to the number of applicants, only qualified contractors will receive a response.