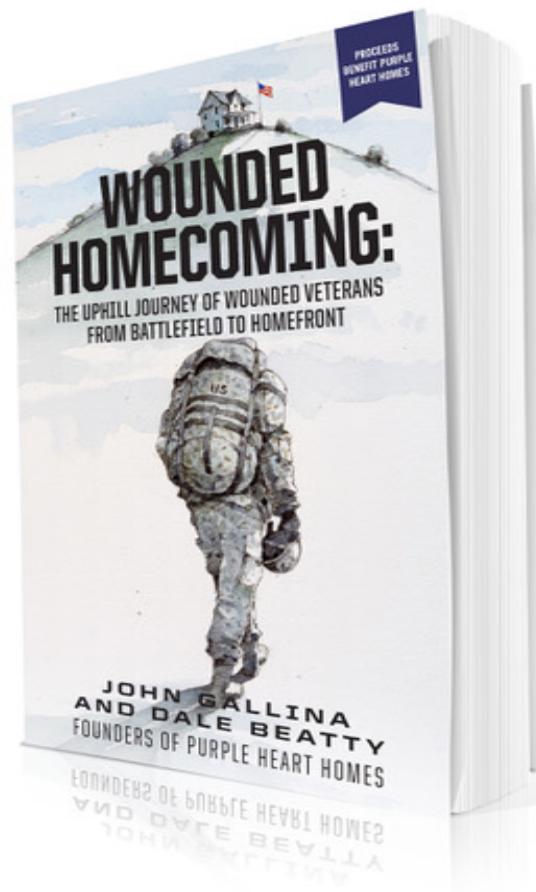




PURPLE HEART HOMES CONNECTIONS

2018 SUMMER EDITION

FIRST BOOK IN *WOUNDED HOMECOMING* SERIES PUBLISHED



After a two-year journey, Purple Heart Homes' new book is available now! Published on May 8, 2018, *Wounded Homecoming: The Uphill Journey of Wounded Veterans from Battlefield to Homefront* is the first book in what will become a series of books from Purple Heart Homes.

The book delves into the background of both Purple Heart Homes Co-founders while showcasing the stories of disabled veterans from different conflicts. The juxtaposition of similarities and differences from the over 3.4 million injured service members who live in the United States casts a new light on what it means to exist as a disabled veteran.

100% of sales from this book will go directly towards the Purple Heart Homes mission of providing housing for Service Connected Disabled Veterans that is substantial in function, design, and quality, fit to welcome home the fighting men and women of America. *Wounded Homecoming: The Uphill Journey of Wounded Veterans from Battlefield to Homefront* can be purchased on [Amazon](#) in either digital or paperback. The book is also available at the [Purple Heart Homes Estore](#)! Stay updated on the progress of this series by visting www.purplehearthomesusa.org/get-connected/.

CO-FOUNDER'S CORNER



John Gallina
Executive Director

It is with heartfelt gratitude that I am able to greet all of you this summer from Purple Heart Homes HQ!

If you received the 2018 Spring Edition of Connections, then you know that all of us at Purple Heart Homes have been going through quite the transitional period as an organization. If this is your first time receiving Purple Heart Homes Connections, you may not be aware that Dale Beatty – my beloved battle buddy and fellow Co-founder of Purple Heart Homes – passed away unexpectedly on February 12, 2018.

There was never a doubt in my and other Purple Heart Homes family members' minds that we were not going to continue the mission that Dale and I started back in 2008. Since that tragic day in February, we are unified more than ever in our effort to ensure that every Service Connected Disabled Veteran has a safe place to call home.

The reinforcements that have taken place over the past few months involve the addition of new staff members. Tim Mangum, who joined our team as a Project Superintendent back in March, is much more than his job title. Tim is also a retired Lieutenant Colonel from the North Carolina National Guard and served as mine and Dale's Battery Commander from 2001 to 2003. Not only does Tim provide his construction expertise to our team, but he also provides the experience and understanding of what it means to be a veteran to the Service Connected Disabled Veterans that we serve every day.

Our newest staff member, Samantha Christopher, has roots in our Veterans Homeownership Program (VHOP). Samantha and her husband, Ben, both served and were both injured in the Marine Corps during combat operations in Afghanistan. In 2014, they received assistance from Purple Heart Homes for their housing needs. Samantha was so inspired by Purple Heart Homes that she joined our Board in 2017. In May of this year, Samantha's inspiration brought her to our staff to serve as the Community Relations Manager. As a Service Connected Disabled Veteran and a Purple Heart Homes recipient, Samantha is the ideal linkage for our organization and the public.

There are a number of other folks who work behind the scenes at Purple Heart Homes and I'd like to take a moment to thank them all for their work. They are a great team who often times work quietly and very diligently taking care of the hard stuff no one else wants to do.

Every day at Purple Heart Homes, we witness firsthand exactly what makes America great. It is the American people: people who care genuinely and support the men and women of our Armed Forces, their neighbors, and their communities. Not only is the help provided to our veterans making a difference, but the work that each of our communities is doing inspires the next generation, neighboring towns, and all of us here at Purple Heart Homes.

When asked what a safe and accessible home meant to him, David H., one the recipients of our Veterans Aging in Place (VAIP) program, said, "I hadn't taken an actual shower since September 12, 2015. I'd only been able to wash myself with pails of water. These renovations mean that life will be easier for my family and me." While we recognize this as being the end result desired initially from that very first thought of helping a veteran with their housing needs, what we also desire is the impact on the greater community, volunteers, and neighbors after completing a project on a veteran's home. One such volunteer, Joe C., said, "In the military, there such a sense of brotherhood when you're overseas, you've got someone by your side, but it's our way of saying that you've always got someone here for you stateside that's always looking after you."

As we continue to "Carry On!" in our mission, we invite you to join us in our effort to ensure that every veteran not only has a home that meets their needs, but also has a sense of support from the Americans who are grateful for their service. You can learn about the many ways to contribute to our mission by visiting our "Get Connected" page at www.phhusa.org/get-connected/. No matter how you choose to help us support our Service Connected Disabled Veterans with their housing needs, please know that every single effort makes an impact.

Thank you all! I wish you a safe and fun summer season!

DALE BEATTY MEMORIAL 5K & FUN RUN



Silhouette of Dale Beatty designed for the Dale Beatty Memorial 5K & Fun Run taking place on September 8, 2018.

On September 8, 2018, Purple Heart Homes will host the inaugural Dale Beatty Memorial 5K & Fun Run in Dale's hometown of Statesville, NC. Whether you're a runner, walker, or an overall supporter of Dale Beatty, this is a chance to gather, celebrate, and honor his legacy!

The Dale Beatty Memorial 5K & Fun Run will start at Mitchell Community College and go around the downtown area of Statesville. There are three different levels of participation: running, walking, and phantom running. Phantom runners are those who are unable to participate at the event, but still want to support the cause. Adult runner registration is \$30, with the walkers and phantom runners registration sitting at \$25. Registration costs include a t-shirt, "swag bag", snacks, and water throughout the race. Children are welcome to participate as well, with their registration costs ranging from \$20 to \$15.

Sponsorships are still available for varying levels of this event. Sponsorship opportunities range from \$10,000 to \$100. If you or your organization is interested in becoming a sponsor, please send an email to Kerry Burdick at kburdick@phhusa.org or call her at (704) 818-3424.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Dale Beatty Family Trust and the Purple Heart Homes mission of providing housing solutions for Service Connected Disabled Veterans. Online registration is available here: www.racesonline.com/events/dale-beatty-memorial-5k.

Please direct questions and concerns to Paula Collins, our Event Manager by emailing her at pcollins@phhusa.org. Whether you run, walk, or support in spirit, we're looking forward to you joining us in appreciating the impact of Dale Beatty.

HEARTS OF HONOR

We are so excited to tell you about a new Hearts of Honor promotion! By now, I am sure you have heard that we released our first book *Wounded Homecoming: The Uphill Journey of Wounded Veterans from Battlefield to Homefront*. We have decided to give each new Hearts of Honor member that joins at or upgrades to a 2-Star level and above, a copy of the book as a bonus gift! Each new 1-Star member will be able to purchase the book at a discounted rate of \$11.97 (plus tax and shipping & handling). This promotion will be active until we reach 250 members, so don't delay!

Why join Hearts of Honor? There are hundreds of veterans on our "waitlist" that are forced to wait on funding. These veterans aren't able to sleep in their own beds or take a shower because they simply can't fit a wheelchair through their doorway. Many are literally imprisoned in their homes because they cannot navigate steps and don't have a ramp. By joining Hearts of Honor, you give us the ability to forecast how many projects we can afford to complete each quarter, moving veterans from the "waitlist" to the "active project" list. You can improve their quality of life in a way that truly thanks them for their service to you and all of our great nation.

Becoming a member of Hearts of Honor is so easy! Simply go to our website www.phhusa.org and fill out your information. If you have any questions about membership in Hearts of Honor, or would like to join over the phone or by mail, please contact Kerry Burdick at kburdick@phhusa.org or (704) 818-3424.

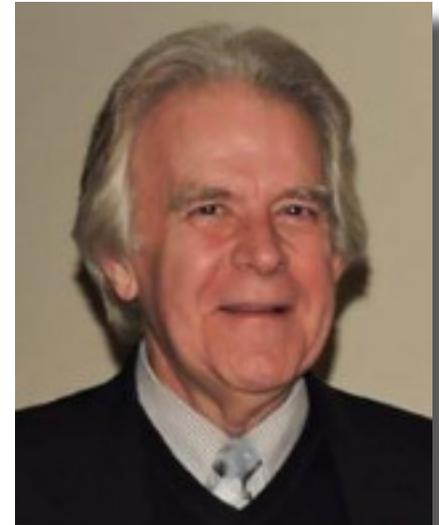


MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It's amazing the momentum and passion that comes from ten years of commitment and hard work. Over 325 veterans have been served with more each day. Chapters are growing their presence across the country. We constantly find ways to be more efficient and less intrusive with our work in veteran homes. We are beta testing modular building techniques that will allow us to speed up our process; get in and get out in days, not weeks.

Looking to the future, we are welcoming three new board members: **Rob Bañuelos** is a Senior Vice President and National Sales Manager for Health Benefit Solutions, a unit within Bank of America's Global Wealth and Retirement Solutions. Rob is a retired veteran of the United States Navy. **Charlie Eadie** is the Vice President of Business Development for Claris Construction, a design-build contractor. Charlie graduated from West Point and served as an Infantry Officer in the 82nd Airborne Division—deployed to Iraq as a platoon leader—and as a detachment commander and Aide-de-Camp for the Commanding General of the Rule of Law Field Force—Afghanistan, where he was awarded the Bronze Star. **Paul Cockerham** is a United States Marine Corps Veteran who served in Operation Desert Storm as a TOW Missile gunner. Upon completion of active service and returning to North Carolina, Paul attended Appalachian State University and graduated with a degree in Finance. Paul started with the build for Dale, even before there was a Purple Heart Homes. He served eight years on the board and has served as our Secretary/Treasurer. After some time off, Paul returned to the board.

We need your help... A few weeks ago, we got an update on current projects and found that we had over a dozen veterans ready to go, projects vetted, materials and contractors identified, and all we needed was the cash to start the projects. We have a pile of veterans' applications waiting on housing solutions on the desk. Join us in our mission, sign up for the Hearts of Honor Club, volunteer for one of our projects, help start a Chapter in your area, buy our book. Be a part of providing housing solutions for Service Connected Disabled Veterans. Thank you for helping us keep on keeping on!



Charles Page
Chairman of the Board



PURPLE HEART HOMES ESTORE



The Dale I. Beatty sterling silver necklace and cage set designed exclusively by Pop-A-Pearl Live Pearl Parties. A genuine pearl rests inside of the cage. Available for \$55.00.

Since the launch of the Purple Heart Homes Estore back in March, we've had supporters from the East Coast, Midwest, Southeast, and West Coast purchase items in support of our mission. It's great to know that there are people across the United States who show their support for our Service Connected Disabled Veterans in a variety of ways!

A couple of new items were added to the Estore recently. Traci Colegrove of Pop-A-Pearl Live Pearl Parties designed a sterling silver necklace and cage set in honor of our late Co-founder, Dale Beatty. The set includes an oyster, instructions on how to pop open your oyster to retrieve your pearl, and a pearl care card. The pearl goes inside of the cage, which is a replica of the Purple Heart Homes logo. Dale's initials, D.I.B., are engraved on the backside of the cage.

Our new book, *Wounded Homecoming: The Uphill Journey of Wounded Veterans from Battlefield to Homefront*, is available for purchase through our Estore in addition to Amazon. Regardless of where you purchase the book, the proceeds will benefit our mission.

We still have some of our classic items in stock, such as our hat and bowtie. The Grill Master Apron kit is a staff favorite -- the perfect accessory for anyone facing the grill over the summer! To visit the Purple Heart Homes Estore, just go to www.purplehearthomesusa.org/store/. 100% of sales from the Estore will have a direct impact on housing solutions for our Service Connected Disabled Veterans. New items will continue to be added as time goes by, so stay tuned!

HOME SWEET HOME

I remember coming home from Iraq like it was yesterday. I remember being greeted by familiar sights, sounds, and smells as I entered my home for the first time in over a year. I also found new carpet, fresh paint, and cool air from a new air conditioning system. My wife was the General Contractor-in-charge of making some needed repairs while I was away. Friends from church had offered time and materials. It was an amazing feeling. Now, nine years later, I still enjoy those changes. My home greets me each day as I return from work as a place of refuge. Some days, I take it for granted.

Imagine if you will, however that your home is, unsafe, cold, and in disrepair. Imagine you have no resources and perhaps you've lost a limb in combat or are sick from exposure to Agent Orange. Imagine that the place you once called a refuge, a place of rest, and a place to recharge is now a burden that causes anxiety or is even in some cases a hazard to you.

This is the story of many veterans who have made application to Purple Heart Homes. The Construction Team is the tip of the spear in the restoration business. Every day, Charli Straight, Rob Harrell, and Tim Mangum (the new guy) are engaged in the monumental effort of restoring homes to be the place they are designed to be: a sanctuary. Both far and wide we apply resources, work with awesome contractors, and network with volunteer groups all for the single focus of improving veterans' lives. From a bathroom remodel for a 9/11 Iraq veteran to an older veteran who was taken advantage of by a disreputable contractor, we are on the front lines of the restoration business.



Brad Borders
Construction Director

When Dale and John co-founded Purple Heart Homes, I'm sure they dreamed of days like now. It's those dreams that continue to drive us, to have not one veteran in a home that doesn't feel like home. Dale would want it that way. We, at the tip of the spear, continue to press forward every day to make this a reality and we are grateful for your support in our efforts.



Left to Right: Volunteers from Duke Energy contributed their efforts to building a ramp in Rockwell, NC; Employees from Wells Fargo volunteered their time and energy for a Service Connected Disabled Veteran in Lincolnton, NC; MSC Industrial Supply provided volunteers to improve the living situation of a married veteran couple and their children in Monroe, NC.

PURPLE HEART HOMES CHAPTERS

In a coordinated effort to honor Dale Beatty, Purple Heart Homes Chapters have gathered together to create a Memorial Ramp Program in his memory. Every ramp that is built by a Chapter will be in memory of Dale. A plaque, like the one pictured, will be attached to each ramp. The veteran will also receive an informational sheet about the ramp program and the impact Dale had on the lives of veterans.

John Gallina, Purple Heart Homes Co-Founder and CEO, is grateful to the Chapters for undertaking this grass roots effort. “We are pleased and proud to initiate the Dale Beatty Memorial Ramp Program,” said Gallina. “Every ramp constructed by Purple Heart Homes Chapters, now and in the future, will be done in Dale’s honor. Within a few years, we believe there will be hundreds of ramps across the country honoring Dale’s dedication to helping disabled veterans live safely and comfortably in their own homes.”

Currently, there are 11 Chapters in 8 states with several areas across the country in the process of forming Chapters. Chapters focus on projects that include building ramps, widening doorways, or other renovations/repairs needed to help make a disabled veteran’s home safe and accessible. To find out more information about starting a local Chapter, contact Cheryl Campbell at ccampbell@phhusa.org or call 704-818-3428.

WATCH - How to Start a PHH Chapter:

<https://youtu.be/vqQfyXYw688>



Top: The official Dale Beatty Memorial Ramp plaque

Bottom: The Golden Corner Chapter building a ramp for a local Service Connected Disabled Veteran



EVENTS



Polo players and spectators from The Victory Cup in Dallas, TX, on June 2, 2018

Purple Heart Homes has some big events happening throughout this summer!

May 5, 2018, kicked off the season with the first leg of The Victory Cup in Austin, TX. For those who might not be familiar, The Victory Cup is more than just a polo match, it’s a social destination drawing thousands of participants from all across the nation. Purple Heart Homes was selected as the official charity partner of The Victory Cup, and will receive a portion of alcohol sales from select events until the end of 2018. The second Victory Cup of the season took place in Dallas, TX, on June 2nd. There are a few other Victory Cups scheduled throughout Texas, as well as two in New York, one in Connecticut, and one in South Carolina.

Even though we are still going through the summer months, the 2018 Fall Golf Classic will be here before we know it! On September 10, 2018, The Lakewood Golf Club in Statesville, NC, will be hosting our next golf fundraiser. Come spend the day with us on their beautiful green and help our Service Connected Disabled Veterans at the same time!

If you are interested in hosting or participating in upcoming Purple Heart Homes events, please contact Paula Collins at pcollins@phhusa.org.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT



This edition of Donor Spotlight features Wastequip, the leading North American manufacturer of waste handling equipment. Wastequip demonstrated its support for veterans with an equipment donation and Memorial Day luncheon celebration at Purple Heart Homes headquarters in Statesville, NC, on May 24th. They donated a 30-yard roll-off container and cover to support Purple Heart Homes' housing solution projects for Service Connected Disabled Veterans. The container was on display at the recent WasteExpo show, where Wastequip and other waste industry professionals were encouraged to write messages of gratitude and support for veterans on it. Countless signatures and hand-written tributes cover the container to serve as an inspiration to veterans at Purple Heart Homes every day.



Marty Bryant, CEO of Wastequip, said, "As a veteran and member of the Wastequip family, I know firsthand the sacrifices these people have made for the greater good. We are proud to offer a small token of our gratitude by providing Purple Heart Homes with a much-needed piece of equipment for their construction efforts. This Memorial Day effort is part of our broader Wastequip Cares initiative designed to improve the lives of the people in the communities in which we operate. Together, we can build stronger communities and a brighter future for all."

The luncheon celebration provided an opportunity for veterans to share their stories and be honored for their achievements and contributions.



John Gallina, CEO of Purple Heart Homes, said, "We are extremely grateful for the donation of this container and cover. It will save us money every month that can be used for more projects to help veterans in need."



Wastequip is based in Charlotte, NC, with an international network of manufacturing facilities and the most extensive dealer network in the industry. Their broad range of waste handling equipment and systems is used to collect, process, and transport recyclables, solid waste, liquid waste, and organics. The company's brands include Wastequip, Toter, Galbreath, Pioneer, Mountain Tarp, Cusco, Go To Parts, and Accurate. For more information, visit www.wastequip.com. Through philanthropic efforts, Wastequip promotes a culture of goodwill by supporting charitable organizations and causes like Purple Heart Homes through giving and volunteering. To learn more, visit www.wastequip.com/about/wastequipcares.

Top: Wastequip hosts their Memorial Day Luncheon at Purple Heart Homes HQ. Wastequip staff, Purple Heart Homes staff, and veteran recipients of Purple Heart Homes' services pose in front of the donated 30-yard-roll-off container.

Right: Signatures, notes, and tributes to veterans left on the 30-yard-roll-off container donated to Purple Heart Homes.





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