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Home Renovations for Vietnam Veteran Completed by Peach State Federal Credit Union in Cooperation with Purple Heart Homes



Veteran, Aqueelah As-Salaam

Snellville, GA (December 10, 2018) – Home renovations for veteran, Aqueelah As-Salaam, have been completed as part of Purple Heart Homes’ annual Operation: Veteran Home Renovation program.

As-Salaam was an Officer in the U.S. Army, serving from 1974-1987. “I’ve been struggling to make these repairs for six years,” said Ms. As-Salaam. “Money has been tight since I had to quit my job due to my disabilities, so this is a true blessing.”

Operation: Veteran Home Renovation was established to raise awareness about the housing challenges faced by service connected disabled veterans.

“Purple Heart Homes has partnered with Peach State Federal Credit Union for the third year in a row to sponsor a local veteran enabling her to live safely and with dignity in her home, said John Gallina, Executive Director and Co-founder of Purple Heart Homes. “We are grateful for the support provided by

Peach State Federal Credit Union, Home Depot, the contractors and volunteers to help us improve veterans' lives one home at a time.”

Improvements and repairs to her home included building a ramp in her garage, repairing exterior wood and gutters, exterior painting, and landscaping.

“Our work with Purple Heart Homes is important to me on a personal level,” said Peach State President/CEO Marshall Boutwell. “As a Vietnam veteran, I understand the challenges faced by veterans, and I’m proud of our partnership with Purple Heart Homes. Operation: Veteran Home Renovation has become an important part of our commitment to serve the Peach State community.”

Peach State also works with Purple Heart Homes to help veterans secure mortgages and participating in this program was a logical extension of those efforts. Many veterans live on fixed incomes and may have service connected disabilities, so maintenance on their homes can sometimes prove challenging and difficult.

About Peach State Federal Credit Union

Peach State is a \$484 million credit union that serves more than 58,000 members in Georgia and South Carolina. As a financial cooperative, Peach State’s mission is to meet the needs and exceed the expectations of its member-owners. To learn more, visit www.peachstatefcu.org or www.peachstatefcustories.coop.

About Purple Heart Homes

Purple Heart Homes is a 501 c3 founded by Dale Beatty and John Gallina, two Iraq combat wounded veterans that remain on a mission to provide housing solutions to service connected disabled veterans and their families. Driven by the belief that no Veteran should be left behind, Purple Heart Homes, together with community, is committed to ensuring quality of life solutions for disabled American Veterans from all eras. For more information, visit www.purplehearthomesusa.org.

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