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MOAA SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER VOLUNTEERS AT THE 2016 VETERANS REBUILDING DAY FOR THE NINTH YEAR

Volunteers from the Southwest Virginia Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) along with the West Point Society and the Stonewall Jackson Chapter of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) came together on Saturday 23 April 2016 to conduct repairs on the home of a local veteran. Volunteers from the Southwest Virginia Chapter included, Colonel Thomas Dalzell, USMC (Ret), Captain Jim Karlen, USN (Ret), LTC Dan Karnes, USAR (Ret), COL John Miller, USA (Ret), Doug Phillips, USMC (Ret) and CAPT Gary Powers, USN (Ret). Col. Dalzell, who ran a construction company after retiring from the Marine Corps, leads the chapter's group of volunteer laborers stating, "We're helping out, like in the Marine Corps we say a sergeant is worth his weight in gold, staff sergeant is priceless, so we want to help out each other, and that's what we're here for in the Roanoke Valley."

The volunteers were able to replace old wood flooring and paint the front porch and install joist hangers in the basement to support the floor structure. Due to rain a few days earlier, painting of the rear deck was delayed until more favorable weather conditions prevail. In addition to repairs, the veteran and his wife were presented an American Flag Set as a gift for their home from the MOAA SWVA Chapter.

Veterans Rebuilding Day is a part of a community wide effort known as Renovation Alliance which brings volunteers and communities together to improve the homes and lives of low-income homeowners by providing critical home repairs for homeowners in need in the Roanoke Valley. The effort focuses on providing critical repairs to low-income homeowners in need with a special focus on homeowners over the age of 65, living with a disability, have children living in the home, and homeowners who are active or retired members of the armed services. Since operations began in 1999, Renovation Alliance has served more than 600 homeowners and their families.



(Volunteers from the Southwest Virginia Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) along with the West Point Society and the Stonewall Jackson Chapter of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) worked together on Veterans Rebuilding Day)