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## WHY I JOINED

People ask me why I would want to be involved with the NOA since I am retired. After 24 years in the business and loving most aspects it is hard to just quit. Through these years there are a lot of connections and valued relationships with owners, suppliers and company that I do not want to just drop and walk away. Keeping connected is important to me. Ray's always had a dream of an Evergreen group to keep the McFamily together after retirement. NOA is fulfilling that dream and I feel proud to be a part of the journey.

I was asked the question if I am disheartened with the company and the answer is yes. There were a couple of years that I was on the target list for the region that was completely unwarranted. Going from an A operator to a double F operator overnight puts a lot of pressure and stress on my life along with my family. Many operators are currently going through this unfair treatment that I have experienced and I am hoping the NOA can help these operators as the organization grows and expands their reach. Keeping engaged I may be able to help others in the same situation.

I am proud of the NOA since the first meeting in Tampa that I attended. From day one the focus has been Unity and Purpose with great success. The NOA has worked hard and tirelessly for the operators over the past several years with amazing results where their success has benefited everyone in the system, regardless of membership.

Overall I am one that likes to be involved in great organizations. Being an operator I can be proud of what I have accomplished and I look forward to what I can help accomplish with the NOA Evergreen group.

Retired and still connected,

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