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HONORARY MILITARY WORKING DOG ARRIVES

CHARLESTON AFB, S.C. -- Fluffy, the German Shepherd who served with the U.S. Army's 3rd Special Forces Group during Operation Iraqi Freedom is en route to the United States on a U.S. Air Force C-17 aircraft and will be reunited with his handler at approximately 7 a.m. on June 1 here.

Fluffy was acquired from local Kurdish villagers by a U.S. Army Special Forces team for operational purposes and took part in numerous combat missions. While in Iraq, Fluffy and his handler, Sgt. 1st Class Russell Joyce, bonded. Since then, Fluffy has been officially instated as an Honorary Military Working Dog.

Fluffy was cared for by the U.S. Air Force's 506th Security Forces Squadron in Kirkuk, Iraq until his departure for the U.S.

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