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100 MORE...HOMES FOR OUR TROOPS CAMPAIGN

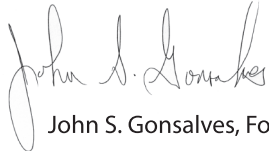


America has been at war since 2001. During that time, two million of our nation's sons and daughters have answered the call of duty. Over 5,000 of these brave men and women have been killed. Nearly 35,000 have suffered physical injuries. Of those 35,000, some have paid a terrible price, suffering injuries so severe that they must rely on others for care, losing much of their independence.

During Veterans Day Week 2010, Homes for Our Troops launched the 100 More...Homes for Our Troops campaign. In the last six years, Homes for Our Troops has committed to giving back freedom and independence to 100 military families, building and donating over 70 of these specially adapted homes with the remainder in various stages of construction and slated for completion over the next several months thanks to many wonderful corporations and volunteers. However, a backlog of over 50 severely injured veterans currently await homes, and the number of eligible applicants continues to grow. Estimates of veterans that have injuries so severe that they are in need of a specially adapted home number more than 1,000.

Former Army Vice Chief of Staff General Richard A. Cody, USA (Ret) is chairing the 100 More...Homes for Our Troops campaign, joined by Honorary Congressional Committee Chairs Senator Scott Brown and Senator Jim Webb. The campaign formally launched at the Grand Ole Opry on November 13th.

Join our campaign as we drive on to build the next 100 homes!


John S. Gonsalves, Founder and President

NEW Holiday Ornament for 2010!



A gift for the holidays or any day! This high quality, gold-tone ornament was designed by Homes for Our Troops and crafted by ChemArt. And it's Made in the USA! Give the gift that keeps on giving to our severely injured veterans and will be enjoyed for generations to come by the recipient!

This year's ornament illustrates the gift of freedom and independence that we give to each veteran with our logo on a key and the key tied to door by a yellow ribbon. It has the year on the front and "Limited Edition 2010" on the back as we have only purchased 200 of these ornaments. **Only \$20 per ornament!**
Order now while supplies last!

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SPOTLIGHT: 5 HFOT Veterans, Then and Now...

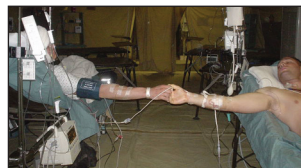
SSG Heath Calhoun - Clarksville, TN

THEN

November 2003. Severely injured when a rocket-propelled grenade hit his Humvee, resulting in the amputation of both his legs above the knee.

In Heath's words...

"When Homes for Our Troops offered to build us a specially adapted home, it was overwhelming to think that people out there would take care of you like this. Just a fantastic feeling."



NOW

In 2006, Calhoun began training with the USOC Paralympic Military Program in alpine skiing and is now a certified mono-ski instructor. A member of the U.S. Disabled Ski Team and the 2010 Paralympics Winter Games ski team, he has competed in World Cup competitions in Italy and British Columbia. He also enjoys running, swimming, golfing, and hiking.

An activist and advocate, Heath helped pass the Wounded Warrior Bill in 2005. He has been awarded a Purple Heart, the Daughters of the American Revolution Medal of Honor, and the 2007 George C. Lang Award for Courage from the Wounded Warrior Project. Heath was also honored at the Daytona International Speedway as the 2010 grand prize winner and national hero of the "2010 Crown Royal Presents 'Your Name Here' 400 contest. He was thrilled to attend the "Crown Royal Presents the Heath Calhoun 400 NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race at Richmond International Raceway on May 1, 2010. Heath is the father of three children, Mason, Brystal, and Bailee.

SSG Arthur (Bunky) Woods - Warren County, VA

THEN

August 2006. Severely injured when a sniper's bullet entered the back of his neck, exiting out through his jaw. The attack left him paralyzed from the shoulders down.

In Bunky's words...

"It is people like [my supporters] that make America great—my favorite quote is from Adlai Stevenson, who said, 'Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime.'"

"Shortly after I came home from the hospital, I was told about Homes for Our Troops and how they do amazing work with the help of volunteers and donations of labor and supplies. Everyone has shown me great love and support since I was wounded."

NOW

Woods enjoys watching sports, reading, attending church, and spending time with his family. He presently is enrolled in college and looks forward to graduating, getting married, raising a family and living a more normal life.



CPT Ferris Butler - Chester, MD

THEN

December 2006. Severely injured when he was struck by an improvised explosive device (IED), resulting in the amputation of both of his legs below the knee. He endured intensive rehabilitation and 54 surgeries over two years.

In Ferris' words...

"So many doors have been opened for us. In this house, I'll be able to function in a way that every able-bodied person takes for granted. When you lose body parts, you have to approach everything differently."

"Some days I had to accept being so deserving of this. I'll spend the rest of my life trying to thank Homes for Our Troops and each and every one in the community."



NOW

Ferris enjoys spending time with his wife, Laura whom he met at Walter Reed while he was a patient and Laura was volunteering there. They married in October 2009.

Ferris returned to Iraq in January 2010 as part of Operation Proper Exit, a program aimed at helping the warriors find emotional closure after being injured. He is on the board of advisors for the Troops First Foundation and is an Amputee Coalition of America peer mentor. He and his wife are grateful to be living near both of their families in Eastern Maryland, where their "roots are grounded".

Then and Now...(continued)

SFC Scot Noss - Trussville, AL

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February 2007. Severely injured when his CH-47 Chinook helicopter crashed, resulting in a severe traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injuries, and broken bones.

In RyAnne's (wife of Scot Noss) words...

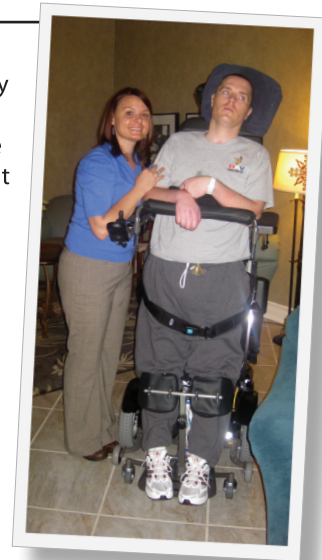
"I felt a huge weight lifted off my shoulders when we were home last night. It's hard to explain that feeling, but I was just able to breathe again.

For the first time in 3 ½ years, I was able to go to sleep and turn off my phone, because he's in the same house with me and just a room away."



NOW

SFC Noss is still considered minimally conscious and continues to receive neurological treatment. However, he has maximum freedom of movement in his single-story, specially adapted home, which is fully handicapped-accessible and features an overhead lift system. His wife RyAnne says, "You can definitely tell he's more aware, One thing I am able to do is create a home environment that's safe and healthy so he can continue his improvement. It's such a better quality of life for both of us to be out of the hospital and into a home."



SPC Frank Pierson - Plainfield, IL

THEN

March 2008. Severely injured when an electrically fired projectile (EFP) tore through his vehicle, resulting in the amputation of both of his legs above and below the knee. He endured 27 surgeries and 19 months of rehabilitation.

In Frank's words...

"The most important thing is that the home is all one level and I can get to every room without moving something out of my way. Now, I can be in the house by myself and don't worry about someone helping get something out of a room because my wheelchair doesn't fit in. The overall independence of being able to do everything I need to do on my own is priceless."

"My wife (Arielle Carroll-Pierson) and I are very excited and thankful for the organization and everyone that is donating their time and effort for this project. Being selected to receive this home is just an amazing gift, an opportunity."

NOW

Frank looks to the future with hopes to assist local military families.

He would like to help make their lives a little easier while they cope with the ups and downs of living with the unknowns of deployments. In addition, this Chicago Black Hawks fan looks forward to pursuing his next goal — going to school to study automotive electronics.



UPCOMING Key Ceremonies

SSG CHRISTIAN BAGGE

Parkdale, Oregon
Building Partner: Kase Construction, Inc.

SPC KEVIN PANNELL

Sandy, Oregon
Building Partner: Fish Construction NW, Inc.

CPL JOSHUA STEIN

Spring Branch, Texas
Building Partner: Leonard Contracting, Inc.

PO2 ANTHONY THOMPSON

Houston, Texas
Building Partner: GMB Inc.

Sign up for Project Updates on the veteran's web page. Go to URL...
[www.homesforourtroops.org/\(vet's name\)](http://www.homesforourtroops.org/(vet's name))

COMPLETED Key Ceremonies

SSG ARTHUR "BUNKY" WOODS

November 10, 2010
Location: Bentonville, Virginia
Building Partner: Buracker Construction

CPT FERRIS BUTLER

November 11, 2010
Location: Chester, Maryland
Building Partner: Mallard Construction Group, Inc.

SFC SCOT NOSS

November 11, 2010
Location: Trussville, Alabama
Building Partner: Ray Building Company

SSG HEATH CALHOUN

November 13, 2010
Location: Clarksville, Tennessee
Building Partner: Jimmy Miller Construction

SPC FRANK PIERSON

November 13, 2010
Location: Plainfield, Illinois
Building Partner: DeCraene Custom Homes

VETERANS DAY WEEK 2010

This year, we turned Veterans Day into a week long tribute to our veterans and the sacrifices they made on our behalf.

On Sunday, November 7, 2010, we held our 2nd Annual Victoria L. Mosier Family Fun Day & 5-Mile Run while adding the "Family Fun Day" for the first time this year. 194 runners came out to support our efforts! With great food provided by Texas Roadhouse and lots of family fun, it was a day we won't soon forget. Thank you to all of our sponsors for that day!

On Monday, November 8, 2010, we held our first Open House at our office in Taunton, MA with the assistance of the Taunton Chamber of Commerce. We opened our HFOT Fundraising Store, at the same location, that evening. We especially thank 50 Back Beer for being a sponsor at both Sunday and Monday events. Thank you to all who attended!

Veterans Day Week 2010 brought a great deal of pride as we presenting 5 veterans with the keys to their new specially adapted homes in Virginia, Maryland, Alabama, Illinois and Tennessee. On Saturday, November 13, 2010, we also announced the start of our "100 More...Homes for Our Troops" Campaign on stage at the Grand Ole Opry.



MCM 2010



Team HFOT raised **\$60,630.40** by running the Marine Corps Marathon this year in Arlington, Virginia on October 31, 2010. *Way to go Team HFOT!*

VLM 5-Mile Run - November 7, 2010

Race Results - Male:

- 1 JOSEPH KOECH, 41 26:02
- 2 BENJAMIN NDAYA, 34 26:27
- 3 BRENDAN LOFTUS, 48 28:51

Race Results - Female:

- 1 MARIA L. SERVIN, 48 30:29
- 2 MELISSA HENRY, 23 31:42
- 3 JOANN MATHEWS, 45 31:56

END-OF-YEAR GIVING

NOW MORE THAN EVER, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO RESPOND TO OUR CALLS TO ACTION.

As we complete our first 100 builds in the next few months and begin construction on our 101st home, driving toward our next 100, we need to raise \$40 million dollars. We can't do it without your help!

Please make your end-of-year donation by 12/30/10. THANK YOU!

GET INVOLVED! Go to...www.homesforourtroops.org/howtovolunteer

• GENERAL CONTRACTOR

Each project begins with a great GC! Volunteer to lead one of our projects.

• PROFESSIONAL TRADESPEOPLE

Volunteer your time as a professional tradesperson and make a difference in the life of a severely injured veteran.

• DONATE BUILDING MATERIALS

The more building products we are able to acquire through donation, the less funds are depleted and the more veterans we can serve.

• KEY VOLUNTEERS

Join a project Event Team to help run a Build Brigade, Volunteer Day, or Key Ceremony. Join a project Street Team.

• ATTEND A LOCAL FUNDRAISER

See page 4 for details on events in your state and mark your calendars!

• JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Join us on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn to show your support online!



Charity Navigator, one of the premiere charity rating agencies in the country, has awarded Homes for Our Troops with its highest rating of 4 stars.



Homes for Our Troops is a Top-Rated Military & Veteran Charity by the American Institute of Philanthropy.



#12525 For our active duty military supporters: CFC #12525 is a national beneficiary of the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign. Your CFC pledge will help Homes for Our Troops build our next 100 specially adapted homes for our nation's severely injured troops.