



## **Honoring a Hero: Home Blessing Ceremony for SGT. Travis Blackman in Percheron**

**Colorado Springs, CO – July 15, 2025**

A heartfelt Home Blessing Ceremony was held on July 15 to honor U.S. Army veteran Sergeant Travis Blackman as he prepares to move into his new specially adapted home in the new Percheron neighborhood. The intimate gathering, hosted in partnership with Helping a Hero, Lennar, and Norwood Development Group, celebrated the resilience, service, and spirit of a true American hero.

### **A Life of Service and Sacrifice**

SGT. Travis Blackman proudly served in the U.S. Army from 2008 to 2016. After completing Basic and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, he earned the MOS of 13 Bravo, Cannon Crewmember. He went on to complete Airborne School and joined the elite 82nd Airborne Division, later deploying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. His commendations include the Combat Action Badge, Parachutist Badge, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, and both the Army Commendation and Achievement Medals.

Tragically, Travis was paralyzed from the chest down due to injuries sustained after his discharge. Yet, his indomitable spirit continues to inspire all who meet him. As a father and a veteran, Travis exemplifies strength, optimism, and leadership—characteristics that have made him a beacon of hope to his family and community.

### **A Community Comes Together**

The Home Blessing event included Travis's friends and family, representatives from Lennar and Norwood and the Helping a Hero team. Together, they gathered in support of Travis, offering blessings and well wishes for his transition into a home designed with his needs in mind.

This milestone would not have been possible without the generous collaboration of partners committed to making a difference. Lennar's subcontractors also played a pivotal role, providing substantial discounts on materials and services to bring the vision of this accessible, comfortable home to life.

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#### **Photo (left to right)**

Vicki Brentin (Helping a Hero), Eric Scofield (Norwood Development Group), SGT. Travis Blackman, Frank Walker (Lennar), Tim Seibert (Norwood Development Group)