

This is Why I Dental.



Veteran and Police Officer Gets His Smile Back

Garrett, 67, is an Army veteran who served in Korea and Vietnam. Following his military service, he worked as a police officer for over 20 years. Now retired, Garrett suffers from several health issues including hypertension and back problems, among other challenges. In addition to these struggles, Garrett's oral health presented another concern. Despite having dentures, the top denture was very worn, and he could no longer wear the lower partial denture due to decaying teeth in the lower arch. Unable to afford treatment, the dental care Garrett needed seemed out of reach.

This all changed when Dr. Thomas Sniscak, a dentist and DDS volunteer since 2018, stepped in to help. Dr. Sniscak conducted three extractions, and two root planning procedures. He also installed a partial denture for Garrett, generously donated by a volunteer dental lab. Thanks to these volunteers, Garrett was able to receive the help he needed after a life spent in service to his community and country.

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The DDS program makes the most impact on our community by improving the health of our community's most vulnerable. We all know the connection between oral healthcare and systemic healthcare is strong, so if we can get these people in better shape to eat and be properly nourished, that equates to more birthdays for grandma and grandpa, and more time with grandchildren.”

DR. TOM SNISCAK, DLN • NJ BOARD MEMBER



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