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Service Medal; Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral "3"; Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon; NATO Medal; Ranger Tab; Combat Infantryman Badge; Expert Infantryman Badge; Military Free Fall Jumpmaster Badge and Parachutist Badge.

Payne graduated from Norwich University in 2017 with a Bachelor of Science degree in strategic studies and defense analysis. He is stationed at Fort Bragg, where he lives with his wife and three children.

Sgt. Maj. Payne with his wife, Alison, shortly after her return from serving at St. Joseph's Hospital in Long Island, NY, where she helped care for patients during the COVID-19 outbreak between April and May 2020. (Photo courtesy of Sgt. Maj. Thomas P. Payne) Then-Sgt. Maj. Thomas P. Payne Battle Sketch Rescuing Hostages from ISIS

Explore a visual depiction of then-Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Payne's heroic actions that went above and beyond the call of duty.

Then-Sgt. 1st Class Thomas "Patrick" Payne served as an assistant team leader deployed to Iraq as part of a Special Operations Joint Task Force in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. On Oct. 22, 2015, his task force was given a mission to rescue over 70 Iraqi hostages being held by ISIS in a prison compound in the northern town of Hawija.

Preparation Before the mission began, Payne's team spent an entire week planning, rehearsing and preparing for any contingencies they might run into. When the team received intelligence that freshly dug graves had been spotted and the hostages would likely be executed soon, they were given the green light to move out. Payne, his teammates and their Kurdish Special Forces partners loaded onto helicopters and took off.

As the combined American and Kurdish forces hit the ground, the firefight around them was already raging. Dust and smoke were everywhere, making it almost impossible to see. Relying on his training, Payne maneuvered his team to the first building. As they began to set up their ladders to move on their objective, the call came over the radio that a man was down.

The wounded Soldier was Master Sgt. Josh Wheeler, a fellow task force member and dedicated leader. Wheeler was at a different location, so Payne's medic left to provide medical aid while the team continued their mission. The Kurdish forces were initially reluctant to continue, but Payne, along with another teammate, pushed them to take the necessary action. As they prepared to make their push forward, Payne's teammate looked his Kurdish partner in the eye and said, "Follow me." They pushed to their objective, a nearby building that held over 30 hostages.

Meeting only light resistance Payne's team secured the area and prepared to free the trapped men. As they cut the lock on the prison door inside the building, Payne could see the expressions on the faces of the hostages turn from fear and desperation to excitement and joy once they realized they were being rescued.

As the hostages were being released, Payne received a call on his radio that the team in the second building needed help. The sound of the firefight just 30 yards away was intense, and Payne knew he needed to move quickly. "Let's get into the fight," he said to a teammate.

Moving into action Map depicting the area of Operation Inherent Resolve in Kirkuk Province, October 22, 2015. Map depicting the area of Operation Inherent Resolve in Kirkuk

Province, October 22, 2015. Payne and his teammates moved to the roof of the burning building where the second team had called for help. They continued to receive constant fire from the enemy, who had set up a position to their west, and from the enemy in the building directly below them.

The team attempted to enter from the roof using small arms and grenades, but were unsuccessful. As Payne heard screams of "Allahu akbar" below, followed by the explosions of suicide vests, he was able to move his team to the ground and look for another position to enter the building.

As his team attempted to breach the building's fortified walls and windows, several of the Kurdish forces were wounded by enemy fire. Through the smoke and chaos, Payne looked into the building's entryway and noticed the main prison door used the same type of lock he had seen in the first building. He knew he would be exposed to enemy fire if he attempted to cut the lock himself, but he also knew the hostages trapped inside the burning building would die if something wasn't done.

Payne grabbed a set of bolt cutters and ran into the building to cut the first lock on the door. Smoke poured out of the entryway as Payne received enemy fire. After cutting the first lock, Payne moved back to a safer position to avoid incoming fire and recover from smoke inhalation, but there was still a second lock that needed to be cut. After the Kurdish forces tried unsuccessfully to cut the second lock, Payne again exposed himself to enemy fire and suffocating smoke to cut the lock and reach the hostages.

Once the second lock was cut, the combined force rushed into the burning building to reach the hostages and eliminate remaining threats. A call came over the radio that the building was beginning to collapse and the mandatory evacuation order was given. The hallways were thick with smoke and they were receiving enemy fire, but there were still hostages inside. Payne knew the team had to move quickly.

Preparing for extraction Many of the hostages were disoriented and unsure of what was happening. Payne directed the large group to safety, at one point grabbing a man and pulling him down the hallway, allowing the hostages to move out of the building. Still receiving fire, Payne went back in a second time, finding and dragging a large man out of the building to safety. Finally, after Payne entered and exited the building a third time to make sure everyone was out, he gave the "last man" call so the task force could prepare for extraction.

The combined force created a human wall so the hostages could be safely moved from the building as they continued to receive enemy fire. But when Payne and others returned fire, the hostages would stop running out of fear and confusion. Payne's team held their fire and put themselves at risk to shield the hostages and safely get them out of the compound.

Flying back to Erbil As the helicopters arrived, Payne was faced with another problem. With so many hostages rescued, they could not be sure they had enough seats on the helicopters. After some quick math, they were able to get everyone on board, but it was so cramped that Payne's team would have to stand for the entire flight back.

The hostages, Payne's task force and the partnered forces flew back to Erbil. They had just taken part in one of the largest hostage rescues in history, and for his actions that day, then-Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Payne would be recommended for the Medal of Honor. Valor

The Kershaw County School Board will meet Tuesday, September 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the school district office, 2029 W. DeKalb Street, Camden, SC. (Please note the earlier start time because the school board meeting will start with a finance and facilities committee meeting.)

The meetings will be carried live at www.kcsd.schools.net/live.

For more information and an agenda, visit http://www.boarddocs.com/sc/kcsd/Board.nsf/Public.

The Lancaster County Infrastructure and Regulation (I & R) Committee will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in the County Council Chambers on the 2nd floor of the County Administration Building at 101 North Main Street, Lancaster, SC 29720. While in-person Citizens Comments are not currently suspended, due to public health and safety considerations and the need for continued social distancing, the County is strongly encouraging citizen input and comments be submitted in writing prior to the meeting. Comments may be submitted via mail to ATTN: Sherrie Simpson, Post Office Box 1809, Lancaster, SC, 29721, email at ssimpson@lancastersc.net or by using the following link on our website where you can submit Citizens Comments online (look for the link on the right hand side of the page) - <https://www.mylancastersc.org/index.asp?SEC=DF11C6C4-BC53-4CD5-8A07-0847EAA1F478>

Comments must be no longer than approximately 3 minutes when read aloud. Comments received will be acknowledged during the Citizens Comments portion of the meeting. Comments will need to be received prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day before the meeting.

Citizens can view the meeting on the County YouTube page that can be accessed on the County website.

The agenda is posted in the lobby of the County Administration Building and also on the County website. Please use the following link below to find an online version and a downloadable version of the September 15, 2020 I & R Committee meeting agenda: <https://lancastersc.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/meetingsresponsive.aspx>

Look for the meeting date on the left hand side of the page and then click into whichever format of the agenda, online or downloadable, that you wish to view. Please note that you can use the same link to view approved minutes from previous meetings.

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THE HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT OF KERSHAW COUNTY BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA September 14, 2020 6:00pm - via telephone conference call* *Those interested in participating in the public session should email sharrell@healthdistrictkc.org for the call-in information

Pursuant to section 30-4-80(e) of the South Carolina Code, The Health Services District of Kershaw County (the "District") has notified all persons, organizations, local news media and other news media as have requested notification of the times, dates, places and the agendas of the District's meetings. Such notification includes, but is not necessarily limited to, posting notice in accordance with section 30-4-80, posting notice on a website, and providing email notification directly to those who have requested notice.

I.	Call to Order: Derial Ogburn - Chairman		
II.	Public Comments	5 minutes per	
III.	Prayer (TBD)		
IV.	Adoption of Agenda		ACTION
V.	Approval of Minutes		ACTION
	a. Approval of Meeting Minutes - 8/10/20; page 1-2		
VI.	Karesh Operations and Process Improvement Report	5 minutes	REPORT
VII.	Executive Director's Report - Sallie Harrell	5 minutes	REPORT/ACTION
VIII.	Chairman's Report - Derial Ogburn	5 minutes	REPORT/ACTION
IX.	Committee Reports (as needed)	5 minutes per	REPORT/ACTION
	a. Executive Committee - Derial Ogburn		
	b. Karesh LTC Committee - Shannon West		
	c. Finance/Audit - Walter Long		
	d. Real Estate Committee - Walter Long/Eric Boland		
	e. Community Impact Committee - Nick Moore		
	f. Beechwood Buildings & Grounds - Katie Cantey		
X.	Enter Executive Session (Vote) SC Code § 30-4-7 (a)(2)	30 minutes	INPUT/DISCUSSION
	a. Discussion regarding potential litigation		
	b. Receive an update and legal advice regarding LifePoint Health transaction		
XI.	Topics to be Considered from Executive Session		ACTION
XII.	Trustee Comments		
XIII.	Adjournment		



THE CHOW CHOW AND THE SHAR-PEI ARE THE ONLY DOG BREEDS THAT HAVE THIS COLOR TONGUE. ANSWER: BLACK

How they SAY that in... ENGLISH: Train (an animal) SPANISH: Adiestrar ITALIAN: Addestrare FRENCH: Dresser GERMAN: Trainieren

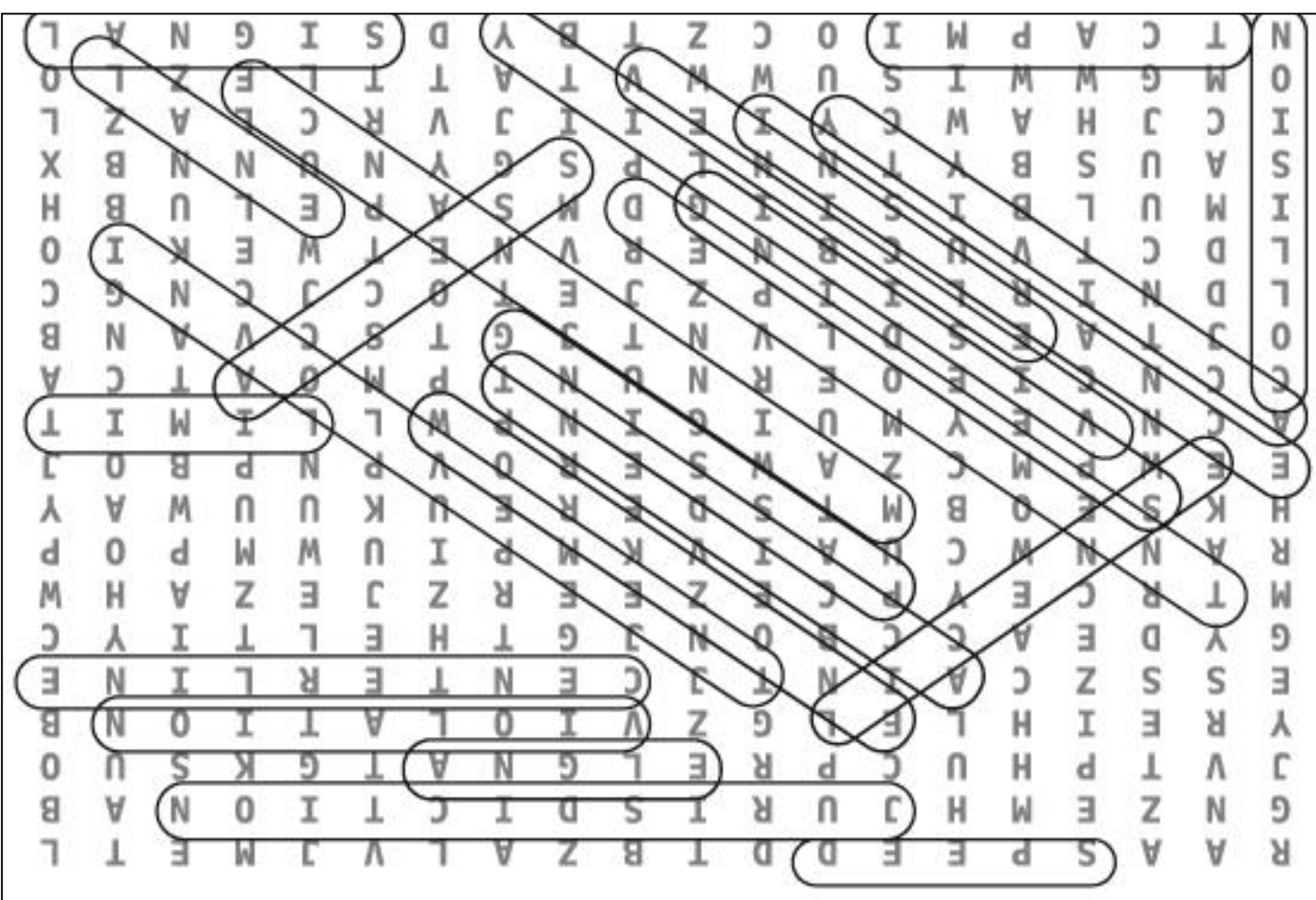
Dog Care Word Find Find the hidden words in the puzzle. CARE COLLAR COMFORT DOG FOOD LEARN LICENSE PUPPY SHELTER TRAINING TREATS TRICKS

Get Scrambled Unscramble the words to determine the phrase. TSI NDA TSYA Answer: Sit and stay

Did you know? DOGS SHOULD BE SECURED IN A PET CARRIER WHEN TRAVELING IN A CAR, OTHERWISE, THEY SHOULD WEAR A SPECIAL HARNESS THAT ACTS LIKE A SEATBELT.

GET THE PICTURE? Can you guess what the bigger picture is? ANSWER: DOG DISBURS

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY 1774: THE FIRST CONTINENTAL CONGRESS MEETS IN PHILADELPHIA. 1836: THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS ELECTS MILITARY HERO SAM HOUSTON ITS FIRST PRESIDENT. 1997: THE WORLD LOSES MOTHER TERESA, A HUMANITARIAN WHO DID SUBSTANTIAL WORK WITH THE POOR. SHE WAS 87.



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Trump takes major leap in defense of human rights, moves to ban China slave labor products Sept. 9, 2020, Fairfax, Va.—Americans for Limited Government President Rick Manning today issued the following statement in response to the Trump Administration and U.S. Customs & Border Protection moving to block the importation of some Chinese products produced with child and/or slave labor: "By seeking to block importation of Chinese agriculture and other products produced using child or slave labor, President Trump is taking a great leap forward in defense of human rights. The decades-long abuse by the Chinese government of its people has been well-chronicled by the U.S. Department of Labor report on Childhood and Slave Labor. The President is taking the ground-breaking first step of holding these Chinese slavers accountable. "Now the president needs to move aggressively to end U.S. investment in Chinese assets through our retirement funds and stock markets. This is why Americans for Limited Government is pushing the DivestChinaNow.org project. "President Trump's courage in taking on the Chinese slave trade and their Wall Street enablers is a game changer and the world should applaud him." To view online: <https://getliberty.org/2020/09/trump-takes-major-leap-in-defense-of-human-rights-moves-to-ban-china-slave-labor-products/> Attachments: "Why are American pensions and mutual funds investing \$251 billion in Chinese equities and bonds built on child and slave labor?" By Robert Romano, Aug. 3, 2020 at <http://dailytorch.com/2020/08/why-are-american-pensions-and-mutual-funds-investing-251-billion-in-chinese-equities-and-bonds-built-on-child-and-slave-labor/> "How Americans are unwittingly funding Chinese concentration camps." By Catherine Mortensen, Aug. 28, 2020 at <http://dailytorch.com/2020/08/how-americans-are-unwittingly-funding-chinese-concentration-camps/> Interview Availability: Please contact Americans for Limited Government at 703-383-0880 or at media@limitgov.org.