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**The Home Depot Partners with Local Nonprofits to Restore Independence for Portland-Area Veterans**  
*Local Store Volunteers to Transform Veteran Homes as Part of Company's Fifth Annual Celebration of Service Campaign to Help Veterans Nationwide*

**WHAT:** On Thursday, Oct. 8, more than 55 area The Home Depot associates will partner with local nonprofits to improve the safety and accessibility of local veterans' homes to help restore their independence. These local projects are part of the company's fifth annual Celebration of Service campaign, a nationwide effort led by Team Depot, The Home Depot's associate-led volunteer force. Between now and Veterans Day, Team Depot volunteers will complete projects for veterans in every community The Home Depot serves, with a focus on senior veterans who need modifications to their homes to safely age in place and veterans with service-connected disabilities.

Local associate volunteers will help improve accessibility for Richard Postell, a Vietnam veteran of the United States Navy. Postell was involved in Special Operations from 1963 to 1970 and has received several prestigious awards, include two Purple Heart awards and a medal from President Kennedy. He has been active in helping the veteran community in Portland and even assisted with the building of the Veteran Memorial in Portland in 1983.

Volunteer projects throughout the day will include:

- Repairing door handles and carpets throughout the home
- Replacing the patio and front doors
- Updating two bathrooms, including floors, sinks, faucets, ADA toilets and showers
- Upgrading landscaping
- Repairing lighting and appliances throughout the home
- Installing a stair handrail

In addition to Team Depot's efforts, The Home Depot Foundation also will **donate up to \$1 million** to veteran causes for customers who share their support for veterans and volunteerism via social media throughout Celebration of Service. On [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), people can join in by sharing a #ServiceSelfie. On [Facebook](#), likes, comments and shares on Team Depot's nonprofit spotlight posts each Monday will count towards the \$1 million goal.

**WHO:** Spokespeople available for interviews include:

- Jennifer Capen, The Home Depot
- Robert Tilton, The Home Depot

**WHERE:** 10002 NW 20<sup>th</sup> Ave., Vancouver, WA 98685

**WHEN:** Thursday, Oct. 8, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**CONTACT:** For more information, please contact Jennifer Capen: [jennycapen4718@gmail.com](mailto:jennycapen4718@gmail.com) or (360) 281-0423.



## **HOW TO GET INVOLVED:**

Throughout the campaign Team Depot is inviting consumers to ‘celebrate service’ on social media. For each social media action, The Home Depot Foundation will donate \$1, up to \$1 million, between Sept. 10 and Veterans Day to organizations that help senior veterans and veterans with service-connected disabilities, including: Gary Sinise Foundation, Housing Assistance Council, Jared Allen’s Homes for Wounded Warriors, Meals on Wheels America, Operation Finally Home, Operation Homefront, Purple Heart Homes, Semper Fi Fund and the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation. Here is how to participate:

### *On Twitter and Instagram*

People can celebrate service by sharing a photo of giving back in their own communities or honoring a service member on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) and using the hashtag #ServiceSelfie. For each #ServiceSelfie shared during Celebration of Service, The Home Depot Foundation will donate \$1 toward the \$1 million goal.

### *On Facebook*

The [Team Depot Facebook page](#) will highlight one of these partners each Monday during Celebration of Service. Likes, comments and shares of these spotlight posts will also equal \$1 toward the \$1 million goal.

To learn more about the #SelfieService campaign, visit [thd.co/selfie](http://thd.co/selfie).

For more about Team Depot’s activities throughout Celebration of Service and #ServiceSelfie, visit [homedepot.com/teamdepot](http://homedepot.com/teamdepot), follow @teamdepot on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) and like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/teamdepot](http://www.facebook.com/teamdepot).

## **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 associate-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 \$105 million to provide safe housing to veterans, and along with the help of Team Depot volunteers, has transformed more than 22,000 homes for veterans. To learn more and see Team Depot in action, visit [www.homedepot.com/teamdepot](http://www.homedepot.com/teamdepot).

## **About Community Military Appreciation Committee**

The Community Military Appreciation Committee executes and plans community-wide events such as Memorial Day, Veterans Day, POW/MIA in recognition and support of military families of all service branches. More information can be found at <http://cmac11.com>.

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