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A Newsletter from Homes for Our Troops | www.homesforourtroops.org | **VETERANS DAY 2010**

Homes for Our Troops thanks veterans of past and present wars. For those who have served, we say, "Thank You" and "Welcome Home." We know freedom is not free. We thank those who are currently serving for the sacrifices they are making on our behalf. May you always know you are loved and appreciated.

In Memory of SPC Alex Knapp

We will never forget you.



March 12, 1986 - October 2, 2010

Our hearts are heavy with sorrow. On October 2, 2010, we lost a true hero and friend in Army Specialist Alex Knapp. Alex was a member of the Homes for Our Troops family of veterans who received a specially adapted home in Michigan. We came to know Alex after he was injured in Iraq. He earned the designation of "hero" on the day he was injured, not for his injuries, but for his actions. After his convoy was hit by an IED, Alex was trapped in the vehicle he was riding in. After being extracted from the vehicle and in dire condition, Alex tried to refuse medical help before other members of his squad were treated. Even then, he was a selfless hero that put the needs of others before his own. Alex was an unassuming person with a great big smile and wonderful sense of humor. He and his mom Jeanette were enthusiastic advocates for Homes for Our Troops and continued to help other injured veterans by helping raise awareness to the mission. Alex touched all of our lives and we will be forever grateful for his service, sacrifice and friendship.

John S. Gonsalves, Founder and President

SPC Alex Knapp died on October 2, 2010 of an apparent heart attack. He is survived by his parents Eric and Jeanette, and two brothers, Ryan and Shane. Our deepest condolences go to them at this difficult time.

For Veterans Day, Alive Days or any day you see fit, you can now give a gift donation of \$10 to Homes for Our Troops in honor of your veteran and this postcard will be mailed to the honoree.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY



IT'S ABOUT PATRIOTISM, PRIDE & GRATITUDE

Go to www.homesforourtroops.org/store or purchase at any Build Brigade or Key Ceremony or HFOT-hosted event.



FAMILY FUN DAY & 5-MILE RUN



You don't have to run to have fun!

www.homesforourtroops.org/vlm
American Legion Hall, Raynham, MA
Race START: 10 a.m.

Honoring Veterans Day



We've turned Veterans Day into a week-long tribute, filled with exciting events that strengthen the HFOT mission. We kick off the celebrations November 7th, with our 2nd Annual Victoria L. Mosier Family Fun Day & 5 Mile Run. On the 8th, we'll have an Open House, including the opening of the HFOT Retail Store at our headquarters in Taunton, MA. Next, we move into the heart of our cause, holding Key Ceremonies to present completed specially adapted homes to our severely injured veterans. From 11/10 to 11/13, we'll present specially adapted homes to five heroes:

SSG Arthur "Bunky" Woods (Browntown, VA), CPT Ferris Butler (Chester, MD), SFC Scot Noss (Trussville, AL), SSG Heath Calhoun (Clarksville, TN) and SPC Frank Pierson (Plainfield, IL). See page 3 for details.

Thanks to your ongoing support, Veterans Day "Week" 2010 will be one to remember forever.

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HFOT CHAMPION SPOTLIGHT

Atlantic Builders, Ltd.



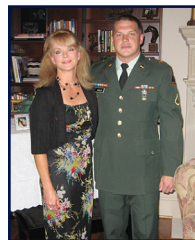
Congratulations and many thanks to Gene Brown and his exceptional team at Atlantic Builders in Fredericksburg, VA. Together with the subcontractors and suppliers who worked on this project, the team donated 100% of the materials and labor cost of the specially adapted home for Sgt. Steven Kiernan in Fredericksburg, VA. This extraordinary team (full list available at <http://www.atlanticbuilders.blogspot.com>) broke 3 HFOT records: all Build Brigade (BB) tasks were complete by the end of day two (a day earlier than most BBs), the home was built within 31 days, and it was 100% donated materials and labor to HFOT. We are extremely grateful that Atlantic Builders has committed to building additional homes for Sgt Kenny Lyon and SGT Jude Recendez. *Thank you Atlantic Builders!*

Triple R Electric, Inc.



Kudos to the Amescua brothers Randy, Robert, and Russell and their family team at Triple R Electric in San Antonio, TX, who provided electrical labor and supplies for 4 specially adapted home projects, including our Texas 3-Star project for Marine Cpl Jose "Ivan" Perez, Marine Corporal Neil Frustaglio, and Army SGT Nathan Hunt, as well as the CPL Joshua Stein project in Spring Branch. Not satisfied with simply donating all labor and materials for the homes, Triple R Electric completed all the work required for the 4 homes in 1 weekend. *Thank you Triple R Electric!*

Cindy Chase, A Season for Soldiers



A Season for Soldiers (www.aseasonforsoldiers.com) is dedicated entirely to our courageous troops and their families. As a proud parent of a U.S. Army Cavalry Scout, Cindy Chase wanted to do something meaningful and lasting in support of our returning disabled servicemen and women. Cindy and her family decided to produce and sell their Uncle Gunny's secret seasoning recipe and donate 100% of the proceeds to Homes for Our Troops. The secret blend of seasonings created by Uncle Gunny can be used "on everything but desserts!" To date, Uncle Gunny's Secret Seasoning & Rub has donated more than \$1,500 to Homes for Our Troops. *Thank you Cindy and family for your support!*

HFOT WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK AND RECOGNIZE THE EFFORTS OF:

The staff at Mercury Print & Mail, Pawtucket, Rhode Island

Tracy Phillips, SSG Christian Bagge Project: Parkdale, Oregon and SPC Kevin Pannell Project: Sandy, Oregon

Kristen Luevanos, LCpl Kade L. Hinkhouse Project: Elizabeth, Colorado

Bobby McDaniel, SPC Joshua Wells: Summit, Mississippi

Blue Star Mothers of America



Homes for Our Troops has been named the Blue Star Mothers of America (BSMA) President's Project for the second year in a row. As if this was not honor enough, BSMA donated over \$27,000 to HFOT and the BSMA National Convention Fun Night raised even more money. HFOT is grateful for all of the efforts of more than 10,000 BSMA members and associates in over 200 chapters across 42 states! *Thank you Blue Star Mothers!*

We'd like to especially thank and recognize:

- Blue Star Mothers Of America, Inc.
- Blue Star Mothers Of America, Dept. of Minnesota
- Blue Star Mothers Of America New Mexico Chapter One
- Blue Star Mothers Of Hope NY Chapter 5
- Blue Water Chapter 180 of St. Clair Michigan
- Blue Star Mothers Ohio Chapter #2
- Canyon Lake Area Blue Star Moms Canyon Lake, Texas
- Eastern Massachusetts Chapter MA 2
- Grand Valley Blue Star Mothers of Colorado
- Soaring Eagles Blue Star Mothers, Lassen County, California
- South Bay Blue Star Moms

CALL TO ACTION

Responding to our Call to Action can be as simple as sharing this newsletter with a friend, as easy as making a donation, or as committed as signing up to be a project volunteer. Every action helps to move our projects to "Mission Accomplished."

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 to create community awareness for our mission.

• 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!



Update! FUJIFILM Seehere.com

Photojournalist Contestants and the veterans' projects they are working on:

Kelley Boyle, 16, CPT Ferris Butler

William Houstian, 16, CPT Ferris Butler

Amber Sullivan, 13, SPC Frank Pierson

Jason Clements, 17, SPC Frank Pierson

Katrina Spontak, 14, SPC Frank Pierson

Taylur DeWolf, 15, SPC Kevin Pannell

Good luck to all the contestants!

Our Newest HFOT Veterans

Because of your continued support, we are pleased to welcome the following new members of the HFOT Family of Veterans:

Cpl Larry Draughn, Jr..... Maryland	SSG Nicolas McCoy.....Texas
SPC Craig Andrade..... Texas	MSG Daniel RoblesTexas
SSgt. Jeremy Austin Virginia	PO1 Ryan Sykes California

Completed Build Brigades

SSG Christian Bagge

Location: Parkdale, Oregon
BB Dates: August 27-29, 2010
GC: Kase Construction, Inc.

SPC Kevin Pannell

Location: Sandy, Oregon
BB Dates: October 1-3, 2010
GC: Fish Construction NW, Inc.

As CPT Ferris Butler and his wife Laura note, "You cannot understand the impact of a HFOT home, until you experience a Build Brigade. We left our weekend with tears in our eyes at the outpouring of love from the community and the incredibly determined volunteers who helped build us a home."

CPT Ferris Butler

Location: Chester, Maryland
BB Dates: August 13-15, 2010
GC: Mallard Construction Group

CPL Joshua Stein

Location: Spring Branch, Texas
BB Dates: September 24-26, 2010
GC: Leonard Contracting, Inc.



Spotlight: Volunteer Day



LCpl Hinkhouse's Volunteer Day was held on August 23, 2010. An army of volunteers prepared the home for the Key Ceremony. *We thank all of the volunteers who came out that day!*

The Texas 3-Star Volunteer Day was July 17, 2010. About 200 people showed up to landscape and clean all three homes. Lowe's supplied a swing set for the Frustaglios and a shed for the Hunts. *Thank you Lowe's and thank you to all Texas volunteers!*

SPOTLIGHT:

Texas 3-Star Key Ceremony



On September 11, 2010, Homes for Our Troops and our Building Partner Uptmore Custom Homes were proud to present keys to three deserving veterans: **Cpl Neil Frustaglio, SGT Nathan Hunt and Cpl Jose "Ivan" Perez.** We thank Jack Uptmore, Norman Dick and the entire team at Uptmore Custom Homes who made these homes a reality.

With about 200 people in attendance, the day's highlights included an escort led by a San Antonio Recruiting Station Marine Honor Guard, the Guadalupe County Sheriff's Mounted Posse, Patriot Guard Riders, police and fire departments, and the Marion High School Marching Band. Our National Anthem was sung by the Children's Chorus of San Antonio and children from Norma Krueger Elementary School sang "You're a Grand Old Flag." Many distinguished speakers gave thanks and praise to all the volunteers who worked on the homes and paid tribute to our veterans. Neil, Nathan & Ivan couldn't have picked a better place to call "home!" *Thank you Texas!*



MORE VETERANS WHO RECEIVED THEIR KEYS:

CPL W. Leon-Barrientos

Location: Bakersfield, CA
KC Date: August 21, 2010
General Contractor: Essex Homes

LCpl Kade Hinkhouse

Location: Elizabeth, CO
KC Date: August 28, 2010
General Contractor: Western Classic Designs, LLC

SFC Steven Holloway

Location: Wellington, FL
KC Date: August 21, 2010
General Contractor: Royal Concrete Concepts

SPC Joshua Wells

Location: Summit, MS
KC Date: Sept. 18, 2010
General Contractor: SMK Properties, LLC

GC for Texas 3-Star:



Uptmore
Custom
Homes

As of our press time (October 12, 2010):

Upcoming Key Ceremonies

SSG ARTHUR "BUNKY" WOODS

November 10, 2010
156 Waterhouse Lane,
Bentonville, VA 22610
GC: Buracker Construction

CPT FERRIS BUTLER

November 11, 2010
333 Benton's Pleasure Road,
Chester, Maryland 21619
GC: Mallard Construction Group, Inc.

SFC SCOT NOSS

November 11, 2010
3894 Lakeside Drive,
Trussville, Alabama 35173
GC: Ray Building Company

SPC FRANK PIERSON

November 13, 2010
25107 Island Drive,
Plainfield, Illinois 60544
GC: DeCraene Custom Homes Inc.

SSG HEATH CALHOUN

November 13, 2010
1890 Walter Road,
Clarksville, Tennessee 37043
GC: Jimmy Miller Construction

JOIN US as we bring these American heroes home!



7th Annual Motorcycle Ride

www.homesforourtroops.org/bikerun2010

As a result of 7 years of our Annual Motorcycle Ride and Raffle, WE HAVE RAISED A TOTAL OF \$183,000!

HFOT thanks Kirsten Sands and the entire Texas Roadhouse team for coordinating this effort every year for us. We are grateful for their continued support of our mission and look forward to many more years of working together on future motorcycle rides.

On August 1, 2010, we were thrilled to have over 700 riders! Our supporters enjoyed great food and great music provided by Suffrin Blye! A special thank you to all of our sponsors. This perfect day would not have been possible without them!

The winner of our Dirico Motorcycles raffle bike was:
Bill Mega of Exeter, Rhode Island
Congratulations Bill!



Spotlight: CFC



#12525

If you or your friends know anyone serving in the military, or anyone that works for the government, remind them that we are listed under the Combined Federal Campaign. Homes for Our Troops 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.

Upcoming Fundraisers & Events to Benefit HFOT

Check out our website for all these events! Search on the event name and you will find all the info you need! You can also type in the URL starting with www.homesforourtroops.org/ and add in the words in parenthesis below. This listing is not complete so check our website often for all the news.

HOMES FOR OUR TROOPS EVENTS

Marine Corps Marathon (*mcm10*)

Arlington, VA

Sunday, OCTOBER 31, 2010

2nd Annual Victoria L. Mosier Family Fun Day & 5 Mile Run (*VLM*)

Raynham, MA

Sunday, NOVEMBER 7, 2010

Homes for Our Troops Open House (*openhouse*)

Taunton, MA

Monday, NOVEMBER 8, 2010

Boston Bruins Military Appreciation Night (*bruins*)

Boston, MA

Monday, NOVEMBER 15, 2010

NATIONWIDE

A Gift for You, A Gift for Them (*oreck*)

Oreck Retail Stores Nationwide

NOVEMBER 1 - 14, 2010

MASSACHUSETTS

REALTORS Got Talent Show (*passtalent*)

Middleborough, MA

Thursday, NOVEMBER 4, 2010

Busa Wine & Spirits 50th Anniversary Celebration (*busa50th*)

Burlington, MA

Friday, NOVEMBER 12, 2010

MICHIGAN

Boots Back Bash Benefit (*bootsback*)

Warren, MI

Friday, NOVEMBER 19, 2010

TEXAS

Freedom Fiesta (*freedomfiesta*)

San Antonio, TX

Thursday, NOVEMBER 11, 2010

UTAH

The Roaring Twenties (*roaring20s*)

Sandy, UT

Friday, NOVEMBER 5, 2010

BIRDIES FOR THE BRAVE EVENTS

TPC Wakefield Plantation

(*wakefieldplantation2010*)

Raleigh, NC

Monday, NOVEMBER 1, 2010

TPC Piper Glen (*piperglen2010*)

Charlotte, NC

Wednesday, NOVEMBER 3, 2010

Palmetto Hall Plantation (*hiltonhead10*)

Hilton Head, SC

Friday, NOVEMBER 5, 2010

Meadowbrook Farms Golf Club (*meadowbrookfarms2010*)

Katy, TX

Saturday-Sunday, NOVEMBER 6-7, 2010

TPC White Columns Country Club (*whitecolumns2010*)

Milton, GA

Sunday, NOVEMBER 7, 2010

TPC Sawgrass (*sawgrass2010*)

Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

Sunday-Monday, NOVEMBER 7-8, 2010

TPC Sugarloaf (*sugarloaf2010*)

Duluth, GA

Monday, NOVEMBER 8, 2010

Legacy Clubs at Alaqua Lakes (*legacyclub2010*)

Longwood, FL

Sunday, NOVEMBER 14, 2010

TPC Tampa Bay (*tpctampabay2010*)

Lutz, FL

Saturday-Sunday, NOVEMBER 20-21, 2010

TPC Scottsdale (*tpcscottsdale2010*)

Scottsdale, AZ

Monday, DECEMBER 6, 2010

DONATE NOW USING THE ENCLOSED SLIP AND ENVELOPE or **DONATE ONLINE** at: www.homesforourtroops.org/donate

Donations are tax-deductible and with our low 8 percent overhead, you know your money is going a long way and making a big difference.



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.