

### We will always have your back And have a place for you to call home

American Legion Post 45 Canton



# James M. Ellis Thank you for your Service

You are now home



Unit 45 Canton

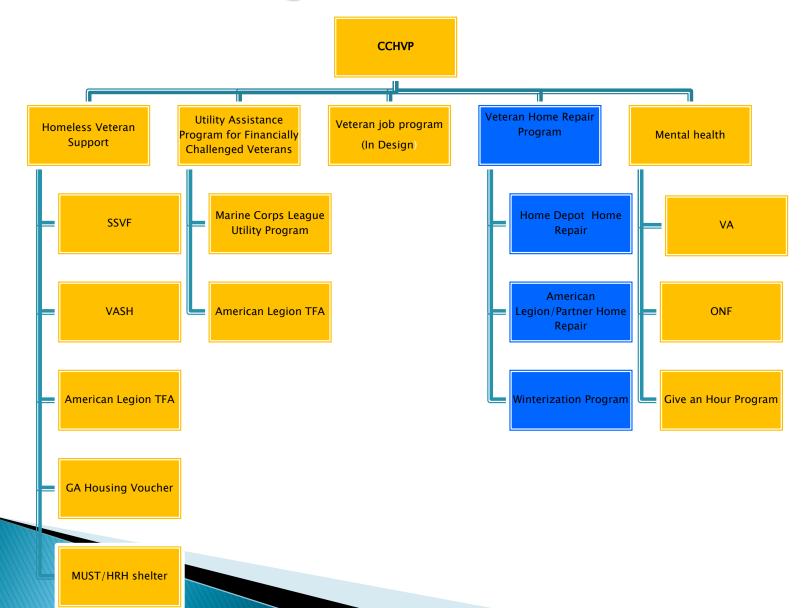
### Service at a Local Level







# Program Services



### Key Program Messages

- 1+1=3
- Track veteran activity
- Change view of what a veteran is
- Promote program across the community
- Keep promises
- Keep learning and adapt programs
- Get other Veterans involved

### 1+1=3

Leverage others to be part of the program and help them see a different side of their program:











# Home Depot Foundation



Corporate Partner of American Legion - provides three levels of project grants - CIG - Team Depot Grant - Building Grant





### NEWS RELEASE

American Legion Thomas M. Brady Post 45 160 McClure Street Canton, GA 30114

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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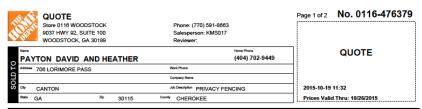
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# Habitat for Humanity Habitat for Humanity®

Corporate Partner of American Legion - They have a home repair focus that is not known

### Reasons to partner with HFH on Home Repair Projects

- They have blanket Liability coverage that will cover all who work on qualified project.
- They can gain access to additional funds that we do not have access to such as:
  - Power Companies
  - Federal Home Loan bank
  - CBDG grants (through HUD)
- Can be fudiciary agent
- Handle certified tradesmen ie Plumber, electrician, HVAC
- Program Management
- 501c3 status vs 501c19

# Change view of Veterans





### Get the Word Out - Press Release





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### Get the Word Out - Project Reports







OCTOBER 30, 2015

### OPERATION SSG DAVID PAYTON FENCE

### Background:

SSG David Payton, age 32 served in the US Marine Corps for over 10 years. While on active duty in Iraq, SSG Payton was wounded in combat and as a result of his injuries was medically retired. For his actions SSG Payton was awarded the Purple Heart among other medals for his service to our county. SSG Payton now lives in Cherokee County with his wife Heather and their six, soon to be seven, children.

### Project:

Home Depot Foundation, through their Team Depot grant program, working through the American Legion has awarded a materials grant to be used to support the building of a privacy fence for SSG Payton.

The Team Depot, lead by Shawn Brooks, Woodstock Store Manager and former Marine, along with other former Marine volunteers from the various military organizations of Cherokee County, ie American Legion Post 45, American Legion Post 316, Marine Corps League of Woodstock, and the North Georgia Veterans group of Soleil, will install and construct this project for SSG Payton and his family.

### Project Location:

706 Lorimore Path Canton, Ga 30114 Harmony on the Lakes Subdivison

POC:

Home Depot/Team Depot: Shawn Brooks 678.602.0079

Volunteer Coordination: John Newport 770.926.4752

Jim Lindenmayer 678.983.7590

### **HOMELESS VETERANS UPDATE**

Cherokee County Homeless Veterans Program

Third Edition

### **Home Depot Grant Report**

Home Depot Community Grant—201501115 Community Impact Grant for \$3,000

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### About Giving Back at The Home Depot

Since the first The Home Depot store opened in 1979, giving back has been a core value for the Company and a passion for its associates. Today. The Home Depot, in partnership with The Home Depot Foundation, focuses its philanthropic efforts on improving the homes and lives of U.S. military Veterans and their families and aiding communities affected by natural disasters. Through Team Depot, the Company's a sociate-led volunteer force, thousands of associates dedicate their time and talents to these efforts in the communities where they live and work.

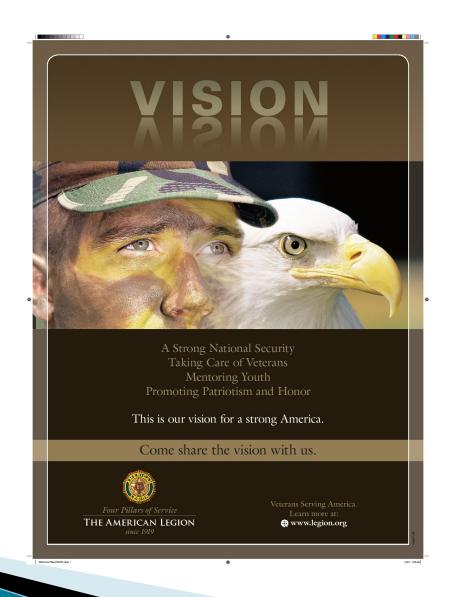
Since 2011, The Home Depot Foundation has invested more than \$85 million to provide safe housing to Veterans, and along with the help of Team Depot volunteers, has transformed more than 17,000 homes for Veterans.

### Program Results:

The Home Depot Foundation Grant was used to assist three Veterans as follows:  $\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}$ 

- Disabled Desert Storm Veteran in need of a new wheelchair ramp
- Vietnam Veteran living alone with his disabled son in need of general home repairs
- WWII Veteran with mobility issues in need of a wheelchair ramp

# **Keep Promises**



### Get other Veterans involved

Veterans listen to other veterans – they have already walked a mile in their combat boots.



## Program Success to date



### Vietnam Vet with Disabled Son

 Vietnam Vet- In June 2015, Legion partnering with Cherokee County Sr. Services organization conducted needed home repairs to home as well as rebuilt wheelchair ramp to home for severely handicapped child of veteran.







### Desert Storm Vet - Disabled

 In August 2015, Legion partnering with Volunteers from Soliel Veterans Group and with a grant from Home Depot designed and built new wheelchair ramp for disabled Army Veteran









### Iraq Marine - Medically Retired

 November 2015, Community of Marines came out to build a privacy fence for combat wounded Marine and father of 8 as part of Team Depot Project.









### WWII Vet in need of Wheel Chair Ramp

 November 2015 - Veterans from across the county came out to build a 95' wheelchair ramp for a WWII "Redball Express" Army Truck driver from Patton's

third Army.









### Terminally III Retired Veteran

 July 2016 - Team Depot, Veterans, ROTC, HD Contractor, HFH, CC Sr. SVCS from across the county came out to build a wheelchair ramp, install HVAC, conduct general repairs and cleanup.







# Home Winterization Program

- Joint program of American Legion, Habitat for Humanity and Cherokee County Sr. Services
- Provides up to \$5,000 grant to Senior or Veteran home owners for winterization repairs
- We have received a \$50,000 CBDG grant for initial project and expect to receive other grants to continue program
- Program was developed in response to Bradley Sutter situation. where an 85 year old WWII veteran froze to death in Dunlap, TN.







### Lessons Learned

- Great way to utilize retired veteran community during week – most projects are done Wed-Friday.
- Builds teamwork at community level
- Veterans want to help other veterans
- Helps cross age and war era boundaries
- Builds awareness of what Legion is doing beyond parades and meetings
- Helps drive membership
- Projects never stop six vet projects waiting

### Thank You

