



MOSS CREEK MARINES OPERATION HELPING HEROES



Helping With paws4vets Service Dog

**ADOPTED HERO NO. 20
MICHAEL SCHWARTZ
WITH ROSEY**



Michael Schwartz, USMC Veteran

Resides in: Fredericksburg, VA
Age: 46
Program placement: paws4vets
Certification: MED-HRG, MED-PSY, PND-MAD
Bump Class: December 2016
Seminar/ITT: February 2017

Michael served in the USMC. He was medically discharged after suffering a back injury during ODS. He also has significant hearing loss and tinnitus as a result of his time overseas. He struggles with the loss of one of his friends who committed suicide and for many years he has tried to hide his issues from the rest of the world. His anxiety, sleeplessness, irritability and guilt have since come to light and he is ready to deal with everything for the sake of his wife and daughter. Michael is diagnosed with PTS, Chronic Low Back Injury and Hearing Loss

ROSEY bumped with Michael in December 2016. ROSEY will help Michael by alerting to sounds, interrupting his behaviors, anchoring when he is anxious and retrieval of items when he cannot move due to his back injury.

Served in – ODS
1988 – 1993 Honorably Discharged

Awards & Commendations:
Meritorious Unit Commendation
Sea Service Deployment Ribbon
Navy "E" Ribbon
Navy Black "W"
National Defense Service Medal
Southwest Asia Service Medal (2)