



OPERATION LASTING SUPPORT

SITREP, Summer 2025

Dear Mission Supporter,

Joining Homes For Our Troops as a staffer without a military background, I learned to make a list of shorthand phrases and acronyms quickly. Our calendars are full of AARs (After Action Reviews), and “Wilco” (Will Comply) is a standard email reply.

While starting an exclusive newsletter for our monthly donors, it felt natural to borrow from that list and name it the SITREP. For those like me who are still learning, a SITREP is a concise report on military situations.

Our goal is to keep you briefed on the status of our mission. HFOT has 74 projects underway nationwide. That represents 74 Veterans who have heard the words “We are building you a home” and patiently await the day they receive their keys.

A lot happens in between those two mission moments: from land purchase and engineering to hiring a local general contractor and watching as the home grows from a slab through framing to a finished product.

Your monthly gift is part of our most reliable source of revenue as we plan those projects. You make possible all the “in-betweens” that amount to the gift of a mortgage-free, specially adapted home and the lasting impact it has on our Veterans and their families.

Thank you for partnering with us to Build Homes and Rebuild Lives.

With gratitude,

Johnna McGovern
Donor Engagement Officer



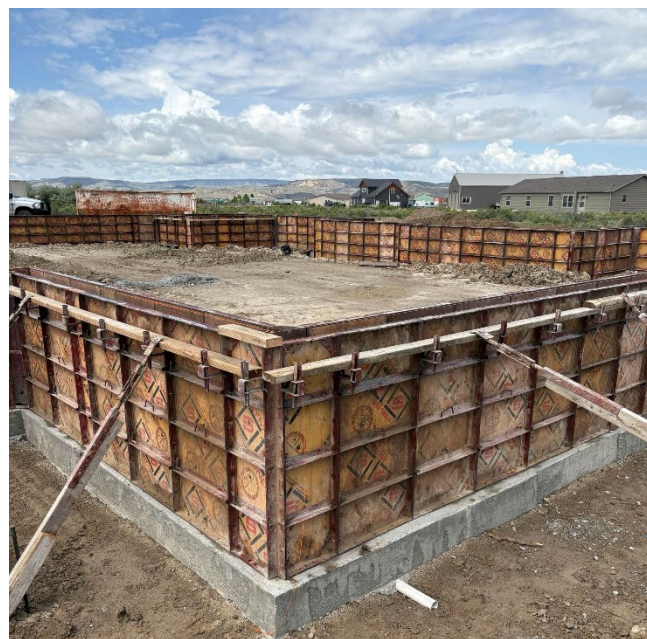
From the Build Site

Construction is officially underway in Casper, Wyoming for the future home of Army SSG Bryan Price and his family. Our construction manager for the project recently shared pictures of the forms as the site was prepared for the concrete foundation to be poured.

HFOT builds single-level homes with no raised thresholds. The slab foundation supports creating seamless transitions throughout the house, which reduces tripping hazards and makes the space completely accessible by wheelchair.

While a foundation marks the start of construction, our projects begin long before concrete is poured. HFOT conducts a land search to purchase the perfect lot, completes site engineering, finalizes the home plans, hires a local custom home builder, and obtains building permits.

Fun Fact: Bryan’s home marks a milestone for HFOT. This is our first build in Wyoming, which will be the 46th state we have built in.



Are we building in your area? www.hfotusa.org/building-homes/veteran-home-building-projects



Eyes on Events

If you have attended an HFOT Key Ceremony (KC), you have witnessed the excitement of a Veteran arriving at their new home behind the sirens of local first responders and the roar of motorcycle engines. For home delivery #410 on May 31st in South Carolina, the escort on the ground received air support from paratroopers in the All Veterans Group Parachute Team.

The men and woman who jumped into the KC brought more than an added level of excitement. They were part of a contingent of fellow Servicemembers, family, and friends who traveled to Honea Path to join local community members as they welcomed Army SFC Daniel Metzdorf and his wife, Kristen, home.

In November 2004, Daniel re-enlisted to stay with the 82nd Airborne Division only 10 months after the combat incident that resulted in the loss of his right leg above the knee. He jumped with the current leader of the All Veterans Group on the Army Golden Knights Parachute Team after becoming the first person with his injuries to pass the training course.

Daniel focused his remarks during the ceremony on all he has to be grateful for since his injury. First, he shared heartfelt thanks to the old and new friends present that day. Then he recognized the gift of his home, “built with a lot of heart, a lot of expertise, and wood and nails” before sharing his thanks for the home builder, HFOT staff, and all the donors who support our mission.



Lasting Impact



This April, Army CPT Bobby Withers ran the Boston Marathon, donning his Team HFOT jersey to raise awareness and support for our mission. While many runners earn charity bibs in competitive marathons by fundraising for non-profits, Bobby ran a Boston-Qualifying time last June to secure his spot in the race and chose to fundraise, too.

Bobby's connection to running and endurance sports are deeply connected to Team HFOT. Bobby received his HFOT home in Winter Gardens, Florida in November 2015. That is also the year he ran his first 5K race at the urging of an HFOT staff member. Since then, Bobby has pursued a *Miles Are Medicine* approach to his health and well-being, competing in more than seventy endurance races.

Last summer after running his Boston-Qualifying race, he joined an HFOT Staff Meeting and shared, “In ten years, I went from sedentary and spiraling, to achieving accomplishments I never could have dreamed of.” He attributes his success, and this regained sense of purpose, to the adaptive features of his home that make it possible for him to recover safely.