



HOME AT LAST

The Home At Last committee is proud to announce the newest undertaking of “Home At Last” – building a home for a disabled Veteran and his family.

This is our ninth unique effort honoring a combat wounded Veteran who has fought in the military campaigns of Iraq and Afghanistan. Our newest family is Sgt. Landon J Beck, USMC Retired, his wife Jessica, and their children, Serenity, 11 years old, Cristian, 9, Cristopher, 5, Paisley-Ann, 5, Maximus, 3, and Stormi, 1.



In September 2010 then Corporal Beck, deployed in Afghanistan, served as a turret gunner on a mounted patrol. The vehicle was ambushed several miles from safety. The lead officer determined their best chances were to retreat to find safe cover. The vehicle struck an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) resulting in the destruction of the vehicle. At the time Cpl. Beck was wearing the required Gunner's Harness and remained in the turret, but sustained multiple injuries including a loss of consciousness, laceration to his cheek, and damage to his jaw. As a result, he received his first of two Purple Heart Medals.

After Cpl. Beck returned to duty he was deployed at an observation post providing watch over several surrounding units. Cpl. Beck spotted through his scope an insurgent with binoculars and a cellular device staring at his observation position. Concerned his position was being compromised Cpl. Beck requested permission to open fire on this insurgent. The request was denied and within seconds Cpl. Beck's position received heavy mortar fire as well as accurate sniper fire. Cpl. Beck received shrapnel wounds along his back, further down the buttocks, and larger fragments being lodged into his leg causing nerve and muscular damage. Fortunately, Cpl. Beck received quick, well managed emergency treatment from his Lance Cpl. The second Purple Heart Medal was a result of this action.

Sgt Beck left the Marine Corps in March, 2012 with many illnesses and injuries which kept him from finding employment and also from continuing his education. He has since been diagnosed with Traumatic Brain Injury and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Chronic back and leg pain from undocumented combat injuries and IBS.

Landon Beck grew up in rural Florida with his parents and sister Britney. The only interaction he had with other children was at church gatherings in a small town thirty miles away. He attended public school until the age of ten and then transferred into the homeschool system through high school. Landon embraced the brotherhood he had found with his fellow marines. An unhappy marriage and divorce left Landon doubting what his future would be, however, he and Jessica found one another through facebook. After a month together, both knew they were meant for each other. Marriage brought Landon a loving new wife with a bonus of two beautiful children. Together they have added four more children. They are all looking forward to become the ninth family supported by “Home At Last”.

Thank you for your Support!

God Bless Our Troops and Keep Them Safe