



# News Release

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## **MOAA SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA CHAPTER VOLUNTEERS AT THE 2018 RENOVATION ALLIANCE DAY FOR THE ELEVENTH 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 28 April 2018 to conduct repairs on the home of a veteran's widow. Volunteers from the Southwest Virginia Chapter included, Colonel Thomas Dalzell, USMC (Ret), COL Robert Brown, USA (Ret), Captain Jim Karlen, USN (Ret), LTC Dan Karnes, USAR 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.

The volunteers were able to remove 10 old windows, install the new windows and caulked both inside and outside. Other major tasks completed included replacement of the back door, installation of an accessible toilet and kitchen sink faucet. Besides vacuuming floors, reinstalling blinds, scrubbing the bath tub and straightening the homeowner's possessions, the home also received the installation of an American flag set.

Renovation Alliance Day is a part of a community wide effort that brings volunteers and organizations together to improve the homes and lives of low-income homeowners by providing critical home repairs for homeowners in the Roanoke Valley. The effort focuses on providing critical repairs to low-income homeowners 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 Renovation Alliance Day)*