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Nam Knights of America
South Jersey Chapter
President Nick "Big Dog" Marino

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Dear Big Dog,

I would like to personally take this opportunity to thank you, the members of the South Jersey, Del Val and the Jersey Coast Chapter of the Nam Knights of America Motorcycle Club for helping with the property maintenance of fellow Vietnam Veteran, Ted Blashak in Pittsgrove Township New Jersey.

I have been employed as the Zoning, Housing and Code Enforcement Official for approximately 19 months. During this time I've been fairly successful with gaining compliance on most if not all of code enforcement issues. Shortly after arriving here, I identified a fairly substantial code violation on a property on Almond Road. This property is owned by a totally disabled Vietnam Veteran. "Ted" was a corpsman in the Navy and a hero receiving numerous commendations to include the Bronze Star. Ted suffers from a host of medical ailments to include Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Ted's property to say the least was a disaster: trash, debris, construction material, brush, weeds, high grass, etc. During this time I received numerous complaints from his neighbor, but in good faith in front of God and country, I couldn't cite him. I attempted through various organizations to get him help; Veterans Administration, Adult Protective Services and Social Services to name a few to no avail. I had resigned myself to the fact that I was probably going to have to clean the property myself in order to bring it into compliance.

Old Values, New Ideas: Working Together For All

One of my Co-workers recommended Nam Knights of America Motorcycle Club, South Jersey Chapter may be able to help. I subsequently spoke to President; Nick "Big Dog" Marino and the rest is pretty much history. You men got it done. On Saturday, August 1, 2015 the Nam Knights cleaned and brought Ted's property into code. I will be forever grateful for your assistance in this matter in caring for a fellow veteran.



Michael DiGiorgio
Zoning, Housing and
Code Enforcement Official