



# Homes for Our Troops

## *Community Kickoff*

## *Cpl Kevin Blanchard*

### *Virginia*



On June 30, 2005, Marine Corporal Kevin Blanchard, a combat engineer, was on patrol in northwest Iraq with the 4th Combat Engineer Battalion, 4th Marine Division, when his vehicle was hit by an improvised explosive device (IED). There were four other Marines in the vehicle, but Cpl Blanchard was the most severely injured, losing his left leg and sustaining severe damage to his right. Cpl Blanchard says the only reason he survived was because there was Navy Corpsman riding with him.

Cpl Blanchard spent the following 13 months undergoing 30 surgeries at Walter Reed Medical Center. He was in a wheelchair for eight months and battled a bone infection in his right leg that nearly caused it to be amputated.

### **KICKOFF DETAILS:**

**Date:** Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Time:** Registration begins at 9:30am, Ceremony begins at 10:00am

**Location:** Restoration at Old Trail Golf Club, 5494 Golf Drive, Crozet, VA 22932

Homes for Our Troops is building a specially adapted, mortgage-free home for Marine Corporal Kevin Blanchard in Crozet!

We invite residents of Crozet and the surrounding communities to help us celebrate the beginning of Kevin's home build, learn more about Homes for Our Troops and how to get involved.

For more information, please contact Community Outreach Coordinator, Brianne McNamara at [BMcNamara@hfotusa.org](mailto:BMcNamara@hfotusa.org)

**HOW YOU CAN HELP:** In the months ahead, Cpl Blanchard home will begin to take form, but we need your help to make this project a success and to bring our hero home!

- VOLUNTEER your time and/or materials. Go to [www.hfotusa.org/Blanchard](http://www.hfotusa.org/Blanchard)
- MAKE A TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION at [www.hfotusa.org/donate](http://www.hfotusa.org/donate)
- HOLD A FUNDRAISING EVENT - [www.hfotusa.org/fundraise](http://www.hfotusa.org/fundraise)
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