

Operation: Coming Home and CalAtlantic Homes Deliver New Home to Combat Wounded Veteran Staff Sergeant (SSGT) Brandan Taylor

RALEIGH, N.C., Oct. 27, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Operation: Coming Home and CalAtlantic Homes, one of the nation's largest homebuilders, presented the keys to a brand new home for combat wounded veteran, U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sergeant (SSGT) Brandan Taylor and his family during a large military style celebration on Thursday, Oct. 27.

SSGT Taylor served in the USMC for 10 years, eight of which he spent in the Marine Corps Forces, Special Operations Command as a Marine Raider. He served on seven official deployments during his term. During a raid in the winter of 2014, SSGT Taylor sustained severe back, spine and knee injuries that limited his ability to walk.

The new home will include features and options specifically designed to meet SSGT Taylor's needs. The keys to the new home were delivered during a Hero Home Finale ceremony in Holly Springs, N.C. The celebration featured a fly-over with missing man formation, home keys delivered by a parachute team and other surprises for the new homeowners.

The project is a result of Operation Coming Home, a joint volunteer project led by the Home Builders Association of Raleigh-Wake County (HBA), the United States Veterans Corps (USVC) and the home builder that builds and donates homes for disabled combat veterans. Hero Home 13 is built by CalAtlantic Homes.

"We are honored to have the opportunity to commit our time and resources to partner with Operation Coming Home to build an exceptional home for such an extremely deserving American hero," said Troy George, Raleigh Division President for CalAtlantic Homes. "It is our hope that this home provides a place for the Taylor family to make cherished memories for years to come."

"A tremendous group of people have all come together to make this home for SSGT Taylor and his family a reality," said Andy Ladner, President of Operation Coming Home and Executive Director of the U.S. Veterans Corps. "This project provides a way for our community to give back and the unique touches in this home showcase the appreciation by the CalAtlantic Homes team and their vendors for this hero."

SSGT Taylor was selected last spring to receive the Hero Home on behalf of Operation: Coming Home. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on March 14 and a flag raising ceremony was held on June 21.

Significance of October 27

On October 27, 2008, members of the HBA, USVC and Royal Oaks Building Company co-built and donated a home to veteran Joey Bozik, the project's first recipient. Bozik, a sergeant in the 16th Military Police Brigade based at Fort Bragg, was injured in 2004 when his Humvee hit a bomb south of Baghdad. "Alive Day" is the day a wounded veteran wakes up from the near-death injuries received and realizes he or she is alive and life has changed forever. Bozik's Alive Day is October 27 (2004), therefore the 13th Hero Home is an anniversary celebration of that event.

About Operation Coming Home

Operation: Coming Home is a joint volunteer project by the Home Builders Association of Raleigh-Wake County (HBA), and various area nonprofits and businesses. The project builds and donates homes for disabled combat veterans who have served in the Middle East, after a selection committee interviews candidates to determine the best fit. For more information, visit <http://operationcominghome.com>.

About the HBA

The Home Builders Association of Raleigh-Wake County (HBA) is the voice of the home building industry throughout Wake County, and provides members opportunities for business development, education, professional growth, networking and community involvement. The membership, comprised of builders, remodelers, developers, and sales & marketing professionals, is affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders, which represents over 160,000 member companies nationwide. Currently the HBA is the second largest home builders association in the country. The members of the HBA are building excellence together for the neighborhoods and communities of tomorrow. www.hbawake.com

About CalAtlantic Homes

CalAtlantic Group, Inc. (NYSE: CAA), a combination of Standard Pacific Corp. and Ryland Group, Inc., two of the nation's largest and most respected homebuilders, offers well-crafted homes in thoughtfully designed communities that meet the desires of customers across the homebuilding spectrum, from entry level to luxury, in 41 Metropolitan Statistical Areas spanning 17 states. With a trusted reputation for quality craftsmanship, an outstanding customer experience and exceptional architectural

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