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Specialist David Moreno | Arizona Division

SPC. MORENO joined the Army National Guard in 2003 and was soon after called to active duty. While serving in Iraq as an infantry gunner on a Humvee,he was hit by an IED explosion that caused a myriad of combat-related injuries. The 31-year-old veteran, who also served on border patrol, has been honored with multiple awards including: Purple Heart, Army Commendation Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, and Iraq Campaign Medal.

David, his wife Monica and two young children moved into their new home in Red Rock Village in early 2016.



Staff Sergeant Tim Payne | Raleigh Division



STAFF SGT. PAYNE was injured by an IED in Afghanistan on July 3, 2011, causing the loss of both legs and partial mobility loss to his left arm. He is currently working with Walter Reed Army Hospital for the fitting and training on prosthetics. He received numerous commendations including the Afghanistan Campaign Medal and Army Commendation Medal.

In summer 2015, Tim and his wife Kate moved into their home in Centex's Highland Creek community in Raleigh, N.C.

Staff Sergeant Shawn Whitmore | Coastal Carolinas Division

STAFF SGT. WHITMORE joined the military in 2006. March 22, 2007, he was injured by a rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) that tore both his shoulders, injured his hip and caused a traumatic brain injury (TBI). He received a number of accolades including the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, two Army Commendation Medals, four Army Achievement Medals and more.

In December 2015, Shawn, wife Tracey and five children moved into their new home in Pulte's Berkshire Forest community in Myrtle Beach, S.C.



Specialist Haywood Range | San Antonio Division

IN 2006, SPC. RANGE was severely injured in a training incident in preparation for an upcoming deployment to Afghanistan where his combat vehicle rolled multiple times. As a result, his right arm was amputated and he has undergone numerous surgeries. He is married with two daughters and a son.

Haywood and his family moved into their new home in Centex's Champions Park in June 2015.



Sergeant Randy Robinson | San Antonio Division



SGT. ROBINSON served as an Army Sergeant in Afghanistan where he was involved in a vehicle crash that caused his combat vehicle to roll down the side of a mountain, hitting multiple IEDs. He is married with three sons and a daughter, and hopes to start a business that funds retreats for veterans to assist with their healing.

Randy and his family moved into their new home in Centex's Champions Park in June 2015.

Sergeant LaPatrick Black | Charlotte Division

SGT. BLACK served in the Army from 2006 to 2010. He was deployed under the Iraqi Freedom Campaign where he held many different jobs, but mostly did transportation security for convoys and top military and state department officials. Black suffered a traumatic brain injury, nerve damage and hearing loss during multiple roadside blasts and up close combat. He has received numerous commendations, including a Purple Heart.

Patrick and his daughter Jazzlyn moved into their new home in Chapel Cove near Charlotte in 2016.



U.S. Army Specialist Michael Emerick | Dallas Division

SPC. EMERICK, 33, was deployed to Afghanistan soon after he joined the Army. During a four-hour firefight where Emerick was manning a weapon mounted on top of a Humvee, his helmet shattered after being struck by enemy fire and slamming him into the vehicle. A highly decorated veteran, Emerick and his wife have four sons.

Michael and his family moved into the Centex community of Paloma Creek in Little Elm, Texas.



U.S. Army Sergeant John Jaramillo | West Florida Division



SGT. JARAMILLO served two enlistments in the U.S. Army and was deployed to Afghanistan in 2011 where he was injured by an IED. He retired in 2013 and received numerous commendations, including a Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, and two Army Commendation Medals among other awards, for his injuries sustained while performing combat operations in Afghanistan. John, his wife Dania and their two children moved into their new home in the Centex community Bayridge, located in Ruskin, FL, in the summer of 2016.

U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Oskar Zepeda | Southern California Division

STAFF SGT. ZEPEDA, a member of the elite U.S. Army Rangers, was severely injured when an enemy combatant detonated a grenade during his ninth deployment in 2011. As he lay wounded, Zepeda managed to continue calling out instructions to his fellow Rangers, allowing his comrades to avoid further injury. As a result of the blast, Zepeda suffered multiple injuries and has received more than 30 surgeries. He continues his recovery with the assistance of medical care from UCLA Medical Center and the Operation Mend program. A highly-decorated veteran, Zepeda has been honored with numerous awards, including a Purple Heart. The lifelongUCLA fan recently joined the bicycle group “Ride to Recovery” as a new therapy and hopes to help otherdisabled service members. Oskar, his wife Lisa and two daughters moved into their new home in Pulte’s Avelina community in Perris, CA in early 2016.



Staff Sergeant David Verosl | North Florida Division

STAFF SGT. VEROS joined the U.S. Air Force in January 2004, and was deployed to Iraq a total of six times, each deployment lasting six months. During his sixth deployment, Veros was struck by an improvised explosive device (IED). As a result of the incident, he was diagnosed with a series of combat-related injuries.

Over his eight years of military service, Veros earned numerous awards, including a Purple Heart, an Air Force Commendation Medal, an Army Commendation Medal, an Air Force Achievement Medal, an Air Force Combat Action Medal, and a Meritorious Unit Award, among many others. Veros is employed with the Wounded Warrior Project as a Warrior Coordinator helping other service men and women transition into civilian life.

The Veros family moved into Pulte's Las Calinas neighborhood in St. Augustine in early 2016.



Sergeant Louis Lugo | New Mexico Division



SGT. LUGO joined the U.S. Army in 2007 and served in Iraq and Afghanistan until 2010, when he was struck by an explosion that resulted in multiple injuries, including the amputation of hisleft leg.

Sgt. Lugo is the recipient of the Purple Heart, the Iraq Campaign Medal with two campaign stars, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal and other military commendations.

The Lugo family was surprised with the news that they were selected to receive a mortgage-free Pulte home in front of a full cheering stadium at an Albuquerque Isotopes game. Lugo, 27, hiswife, Louise, and their son moved into their new home at Mesa del Sol in Albuquerque in January 2014.

Staff Sergeant Robert Wiley | Texas Division

STAFF SERGEANT ROBERT WILEY joined the U.S. Army in 1999. In 2011, Wiley and his squad were ambushed while entering a gate to a compound in Afghanistan. He endured gunshots to each of his legs, resulting in extensive damage and requiring a knee replacement to his right knee. Wiley has received several service awards, including a Purple Heart, four Army Overseas Service Ribbons, a NATO Medal, two Multinational Force and Observers Medals, and several military badges.

In December 2013, Brown, his wife and two children moved into their new home in Kileen, Texas, home of Fort Hood.



Specialist Philip Martin | Arizona Division

INSPIRED BY 9/11, U.S. Army Spc. Philip Martin joined the service in 2007 and served in Afghanistan. He was injured on two occasions by improvised explosive device (IED) explosions and mortar attacks that left him in need of multiple surgeries. While placed in the Wounded Warrior Brigade in Texas, he was one of the first responders to the Fort Hood shootings.

Now on permanent disability, he has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, National Security Defense Medal, Army Achievement Medal and Afghanistan Campaign Medal.

Spc. Martin and his family were surprised with the news of the new home donation at the Dobson High School season opening football game, where he graduated.

In February 2014, Martin, 23, his wife, Audrey, and their 11-month-old daughter, Eden, moved into their new Pulte home in the Desert Oasis community in Surprise, AZ.



Sergeant Chris Bales | Las Vegas Division



SGT. CHRIS BALES joined the U.S. army in 2006 and served in Iraq and Afghanistan. While on sniper patrol in 2010, Bales' unit was ambushed, and Bales was injured when he left his position to draw enemy fire away from the others. After years of medical procedures and physical therapy, Bales now has partial use of his left leg.

Bales has received several medals and commendations, including the Purple Heart and two Army Good Conduct Medals.

In January 2014, Bales and his sons moved into their new home in the Pulte's Coldwater Crossings community in Las Vegas.

Sergeant Geoffrey Heath | South Florida Division



SGT. HEATH served two enlistments in the Marines and was deployed to both Afghanistan and Iraq. In 2010 he was struck by an IED and suffered a traumatic brain injury and other injuries to the right side of his body. He medically retired in 2012 with numerous awards to his name, including a Purple Heart.

Heath and his wife Lara have two daughters, Rowan and Harlow, and a son, Logan. The Heaths moved into their new home in Estero in 2016.

Sergeant Perry Haley | Georgia Division

SGT. PERRY HALEY joined the U.S. Army after graduating from high school in 2000, and spent 13 years of his military career stationed at several bases, including Fort Drum in New York, Fort Campbell in Kentucky and Fort Stewart in Georgia. He was injured while serving in both Iraq and Korea, and has been dealing with health issues as a result of a brain tumor.

Sgt. Haley has received several commendations, including Army Achievement Medal, Army Superior Unit Award and Good Conduct Medal.

Pulte Homes worked with the Haley family to customize the home and address their special needs. Perry, 33, his wife, Autumn, and their children, Georgia, 12; Eva, and Hannah, 3, moved into their new Pulte home in the Barrington community of Sugar Hill, Georgia in June 2014.



Specialist Brad Wilson | Tennessee Division



U.S. ARMY SPC. BRAD WILSON, a highly decorated combat veteran, joined the service in 2008. In 2010, his platoon was ambushed by a rocket-propelled grenade while in Afghanistan, causing him to experience several injuries, including severe migraines, insomnia, memory loss, lack of balance and vision problems, all associated with PTSD.

Wilson will be medically boarded out of the army and is currently pursuing a degree in business management with the hopes of one day opening a small business.

Wilson and his wife, Lisa, have three children: Elizabeth, 5; Sadie, 3; and Brad Jr., 1, and have moved into their new Pulte Home in the Creekside in Hendersonville community near Nashville.

Sergeant David Reid | Central Texas Division

PART OF THE ELITE 75th Ranger Battalion, Sgt. Reid served three tours overseas, one in Iraq and two in Afghanistan. In his final deployment in 2010, he was severely injured. Reid was honored with the Purple Heart, a Combat Infantry Badge, and both Iraq and Afghanistan Campaign Ribbons.

Reid and his wife moved into their new home near San Antonio in 2016.



Staff Sergeant Mario Pinilla | North Florida Division

BORN AND RAISED IN BOGOTA, COLUMBIA, Staff Sgt. Mario Pinilla moved to Queens, NY, at age 18. The events of 9/11 compelled him to enlist in the U.S. Army in early 2002, and in 2005 he joined the ranks of their Special Forces. Since then, he has served in Afghanistan, Columbia, England and Mexico. In 2008, he was injured as he rescued a friend and fellow soldier from enemy fire. He has since recovered and served two additional tours in Afghanistan.

Pinilla has received several commendations, including two Purple Hearts, a Silver Star and two Bronze Stars.

Pinilla and his two-year-old daughter, Sophia, have moved into their new Centex home in Magnolia Park in Riverview, Florida.



Specialist Matthew Castillo del Muro & Captain Jeremy Baggett | San Antonio Division





ARMY SPC. MATTHEW CASTILLO DEL MURO, CPT. JEREMY BAGGETT and their families were surprised with the news that they were the recipients of Centex homes at a special dinner, and saw their new homes for the first time at the dedication ceremony the next day.

Castillo del Muro, a Purple Heart recipient, was serving in Afghanistan in 2010 when we was wounded by an IED while on patrol. He continues to work on his recovery from a leg amputation and other injuries as he and his wife Kalyn serve to support other soldiers individually and in group settings. He currently cares for their two young sons, Connor and Charles, and Kalyn works as an Arabic linguist for the United States Air Force.

Baggett, also a Purple Heart recipient, was serving in Iraq in 2003 when he was severely wounded by an IED. Despite his injuries and daily struggles, he has continued to serve as an officer, making a difference in the lives of other soldiers through the Continuation on Active Duty program. Baggett is credited for saving the life of his battalion commander during an ambush and has received many other military commendations. He and his wife Teresa have three children, Abigail, Maggie and Micah. Located in Kensington Ranch in Selma, each mortgage-free Centex home is 1,907 square feet, features four bedrooms, three baths and was completely furnished as an additional surprise to the veterans.

Corporal Nathan Jakubisin | Raleigh Division

CPL. NATHAN JAKUBISIN graduated boot camp in 2011 as a combat engineer and was deployed to Afghanistan inJanuary 2012, where he suffered severe leg and hand injuries from an IED while conducting patrols in the Kajaki District, Helmand Province, Afghanistan. A Purple Heart recipient, Cpl. Jakubisin is a native of Cambridge, Ohio and enjoys playing the drums, snowboarding, and extreme sports in general.

Nate Jakubisin, his wife, Marli, and son Mason moved into their new home in the Centex community of Alston Ridge in Fuquay-Varina in the fall of 2014.



Sergeant Chris Hemwall | Michigan Division



BORN AND RAISED IN MONROE, MICHIGAN, Sgt. Hemwall enlisted in the Army shortly after graduating high school in 2008. He was first stationed in Germany, and conducted a NATO mission in Romania to aid in training the Romanian Army in maneuver operations. He was later deployed to Afghanistan in 2010 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, where he received gunshot wounds to his back and legs, resulting in a lower leg amputation.

Hemwall has received several commendations, including a Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medals, NATO ISAF Service Ribbon, and several others.

Sgt. Hemwall, his wife, Valerie, and 17-month-old son, Colton, have moved into their Pulte home in the Creek Side Village in Ypsilanti.

Corporal John Hootsell | Dallas Division

CPL. JOHN HOOTSELL was deployed to Afghanistan in April 2012 and involved in four IED blasts. While on a mission to secure a village that was a known terrorist stronghold, Hootsell's convoy came under attack. While he was providing cover with his armored vehicle for two other vehicles involved, Hootsell's vehicle was hit. His heroic actions saved many Marine lives. He awoke in a hospital in Germany a week later with multiple injuriesthat have resulted in years of surgeries and ongoing physical therapy and the emotional pain of PTSD.

Cpl. Hootsell has been honored with many service awards and medals including the Purple Heart, Combat Action Ribbon, Afghanistan Campaign Medaland Global War on Terrorism Medal. Cpl. Hootsell and Brandie moved into their new Centex home in the Trails at Fossil Creek community in Fort Worth in November 2014.



Staff Sergeant Travis Palmer | Houston Division

STAFF SGT. TRAVIS PALMER joined the U.S. Army in 1992 and was quickly promoted to Corporal after only 20 months of service. He survived two concussions and shrapnel wounds and continues to battle other injuries including PTSD and degenerative joint disease in his spine, shoulders and knee. He received a myriad of commendations including two Purple Hearts, Meritorious Service Medal, six Army Commendation Medals, Army Commendation Medal with Valor, and 11 Army Achievement Medals.

He and his wife, Toniek, and four children, have just moved to Houston where he plans to attend Universal Technical Institute and be close to extended family. The Palmer family moved into their new Pulte home in the Wimbledon Falls community.



Lance Corporal Ceontre Shelton | Houston Division



LANCE CPL. CEONTRE SHELTON started his path toward the U.S. Marine Corps at a young age, joining his high school ROTC as a freshman and enlisting upon his graduation in 2010. After completing military occupation specialty training at the School of Infantry the following year, Shelton shipped out to Afghanistan in September 2011 as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

In December 2011, Shelton became a Purple Heart recipient. After his vehicle was struck by an IED while on patrol, Shelton's platoon came under fire. When he saw a group of Afghanistan National Army (ANA) soldiers without their weapons, he went to help them but was struck by another IED, this time without the protection of his vehicle. He sustained multiple injuries including the loss of his right leg.

Lance Cpl. Shelton is currently attending Universal Technical Institute to master auto repair. He and his fiancée, Kyndell, moved into their new Pulte home in the Willow Creek Farms community in Brookshire in November 2014.

Specialist Tim Carner | Illinois Division

SPC. TIM CARNER fulfilled his lifelong dream of joining the U.S. Army when he enlisted in 2010. In December 2011, he sustained multiple injuries in an IED blast in Afghanistan. The blast resulted in the loss of left leg below the knee and multiple shrapnel wounds to his right thigh. Additionally, he suffers from mild traumatic brain injury, PTSD and migraines.

Now retired, Carner has received several commendations, including a Purple Heart, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal and National Defense Service Medal.

Spc. Carner has recently decided to pursue a doctorate degree in prosthetics. He and his wife, Brittani and their 8-year-old son Timmy who has special needs moved into their new Centex home in the Sweetwater community in 2014.



Staff Sergeant Allan Holland | Coastal Carolinas Division



BORN AND RASED IN FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE, Staff Sgt. Allan Holland enlisted as a 13 Bravo – a Field Artillery, Cannon Crew Member in the U.S. Army as a 39-year-old, having held a successful business career in management at Barnes & Nobles and Target. He was involved in combat from 2010-2012 where he served as a gunner during Operation Enduring Freedom.

In August 2012, he was injured during a suicide bomber's attack in Afghanistan where he sustained multiple injuries. Today, he continues to work with therapists, psychologists, and numerous doctors to address his medical issues.

Staff Sgt. Holland also works with the USO and Hire Heroes USA on post, helping injured warriors with resume writing and interview practice – all in the means of continuing his service. He and his wife, Karen, and two sons, Austin and Ryan, moved into their new Centex home in the Shadow Moss community in Beaufort, S.C. in November 2014.

Staff Sergeant Mario Murray | Northeast Corridor (New Jersey)



U.S. ARMY STAFF SGT. MARIO MURRAY joined the military in June 2005 to honor the death of his youngest brother, who was a U.S. Marine, and in keeping with the tradition of all men in the family serving in the military. Murray's service includes a tour in Korea, several changes of duty in the United States, and a deployment to Afghanistan in April 2011.

In 2011, Murray's base was attacked with incoming mortars, and Murray was injured while providing force protection. His injuries include PTSD, back, neck and left shoulder injuries; removal of his coccyx; little feeling in his left arm; headache syndrome; and loss of hearing. Murray also acquired other injuries from rigorous training exercises, ultimately causing him to break his back.

He retired from the Army in March 2014 with multiple awards, including an Afghan Campaign medal with star, three Army Commendation medals and a NATO medal, among others. Today, he continues to work with occupational and physical therapists, psychologists, and numerous doctors to address his medical issues.

Additionally, he works with the USO and Hire Heroes USA on post, helping injured warriors with resume writing and interview practice – all in the means of continuing his service. Murray and his wife, Nasia, and their three children, Jeffrey, 14; Anaya, 11; and Justin, 10 moved into their new Centex Home in the Oak Mill community in Florence, N.J. in 2015.

Sergeant Christopher Powell | Central Texas Division



SGT. CHRISTOPHER POWELL joined this U.S. Army on his 32nd birthday. He served as a healthcare specialist and in the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division. Powell stepped on IED, costing him his leg, along with multiple other injuries.

Sgt. Powell has received many awards, including a Purple Heart, Army Good Conduct Medal and a Global War on Terrorism Medal.

Thanks to his parents, family and friends, Sgt. Powell says he continues to enjoy a fulfilling life, including sky diving, scuba diving, taking classes at the University of Texas and giving motivational speeches across the country. Sgt. Christopher Powell was surprised with the announcement that he will be the recipient of a new home at a Veterans Day event held at Sun City Texas in Georgetown, Texas. He moved into his new home in the Woodland Hills community in 2015.

Specialist Derrick Winchell & Petty Officer Michael Hard | Northern California Division



SPC. DERRICK WINCHELL, 30, enlisted in the Army 10 years ago and has served two tours in Iraq. He was honorably discharged in 2010 after suffering from PTSD. He conducted guard duty and convoy missions during his first tour, as well as repaired and maintained soldier's weapons. He later trained as a logistics operator and heavy vehicle mechanic, using these skills during his second tour in Iraq.

Spc. Winchell received a myriad of service medals including: Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; Army Good Conduct Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Iraq Campaign Medal with Star; and Overseas Service Ribbon. Derrick volunteers at the Yuba City Veterans Affairs Department and has developed an AA group for veterans who attend the clinic. He also volunteers at the community dog park, and would like to become an advocate for other veterans and enroll in college courses.

Spc. Winchell was surprised in December 2014 with a new home in Elk Grove, California.

PETTY OFFICER MICHAEL HARD, 37, enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in 2005, following a family tradition of service in the military. Prior to enlisting, he was attending Butte College working toward a career in law enforcement, and working with juveniles in the Butte County Probation Department. He was deployed to Guantanamo and in Iraq, serving as port security and a Marine Enforcement Specialist in anti-terrorism protection, vessel boardings, Iraqi forces training and confidential operations. During his confidential deployment in 2013, he sustained serious knee injuries, spinal stenosis and other injuries.Petty Officer Hard received a myriad of service medals including: Armed Forces Reserve Numerical Mobilization Device with Bronze Star; Coast Guard Expert Pistol Shot and Riffle Medals; Coast Guard Reserve Good Conduct Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.

Despite his disabilities, he has a strong desire to help others by volunteering for Veterans of Foreign Wars community events and coordinating food donations for veterans and families in need. He also is active in his church, regularly volunteering for food and clothing drives. Petty Officer Hard was surprised in December 2014 with a newly built home in Elk Grove, California.

U.S. Army Chief Warrant Officer 4 Kevin A. N. Bone | Houston Division



CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4 KEVIN BONE joined the military in 1987 as an Artillery Forward Observer. He was involved in various combat missions, including tours to Panama (1989—90), South America (1991—95), Iraq (2007) and Afghanistan (2008). The physical and emotional strain of war took a toll on Bone's overall health. While stationed in Germany from 2012 to 2013, Bone spent most of his time in and out of medical appointments and surgeries, eventually transferring to the Warrior Transition Unit in August 2013. Bone retired from the military in December 2014.

Bone and his wife, Carolina, moved into Pulte's King Crossing community near Houston in 2015.

Staff Sgt. David Payton | Georgia Division

MARINE CORPS STAFF SGT. DAVID PAYTON, 31, grew up in Powder Springs, Georgia. He enlisted in the Marine Corps after graduating from high school in 2001. While deployed in Iraq in 2005, he sustained life threatening injuries after his compound was hit with a Rocket Propelled Grenade (RPG). The RPG hit a chemical tank that he was sleeping next to and it exploded. He suffered severe burns to his lungs and eyes, leaving him blind.

He retired from the Marine Corps in 2011 with multiple awards, including a Purple Heart, two Combat Action Ribbons, an Iraq Campaign medal, and Humanitarian Service medal, among others. He and his wife, Heather, have seven children, including two sets of twins - all under the age of 10. The Paytons moved into Pulte's Harmony on the Lakes community in Canton in 2015.



Staff Sergeant Todd Domerese | South Florida Division



STAFF SGT. DOMERESE enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1998 and served for more than 15 years. He served in both Afghanistan and Iraq and was injured in 2004 when his Humvee ran over two IEDs simultaneously. Staff Sgt. Domerese has received several commendations, including a Purple Heart, a Meritorious Service Medal and Army Achievement Medals.

Since his injury, he often speaks at forums on behalf of the National Intrepid Center for Excellence, the Military Health System institute for traumatic brain injury and psychological health conditions, dedicated to delivering comprehensive and holistic care, conducting focused research and exporting knowledge to benefit service members, their families and society.He is also an Honorary Co-Chair for the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund. Staff Sgt. Domerese, his wife Marti, and sons Ben, 10, and Joshua, 6, have moved into their new Centex home in the Reserve at Crossings Creek community in Bradenton, FL.

Retired U.S. Army Sgt. Brodick G. Richmond | Illinois Division

SGT. RICHMOND of Chicago, Sgt. Richmond joined the U.S. Army in early 2006 and served two tours in Operation Iraq Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom with the 4th Brigade Combat HHC/Mortars-Scouts. He was wounded in Afghanistan in 2008 when a 108mm rocket impacted his mortar squad in the heat of battle. He sustained numerous injuries and was later diagnosed with brain cancer. He is married to Terrica and they are in the process of adopting three girls.

They moved into their new Pulte home in Yorkville, Illinois in 2017.



Sergeant Davin Dumer | Michigan Division

SERGEANT DAVIN DUMAR joined the Army in 2005 and served in Afghanistan. While on patrol in 2011, Dumar received injuries sustained by an IED blast. Dumar was treated at Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington D.C. Upon being transported to Walter Reed, he proposed to his then girlfriend, Dana, and they were married at the Walter Reed Chapel within three months of his proposal.

Dumar has received several medals and commendations, including the Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, and Army Good Conduct Medal.

In August 2012, Dumar and his wife moved into their new home near Detroit.



Specialist Nicholas Brown | San Antonio Division



SPECIALIST BROWN is an English national and a Green Beret who enlisted in the U.S. Army after the September 11 terrorist attacks. He proudly served four tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan over a 10-year period. In 2011, Brown received orders to deploy to Afghanistan for his fourth tour, where he conducted counter terrorist and counter insurgency operations along the Afghanistan/Pakistan border. During his deployments, Brown's task force was hit by many attacks, resulting in the loss of numerous helicopters, ground vehicles and some exceptionally brave soldiers.

Brown has received several medals and commendations, including the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, and Afghanistan Campaign Medal.

In June 2013, Brown, his wife and two daughters moved into their new home in San Antonio.

Staff Sergeant John McCrillis | San Antonio Division

STAFF SERGEANT MCCRILLIS joined the U.S. Army Special Forces in 2006 and was stationed in Malaysia, Korea and Afghanistan where he conducted combat operations and led assault elements under intense enemy fire. In 2011, McCrillis incurred multiple injuries from gunshot wounds during a combat operation in Afghanistan while he pulled wounded comrades to safety.

McCrillis has received several medals and commendations, including the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart and Army Commendation Medal with Valor.

In June 2013, John, his wife and daughter moved into their new home in San Antonio.



Staff Sergeant Robert Wright | Coastal Carolinas Division

STAFF SERGEANT ROBERT WRIGHT joined the Air Force in 1997 and spent the first 13 years of his military career stationed in Charleston, S.C., at the Charleston Air Force Base. He was a part of a mobility flight and aerial port. He has served across the world, including Israel, Spain, Italy, Qatar, Pakistan, Germany, Oman, and Saudi Arabia. He also served multiple tours of duty in both Iraq and Afghanistan.

Wright has earned numerous accolades, including an Air Force Achievement Medal, Air Force Meritorious Unit Award, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Good Conduct Medal and National Defense Service Medal, among others.

In December 2013, Wright, his wife and four children moved into their new home near Charleston, S.C.



Sergeant Adria Garcia | Central Texas Division



SERGEANT ADRIA GARCIA is the first Latina woman in Texas to receive a Purple Heart for being injured in Iraq. In 2004, she deployed to Baghdad with a military police unit as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. On September 11, 2004, while on duty at the U.S. Embassy, Garcia received injuries after shrapnel hit her in the lower back and neck. After her deployment to Baghdad, she completed her service with the Texas National Guard.

Garcia first joined the U.S. Army National Guard as a logistician out of the Military Entrance Processing Command in 2000. Shortly after joining her unit, she was offered an active guard position in the United States Property and Fiscal Office doing military pay.

In December 2013, Garcia, her daughter and granddaughters moved into their new home near Austin, Texas.

Sergeant Matthew R. White | Mid Atlantic Division

BORN AND RAISED in Columbus, Ohio, U.S. Army Sgt. Matthew R. White enlisted in the U.S. Army in 2007 and was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division. During Sgt. White's second deployment to Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom, he was injured on a dismounted foot patrol by an I.E.D, had countless surgeries and eventually had his right leg amputated from the knee down. Just recently, Matthew worked with the Senate Committee on Veteran's Affairs and Board of Veteran's Appeal in the FOIA office in order to help other veterans and their families, and also competes in many running and sporting events.

He moved into his new Centex home near Dumfries, VA in October 2016.



Staff Sergeant Andrew Walker | Minnesota Division

STAFF SGT. ANDREW WALKER has been an explosive ordnance disposal technician in the Minnesota Air National Guard (148th Fighter Wing) since June 2006. He was awarded a Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Army Commendation Media and Air Force Combat Action Badge for his outstanding work in removing 3,500 pound of explosives from the battlefield during his time in 90 combat missions and 13 named operations.

Beyond his work in the Air National Guard, he earned a bachelor's degree in youth development and completed over 4,000 hours of community service with youth development programs. He and his wife, Megan, moved into their new home in Maple Grove in 2015.



Chief Petty Officer Jason Freiwald | Coastal Carolinas Division



STACEY FREIWALD lost her husband Chief Petty Officer Jason Freiwald on a mission in Afghanistan to capture Taliban commanders on September 11, 2008. CPO Freiwald began his service with the U.S. Navy in 1996 and served with SEAL Team 3, SEAL Team 5 and NSWDEVGRU, also known as SEAL Team 6. Since that time, Stacey has gone back to school with plans to pursue a nursing degree, climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro twice, attempted to swim the English Channel, and volunteered with non-profits traveling to third-world countries.

Stacey and her daughter Jasmine moved into their new home in 2016.

Corporal James Faddis | Louisville Division

THE FADDIS FAMILY has a strong military background with a father who served in the Army for 10 years, a mother who worked for the Central Intelligence Agency, and a grandfather who served in WWII. James Faddis joined the U.S. Marine Corp in January 2008 and was deployed to Afghanistan twice with the 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment where he was received a gunshot wound to his right femoral artery while conducting combat patrol in March 2011. He has received the following awards, Combat Action Ribbon, Purple Heart, Good Conduct, and Afghan Campaign.

Cpl. Faddis moved into his new Centex home in 2017.



Captain Jason S. Vest | Fort Worth Division

CAPTAIN JASON S. VEST Captain Jason Vest joined the Air Force in 2000 as an airborne radio operator and was commissioned as an officer to serve as a pilot in 2006. He served in both Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Vest retired from service after being diagnosed with a rare autoimmune disease.

Vest has been recognized with many service awards, commendations and medals, including expert marksman, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor, Air Medal with Five Oak Leaf Clusters and Air Force Meritorious Unit Award.

In January 2012, Vest, his wife and two children moved into their new home in Fort Worth, Texas.



Sergeant First Class Tara Hutchinson | Central Texas Division



SERGEANT FIRST CLASS TARA HUTCHINSON was severely wounded in Iraq on Valentine's Day 2006 when her truck was hit by an IED, causing the amputation of her right leg above the knee. The incredible blood loss from the incident caused Tara's heart to stop for almost 20 minutes. This resulted in a brain injury that manifested as a movement disorder. Her condition was so serious that she had a difficult time in simple every day tasks such as holding a fork and pouring a cup of coffee. In the midst of her condition, her therapist suggested to pick up a hobby that would use her fine motor skills. 10 years later Tara would own her own award-winning jewelry business that specializes in making things beautiful when they are put through fire; just like her.

The Gary Sinise Foundation teamed up with Built to Honor to surprise her with a mortgage-free home in San Antonio, TX. The home was finished in spring of 2019.

U.S. Army Specialist Daus Hempker | Columbus Division

U.S. ARMY SPECIALIST DAUS HEMPKER joined the Army in 2006. He served more than six years in the Army, including combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. He earned the Combat Infantryman Badge during his service. In 2010, he was wounded by an IED in Afghanistan.

Daus and his fiancee Jessie were surprised in 2018 with the news that they would receive a new Centex home near Columbus.



U.S. Army Specialist Joshua Ashby | Dallas Division



U.S. ARMY SPECIALIST JOSHUA ASHBY joined the Army and left for basic training at Fort Knox in December of 2009 as a cavalry scout. In June of 2011, Ashby was deployed to Afghanistan as a scout sniper. For his service, Ashby was recognized with several awards, among them a Combat Action Badge, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Army Commendation Medal and Army Good Conduct Medal. After completing his required active service, Ashby met and married his wife Karen. Josh and Karen have two children.

In 2018, the Ashbys were surprised with the news they would receive a new home in Fort Worth.

U.S. Army Specialist Andrew Inman | Central Florida Division

U.S. ARMY SPECIALIST ANDREW INMAN served nine years in the military. He enlisted in the Marines in 1997 and served until 2002. One year later, he enlisted in the Army and served two tours in Iraq before being honorably discharged in 2006.

Inman and his wife, Erin, have two daughters. The Inmans were surprised in 2018 with the news that they would receive a new home in St. Cloud.



Staff Sgt. Clark “Jey” Johnson | Coastal Carolinas Division

STAFF SGT. JOHNSON is a 16-year Army veteran who completed deployment tours in Bosnia, Kuwait, and Iraq. During his last deployment in Iraq in 2006, he suffered injuries by improvised explosive devices on two separate missions. In 2012, he medically retired from the Army.

Johnson, his wife, and their four children moved into the Centex Seagrass Station community in November 2017.



Naval Petty Officer Anthony Thompson | Houston Division



NAVAL PETTY OFFICER, ANTHONY THOMPSON, is a 16-year Navy veteran who completed deployment tours in Bosnia, Kuwait, and Iraq. During his last deployment in Iraq in 2006, he suffered injuries by improvised explosive devices on two separate missions. In 2012, he medically retired from the Army.

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U.S. Army Specialist Hunter Levine | Houston Division

U.S. ARMY SPECIALIST, HUNTER LEVINE, was hit by an explosively formed penetrator (EFP) while driving a Humvee in Iraq. This explosion took both of Levine’s eyes and several teeth. For his service, Levine received many military decorations for his service, including the Commendation Medal and the Purple Heart. In December of 2011, the Houston team welcomed SPC (Ret.) Hunter Levine home!



Staff Sergeant (SSG) Tommy Rieman | Raleigh

STAFF SERGEANT (SSG) TOMMY RIEMAN is a Silver Star and Purple Heart recipient with more than 14 years of service in the United States Army. On December 3rd, 2003, SSG Rieman was on a reconnaissance mission 15 kilometers south of Baghdad Central Confinement Facility (BCCF), or Abu Ghraib. SSG Rieman's mission was to observe and report any suspicious activity occurring near the home of an alleged former regime loyalist. En route to the Team's surveillance site, a dug-in, well-armed, numerically superior force ambushed his three-vehicle convoy. SSG Rieman's HMMWV received heavy small arms fire and shrapnel from propelled grenades. Exhibiting no concern for his own safety, SSG Rieman used his body to shield his gunner's exposed legs and lower abdomen. SSG Rieman received two gunshots wounds, one to the chest, one to the bicep and multiple shrapnel wounds to his torso and legs, sustaining 11 wounds total.



In 2007, SGG Rieman was recognized by President George Bush at the State of the Union address. He is also featured in Halfway Home, a documentary about the struggles soldiers face when they return from war. SGG Rieman serves as an ambassador for USO of North Carolina, and was named 2013 Veteran of the Year by U.S. Veterans Corps. He also sits on the U.S. Army Community Advisory Board in Charlotte, and is actively engaged in the military community, raising awareness about PTSD and life after injury.

SSG Rieman moved into his Built to Honor home in Raleigh, N.C. with his two children, Landon (13) & Ellie (11).

U.S.M.C Corporal Daniel Dobay | Coastal Carolinas Division



U.S.M.C. CORPORAL DANIEL DOBAY served in the United States Marine Corps for seven years after which time he was medically retired due to injuries sustained while serving his second tour in Afghanistan.

On March 9, 2011, the MRAP that Corporal Dobay was a gunner for was struck by a three-hundred-pound homemade explosive device. The explosion ejected him from the top of the vehicle, causing extensive injuries to his ankles, a traumatic brain injury, as well as injuries to his back. His left foot had to be amputated due to necrosis of the tissue in his foot. Before being honorably discharged and medically retired, he was awarded the Purple Heart for being injured by the enemy.

After being discharged from the military, Corporal Dobay married his wife Kasey and established a home in Myrtle Beach, SC. In 2019, the couple moved into their Built to Honor home.

U.S. Army Sergeant Howard Appleby | Southwest Florida

U.S. ARMY SERGEANT HOWARD APPLEBY of Cape Coral, Fla., joined the military in 2004 as a combat engineer initially stationed in Ft. Irwin, California.



One month after basic training, Appleby deployed to Iraq, and was responsible for conducting route reconnaissance, clearance and security operations during the height of the Improvised Explosive Device (IED) threat. He experienced his first IED blast in August of 2004, which struck his vehicle during a mission. Appleby sustained a back injury and returned to Fort Irwin, Calif., where he furthered his combat training. In 2007, he was redeployed to Iraq and continued route-clearance missions. During this deployment, he encountered several IED blasts, the worst striking his vehicle. Appleby was transferred to a Warrior Transition Unit, where he completed lengthy medical treatment and counseling.

After multiple encounters with IEDs, Appleby was diagnosed with cognitive impairment following traumatic brain injury, PTSD, myofascial pain syndrome and migraines. For his service, Appleby received several awards including three Army Commendation Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, two Army Good Conduct Medals, a Combat Action Badge, and many more.

Howard Appleby and his family have moved into their custom-built, mortgage-free home in Babcock Ranch near Ft. Myers, Florida.

Retired U.S. Navy Petty Officer Second Class Jerry Whatts Jr. | Florida Division



RETIRED U.S. NAVY PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS JERRY WHATTS JR. and his wife Jeaniel, a Navy reservist, envision themselves in their own single-family home. After years of living in a confined apartment, which can exacerbate Jerry's PTSD, the couple imagines a haven for their family, which includes four children.

Both Jerry and Jeaniel have multiple deployments, including to Iraq and Afghanistan in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. It was deployment that brought the two together when both were serving on the USS Nimitz.

Jerry suffers from night terrors that transport him back 15 years to his service on USNS Mercy in support of humanitarian and medical operations in and around Indonesia, following the 2004 Indian Ocean earthquake and tsunami that devastated South Asia. Jeaniel has also suffered from PTSD.

The Whatts family moved into their mortgage-free home in West Florida.

U.S. Army Sergeant First Class Justin Reuber | Houston Division



U.S. ARMY SERGEANT FIRST CLASS JUSTIN REUBER enlisted in 1999 and served back-to-back-to-back tours in Iraqi combat zones with less than a year at home between. Five days before he was to return from his final deployment in Iraq, Reuber and his convoy were conducting a routine check on an Iraqi police checkpoint. The Iraqi police abandoned their post, leaving their equipment and vehicles behind. Insurgents detonated on Reuber's platoon, striking three of their four vehicles. There were massive casualties resulting in two fatalities and nine with injuries, including Reuber. He suffered a broken hand, broken leg and shrapnel wounds. He returned home and was assigned to become a military recruiter.

While riding his motorcycle, a truck ran a red light and struck Reuber at a speed of 55 mph. In addition to breaking the same leg he had previously broken in Iraq, Reuber had a shattered pelvis and shoulder, broken ribs and a severed femoral artery. He remained in a coma for 42 days.

The Reuber family was surprised with the news they will be getting a Built to Honor home during the Houston Texans game at NRG Stadium. In May 2020, the Reuber family moved into their custom-built, mortgage-free home in Houston, Texas.

U.S. Army Sergeant First Class Vaitogi Taetuli | Central Texas Division



U.S. ARMY SERGEANT FIRST CLASS AND PURPLE HEART RECIPIENT VAITOGI TAETULI selflessly served his country through two deployments to the Middle East.

While deployed to Al Najaf, Iraq, in 2004, SFC Taetuli saved his fellow service members' lives from an explosion. During a mission to eliminate three heavily armed insurgents, a grenade fell between the insurgent's legs and detonated. Miraculously SFC Taetuli, who was severely wounded, was able to crawl up the stairs on his own to seek medical aid.

Throughout his nearly 16 years of service, SFC Taetuli survived five blasts from Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), as well as multiple fire fights. For his valor, SFC Taetuli received a Purple Heart, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two Campaign Stars, Meritorious Service Medal, five Army Achievement Medals, and many more.

The Taetuli family were welcomed home to their brand-new home in Austin, Texas in March 2020.

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