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.

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

2nd Annual VICTORIA L. MOSIER

11.07.10

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 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

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 as 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!

Kids for Our Troops

Update! FUJIFILM Seehere.com
Photojournalist Contestants and the veterans’ projects they are working on:
Kelley Boyle, 16, CPT Ferris Butler
William Houston, 16, CPT Ferris Butler
Amber Sullivan, 13, SPC Frank Pierson
Jason Clements, 17, SPC Frank Pierson
Katrina Spontak, 14, SPC Frank Pierson
Taylor 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:

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Completed Build Brigades

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

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

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

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

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: DeCrane 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!

**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 Frustaglona and a shed for the Hunts. Thank you Lowe’s and thank you to all Texas volunteers!

**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 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!

**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 parentheses below. This listing is not complete so check our website often for all the news.

### HOMES FOR OUR TROOPS EVENTS
- **Marine Corps Marathon** (mcm10) - 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
- **Kentucky 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

### Spotlight: CFC

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.

### DONATE NOW

**Using the enclosed slip and envelope or donate at:** [www.homesforourtroops.org/donate](http://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.

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**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.**