

## AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors is now a National Project

- ✓ We will work with you on ideas but consider one dog and his/her warrior per district as a goal?
- ✓ \$22 per chapter per month
- ✓ Each Chapter can have its own Fundraiser to sponsor a dog



### With the Grace of God AHEPA can make a difference

So many of our American heroes come home from war physically, but mentally they remain on the battlefield. They are imprisoned by their own thoughts, which causes 22 veterans every single day to choose to commit suicide rather than live with the effects of their invisible battle scars. As AHEPANS for Warriors we should refuse to allow this to continue. Their life-saving program gives a new leash on life to rescue dogs and military heroes.

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## Service Dogs Save Lives

### Chapter # 517

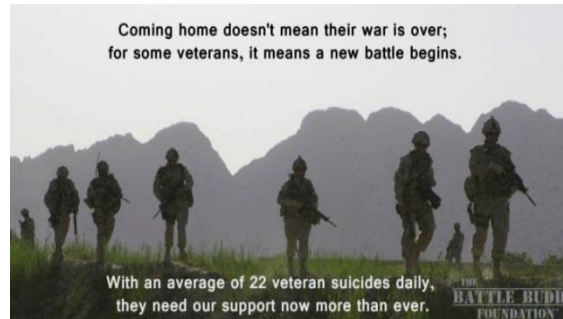
AHEPA Chapter 517, Holmdel has donated towards a service dog, which our chapter named "AHEPA". On October 20, 2016 our dog, AHEPA, graduated with Brian, who lives in Virginia.



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Coming home doesn't mean their war is over;  
 for some veterans, it means a new battle begins.

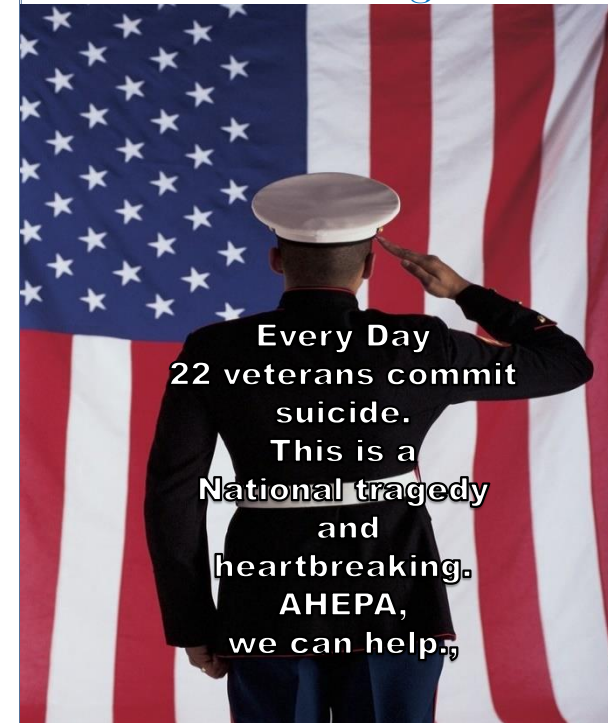


With an average of 22 veteran suicides daily,  
 they need our support now more than ever.

THE BATTLE BUDDY FOUNDATION



## AHEPA Service Dogs for Warriors Program



Every Day  
 22 veterans commit  
 suicide.  
 This is a  
 National tragedy  
 and  
 heartbreaking.  
 AHEPA,  
 we can help.

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## Support Our Veterans

- Many suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disability (PTSD). They suffer from the sights, sounds, and memories of the horrors of war.
- They carry this home with them, and depression and suicidal thoughts are common. As AHEPANS we should say **22 per day, NO WAY !**



- According to the DOD 1 in 5 veterans suffer from PTSD, and 1 in 6 will attempt or have suicidal tendencies.
- Service dogs are a proven recovery tool for these invisible disorders.

## Female veterans committing suicide at alarming rate



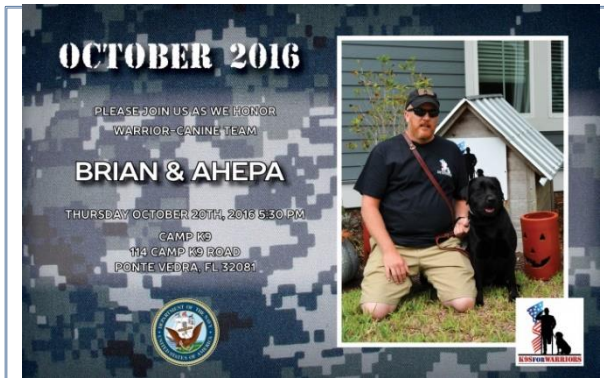
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## AHEPA Chapter 517 has sponsored the first service dog

After spending three weeks of training together at Camp K9s in Florida, "Ahepa" was officially certified as a service dog on October 20th, 2016.

Imagine "Ahepa" was rescued from a dog shelter and would have been euthanized and now has gone to his new home and life with Brian in Virginia. It makes you feel as though you're doing God's work when you are able to save a life of a dog which in turn rescues a warrior.

With 22 veterans a day committing suicide, we as free Americans, have an obligation to do all we can to stop this epidemic.



AHEPA's involvement in the K9 for Warriors effort was started by Garden State Chapter 517 in partnership with the Lt. Dennis W. Zilinski II Memorial Fund in 2016 when our chapter sponsored AHEPA's first service dog ( a beautiful black lab named "AHEPA") .

These wonderful dogs help veterans suffering from PTSD. This AHEPA Service Dogs for Warrior Program became a National Project at the AHEPA Convention this past summer (July 2016).

Chapter 517 was appointed by the National Projects Committee to coordinate this effort and to manage the funds through a 501 C 3 corporation formed for this purpose. The cost to train a service dog is \$15,000. Most of the dogs are rescue dogs and none of the costs are borne by the veteran.

As we accumulate \$15,000, the funds will be transferred to the Zilinski foundation to acquire another service dog. How can you help? We invite each district and chapter to hold one fundraiser a year for this program. We invite all other organizations to give what they can to help a veteran suffering from PTSD. Let's work together to acquire one or more service dogs in 2017 and inspire others to do the same so we can help save the lives of those who have fought so bravely for us.

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**All funds should be made payable to :**  
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