

Dear Brothers,

It is with deep pride my AHEPA Chapter, Garden State #517 has sponsored a Service Dog named "AHEPA".

I have fantastic news!! I wanted to share the great news with you that "AHEPA" is graduating with her veteran warrior, Brian from Virginia.

This is so important. As AHEPNS we should all be honored to be a part of such a great and noble National Projects Program called, AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors. I cannot tell you how serious PTSD is becoming and these dogs are exactly what our troops returning from battle need. These service dogs have proven to save lives of veterans fighting PTSD. The cost of a service dog is \$15,000. Saving a veteran's life is money well spent.

With AHEPA getting involved as it did in 1945 by buying more war bonds than any other organization in the United States, perhaps this is our time to once again come to the national forefront and hear the call of duty and do our part to stop this growing epidemic.

Garden State Chapter 517 has been designated by the 2016 Supreme Convention to help chapters raise funds towards purchasing service dogs. The fund is tax exempt (501C3) and will be managed and facilitated by Chapter 517. You can send your donations to AHEPA Chapter #517; P.O. Box 735; Holmdel, NJ 07733.

Funds raised will then be sent to K9s for Warriors which trains the medical dogs for service of soldiers with PTSD.

AHEPA is very fortunate to be in partnership with the organization who are highly respected for their outstanding work on the national level. Our mutual goal is to empower them to return to civilian life

with dignity and independence.

Please, I am asking your chapters to get involved and create your own fundraiser dedicated to this great patriotic cause. Together we can help stop the 22 a day suicides.

If you should need any further assistance or information, contact me at [baklavausa@yahoo.com](mailto:baklavausa@yahoo.com)

On a personal note for myself, this is not just a patriotic program, but it's also taking the teachings of our faith and being my Brother's keeper.

Fraternally,  
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