



PURPLE HEART HOMES

CONNECTIONS



On a cold December morning, Leo Robinson raised the colors for the first time in his new home in South Euclid, Ohio, joined by Marines from Greater Cleveland, OH, Ohio Marine Corps Detachment Commandant Frank Gron, and from North Carolina, Major General David Richwine (Ret). John Galina, Co-Founder of Purple Heart Homes, along with Garret Garland, Chairman of the Board for Purple Heart Homes were also there to celebrate with Leo as he transitioned into the world of home ownership.

They then joined over 100 volunteers, donors, suppliers, and contractors to celebrate the Mission Complete for Leo's new home. This also marked the second home in South Euclid, OH provided to a Service Connected Disabled Veteran as part of Purple Heart Homes Veteran Home Ownership Program.

During this ceremony, a third project was announced for the Veterans Home Ownership Program in the South Euclid community. If interested in supporting this new project, please contact us at info@phusa.org or purplehearthomesusa.org

First flag raising for Marine Veteran Leo Robinson at his newly renovated home in Northeast Ohio.

Message From the Chairman



On behalf of the Board of Directors of Purple Heart Homes, I want to thank you for your continued support of our mission in addressing the housing needs of Service Connected Disabled Veterans. These Veterans, through their sacrifice for our nation, have earned decent housing that is modified to meet their needs. We know their neighbors feel the same way and are readily willing to donate to the projects and volunteer to work on them.

Your support and contributions have a profound effect on our Veteran's lives. During the past year we have had the honor of completing forty-six housing projects. The Veterans we help come from all military services and age groups.

We have taken on a solemn trust to not only assist these deserving Veterans, but also to ensure that we are using donor contributions wisely. We continue to grow each year, and with that growth comes the ability to positively impact more Veteran's lives. But that growth comes with a cost; we cannot complete projects without funding. Our corporate sponsors donate in many ways; with money, goods and services, and volunteers. They also look to us to galvanize community support for our projects to partner with them. It is a team effort.

Purple Heart Homes is ever expanding our Chapter model. Currently, we have five Chapters around the country with more chapters in the process of being created. Many more are required to address the needs of thousands of Service Connected Veterans. Please visit our website and look into the possibility of Chapter formation in your area.

There are several ways to give to Purple Heart Homes with your



Garrett Garland
Chairman of the Board

time and donations. Many of you send donations as a way of honoring a loved one who currently serves or is a military veteran. Many companies will match your donation to an accredited charitable organization, and it is an easy way to double your contribution. Ask your employer if they have a matching program in place.

Thank you again for your support, for you are such an important part of Purple Heart Homes.



Purple Heart Homes Chapters

In 2015 Purple Heart Homes launched an Initiative to assist more Veterans through our Aging in Place Program. We believe that the most efficient way to help Veterans across the US was to allow individual communities to take ownership of the Purple Heart Homes mission. Our Chapters are all founded and operated by volunteers who want to help Veterans of all ages live in safe accessible homes.

Our first five active Chapters completed fifteen Aging in Place projects and have seven more in the works. Currently, we have two Chapters in North Carolina, one in South Carolina, one in Colorado, and one in New York. Chapter projects vary widely in size and scope. They can be as simple as installing grab bars in a bathroom, building ramps to allow access in and out of the home, or widening doorways and modifying bathrooms to accommodate a wheelchair. The common thread for all projects is to improve safety and accessibility in the home of the Veteran and make life easier for Caregivers as well.

Our goal over the next five years is to have a Purple Heart Homes Chapter established in every state with a significant Veteran population. Currently we have Chapters forming in Southwestern New York, Houston, Texas, Atlanta, Georgia and Cleveland, Ohio. If you are interested in learning more about forming a Purple Heart Homes Chapter in your area, contact Dale Beatty dbeatty@phusa.org or Cheryl Campbell ccampbell@phusa.org and become a part of the mission!

Co-Founders Corner

Dale Beatty

Strategic Development Officer

John Gallina

Executive Director



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We hope this newsletter finds you in good health and spirits and enjoying a prosperous 2016. As co-founders of Purple

Heart Homes, we are glad to take this opportunity to first of all thank all of our Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifices to the people of the United States. Serving in the NC National Guard during peacetime humanitarian missions, and during Operation Iraqi Freedom II, personally exposed us to the challenges and dedication that is required of those who wear the uniform of the US Military and to the commitment which is displayed by the families who are drafted into service when we volunteer. Secondly, we would be remiss without thanking EVERYONE who has made Purple Heart Homes a successful Non-Profit Public Charity that continues to grow with each passing year.

Through our Chapters initiative, we will soon spread the mission and intent of our founding purposes into many locations where Veterans so desperately need our help. We appreciate all of our Volunteers, Donors, Corporate Partners and those who support our mission.

When we first had the idea of creating a charity that would help Veterans just like us, we had no idea that Purple Heart Homes would have the ability to impact others' lives in the positive profound ways which it has. As we have continued our growth over the past 7 years, we are continuously humbled and amazed at the impact that our simple idea has resulted in. We hope that those who read this newsletter will not only continue to support Purple Heart Homes, but will also be inspired to make a difference in their own communities as well. THANK YOU!

“All of a sudden the dam broke, and all the good people came forward.... I believe all these people were a God send.”

... comment made by Theresa and Alex Sawchyn after their roof was replaced. Mr. Sawchyn is US Air Force retired and participated in the Berlin Airlift. He is 89 years old.

Purple Heart Homes
Aging in Place Recipient

Save The Date



**8th Annual
Purple Heart Homes
Golf Tournament
September 12, 2016**

Larkin Country Club
Statesville, NC



There are over 21.8 million Veterans in the United States.
Do you know one of them?

HOW ARE YOU CONNECTED?

I AM A *Friend*
OF A VETERAN

Share your story about how you are connected to a Veteran on Facebook

Current Chapter Projects

Floyd Woods - US Army - Colorado Front Range Chapter, CO
Anthony Good - US Air Force - Golden Corner Chapter, NC
Wilbur Kaufman - US Army - Colorado Front Range Chapter, CO
Pamela Dial-Eskew - US Navy - Golden Corner Chapter, SC
Glen Hudson - US Air Force - Golden Corner Chapter, SC

Current Projects

Paul Albavara - US Marine - VA
Charles Harris - US Marine - MD
Jason Schumacher - US Army - NC
James Jones - US Army - NC
Eugene Gilbert - US Army - NC
Roger Pennell - US Army - NC
Robert LaBar - US Marine - NC
Timothy Kramer - US Army - NE
Jeffery Webb - US Army - FL

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