**Van T Barfoot died...**

**Remember the Guy who wouldn't take**

**The flag pole Down on his Virginia**

**Property a While back?**

**You might Remember the news story several**

**Months ago About a crotchety old man in**

**Virginia who Defied his local Homeowners**

**Association, And refused to take down the**

**Flag pole on His property along with the large**

**American flag He flew on it.**

**Now we learn Who that old man was.**

**On June 15, 1919, Van T. Barfoot was born in**

**Edinburg, Texas . That probably didn't make**

**News back Then.
But**

Twenty**-five years later, on May 23, 1944,**

**Near Carano** **, Italy ,
That same Van T. Barfoot,**

**Who had in 1940 enlisted in the U.S. Army, set**

**Out alone to Flank German machine gun**

**Positions From which gunfire was raining**

**Down on his Fellow soldiers.**

**His advance Took him through a minefield but**

**Having done So, he proceeded to single-handedly**

**Take out Three enemy machine gun positions,**

**Returning With 17 prisoners of war.**



**And if that Weren't enough for a day's work,**

**he Later** **took on and Destroyed three German tanks**

**Sent to Retake the machine gun positions.**



**That probably Didn't make much news either,**

**Given the Scope of the war, but it did earn**

**Van T. Barfoot, who retired as a Colonel after**

**Also serving In Korea and Vietnam,**

**a well** **Deserved**  **Congressional  Medal of Honor.**

**What did make News...Was hisNeighborhood**

**Association’s Quibblewith how the 90-year-old**

**Veteran chose To fly the American flag outside**

**His suburban Virginia home. Seems the HOA rules**

**Said it was OK to fly a flag on a house-mounted**

**Bracket, but, For decorum, items such as**

**Barfoot’s 21-foot Flagpole were "unsuitable".**





**Van Barfoot Had been denied a permit for**

**The pole, but Erected it anyway and was facing**

**Court action Unless he agreed to take it down.**

**Then the HOA Story made national TV,**

**And the Neighborhood Association rethought**

**Its position And agreed to indulge this**

**Aging hero Who dwelt among them.**



 **"In theTime I have left,” he said to the**  **Associated Press, "I plan to continue**

**To fly the American flag without interference."**

**As Well he should.**
 **And if any of his neighbors had taken a** Notion to

**Contest him Further, they might have done well to**

**Read his Medal of Honor citation first. Seems it**

**Indicates Mr. Van Barfoot**  **wasn't
Particularly** Good at **Backing down.**



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**AND, BECAUSE OF OLD MEN**

**LIKE VAN BARFOOT!**