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**** — CPL. ROBERT ISAACS —**

Roxboro, NC

Cpl. Bobby Isaacs, 2nd Brigade, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, KY, joined the armed forces after 9/11 and was deployed to Iraq in spring of 2003. Ten months later, Isaacs' life changed forever when a roadside bomb ripped apart his convoy as it traveled near Mosul. "It shattered all the bones and severed my femoral artery, and I bled out," he said. "I think they lost me a couple of times, actually."

Cpl Isaacs initially was given an imminent death retirement because he wasn't expected to recover from his injuries. After 37 operations, Isaacs has decided he wants to go to college so he can work with amputees. "I want to use my situation in a positive way," said Isaacs. "I can share my experience to help somebody."

Homes for Our Troops is helping Cpl. Isaacs achieve his dreams for the future.

Update: The house has recently been remodeled and adapted to meet Bobby's needs. Thanks to ABC's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition and the VERY GENEROUS outpouring of Roxboro area support, we renovated Bobby's house in a couple of days ... the folks of Roxboro were a HUGE help and have a lot to be proud of!! Congratulations Bobby and Charlotte, we hope that you enjoy your new home!

Once again Homes For Our Troops teamed up with ABC's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition



Before

Here's the front of Bobby's house prior to the start of work. The porch is rotted and there is no ramp for wheelchair access to the house.



This project was made possible with the help and generosity of our friends at:

The Avon Foundation

and

ABC's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition



After

With the help of Extreme Makeover: Home Edition; a Homes For Our Troops road crew; and the residents and businesses of the Roxboro area; Bobby's home was renovated within 48hrs!

We put another HFOT team together for a "road trip" to Bobby's to get the work done...



To make the most of the force we had on hand, from Massachusetts, we



Once again, **Budget Truck Rental** pulled through for us with a deeply



A good part of the HFOT Team is pictured here the night we finished.

worked around the clock for 48hrs. Here the HFOT team, headed by John, meets with Paige Hemis as the show gets started.

discounted rate on a truck. This time, **Grower's Pride** of Fall River, MA provided the truck

From left to right standing are: John Roos, John Gonsalves, Tim Hashem, John Robicheau, Manny Rebello, Jason LaRosa, Dave Buker, Steve Buker, and Skott Rebello. Kneeling are Phil Roos, Bob Phelps and Matt Farquharson. Taking the picture was Kirt Rebello

... work was done throughout the house...



John, operating on only a few hours sleep, gave the "thumbs up" and the work got under way.



The bathroom was gutted and prepared for the adaptations needed to help Bobby out...



... here, Jason Blount works on the bathroom ...

... day and night...



We set up shop in the garage, in case of inclement weather. The garage also served as the cafeteria where **Texas Roadhouse** and **Hog Heaven Barb-B-Q** served up some awesome grub to keep us going.



Although a good deal of renovation involved tearing apart, we couldn't bring ourselves to touch the walls. The beautiful wood that covers the walls and makes up a majority of the construction of the house, came from a 150 year-old tobacco barn. Johnny and Jane Clayton built this house.



John discusses electrical options with Kevin Martin in the middle of the night, while Jason Blount owner of J.L. Blount's Painting and Renovations hurries past, getting work done

... and day...



Dave Buker, the man whose always getting it done for HFOT, and Matt Farquharson discuss flooring.



Jason LaRosa from Creative Stone Systems, did some AWESOME stone work inside the house... here he is working on the 101st Airborne "Screaming Eagles" logo for the front entrance of the house. He also did the kitchen countertops in the upper right-hand corner. Check out his other work at

www.creativestonesystems.com



Tree clearing was needed so Parham's Tree and Landscape Service stepped in to get the job done. Nice work!

... and night...



Progressive Plumbing and Piping provided the plumbing expertise and really stepped up to the plate, crawling under the house and running the plumbing wherever it was needed!



Landscaping took place day and night, as well. Bob Whyte's Naturescape Landscape crew works on the walkway lat into the night.



At about 2:00am on the last night, Jason was put into action to do a **Creative Stone Systems** floor for the bathroom. He did some awesome work, and it was all donated!

Added work scopes added to the challenge.



We found some unexpected work that needed to be done under the bedroom floor. Here Manny Rebello is talking to the "tunnel rats" that volunteered for this mission.



And the tunnel rats were (front) Phil Roos owner of Preferred Construction and (background) brother John Roos owner of Roos Construction. Nice work guys!!



The kitchen was too small for wheelchair accessibility, so a "bump-out" was made for the refrigerator to make the needed room. Here Kirt Rebello and Manny Rebello "make a hole."

Moving earth and changing the landscape.



The landscaping needed some work to make house accessible for a wheelchair, for those times when Bobby needs one. An awesome team was on-hand to landscape the whole yard. Here Tim Hashem owner of TNT Excavating and Bob Whyte owner of Naturescape Landscaping discuss options.



Skott Rebello, owner of Harborside Professional Services and Landscaping rounded out the landscaping team with design input and earth moving expertise. Allot of earth was moved!



Special recognition goes to Bob Whyte who donated his services and drove a crew and equipment all the way down to North Carolina from Plympton, MA! He also hit the ground running, contacting local suppliers and getting materials donated.
Nice work Bob!!

Multi-tasking and special guests.



Nations Rent provided the equipment that added to the "buzz" of activity that was going on. Here John hurries to get something out of the truck while Tim, Skott, and Bob Whyte and his crew transform the landscape.

In addition to re-shaping the earth, the landscaping crew could also be found working on the house when the machines were idle. Here Tim is working on some flooring

Just like at Peter's house during our **WAAF** day, up in MA, **Sevendust** dropped by to lend a hand to the project. Here John "Robo" Robicheau, owner of Robicheau painting, takes a quick break to hang out with the band. Thanks again guys!!

Going home and special thanks.



Kevin and Suzi Martin were a huge help. Suzi was running errands day and night for us. She even drove to Raleigh to pick up Sevendust for us. So many in the Roxboro area helped us out... the community was great!!!



After returning from the road and unpacking the truck, Dave Buker, John Gonsalves, Kirt Rebello and John Roos take a moment to show some HFOT pride for another mission accomplished!!



There are so many people that we would like to thank, that we probably missed a few here. If we did we're very sorry and want everyone to know how much we appreciated everyone's help. Thanks again Everyone!!

Mission Complete ... more picture to come after December 11th, 2005!



The generosity of the Roxboro folks came in many forms. Thanks to the generosity and thoughtfulness of Ariens Gravely, and Hyco Equipment and Farm Supplies, Bobby was given a hand-operated Gravely lawn mower to take care of his new landscape!



Thanks to the Homes For Our Troops crew; some very special partners; and the generous support of the Roxboro community, Bobby's house...



... has now become a home!! Many thanks to all that helped, and a warm congratulations to Bobby and Charlotte on their new home!! Check back on December 12, 2005 for some clear pictures!

Contractors involved in the Bobby Isaacs project are as follows:

Please **email us** or fill out our **services/labor/materials donation form** online if you would like to donate to Homes For Our Troops or projects like Bobby's. Thank You

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