

**PulteGroup and Operation: Coming Home Donate Mortgage-Free Home to Wounded Veteran**  
*Purple Heart recipient receives keys to new home in Fuquay-Varina*

RALEIGH, N.C., Sept. 12, 2014 – PulteGroup, along with Operation: Coming Home, the U.S. Veterans Corps and various area nonprofits and businesses, presented U.S. Marine Cpl. Nathan Jakubisin, a Purple Heart recipient, and his wife and young child with the keys to their new mortgage-free home yesterday in Fuquay-Varina's Alston Ridge community. The home was built and furnished as part of PulteGroup's Built to Honor™ program which donates homes to wounded veterans and their families throughout the country.



“PulteGroup is proud to support Cpl. Jakubisin and his family as they build a life in Fuquay-Varina. We hope to positively impact his life and the life of other veterans who have honorably served our country by doing what we do best – building homes,” said Mikkel Thompson, director of construction operations for PulteGroup. “This mortgage-free home is just a small token of our appreciation to Cpl. Jakubisin for his service and sacrifice, and we hope that it serves him well on his path to recovery. We are excited for his future and want to welcome him to our Built to Honor family.”

The ceremony honoring Cpl. Jakubisin, who suffered severe leg and hand injuries from an improvised explosive device (IED) while conducting patrols in the Kajaki District of Helmand Province in Afghanistan on June 9, 2012, included addresses by Gov. Pat McCrory; Paul Coble, Chairman of the Wake County Board of Commissioners; Mayor John Byrne of Fuquay-Varina; Tim Minton, president of the Operation: Coming

Home Foundation and executive vice president of the HBA; Pastor Steve Roy of Hocutt Baptist Church; Andrew Ladner, president of the United States Veterans Corps; Jim Prewitt, president of the Home Builders Association of Raleigh-Wake County; Mikkel Thompson, director of construction operations for PulteGroup; the Adjutant of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division; and Marine David Porter and Navy Corpsman Jason Buikema, the men that saved Cpl. Jakubisin's life.

"Having reached the completion of our eighth Hero Home, I am amazed at the continued support provided by the military, businesses and individuals in the Fuquay-Varina community, and throughout North Carolina and the nation," said Minton. "We hope that Cpl. Jakubisin and his family will enjoy growing as a family in this home, and we can think of no one more deserving of this honor."

"Cpl. Jakubisin's selfless service to our nation can never be repaid," said Governor Pat McCrory. "Still, it is important that we continue to show men and women like him our continued gratitude and admiration. This 'Hero Home' is an incredible testament to what valor and courage can inspire in others. North Carolina should be proud not only of its service members returning home, but also its hardworking civilians and all that they do to support veterans."

#### **About Built to Honor™**

PulteGroup's Built to Honor™ program was launched in 2013 to recognize and thank returning military personnel who have been injured during their term of service by providing mortgage-free homes to veterans and their families. Built to Honor works in partnership with nonprofit organizations, such as Operation FINALLY HOME, to identify veteran candidates. Follow Built to Honor on Twitter: [@BuiltToHonor](https://twitter.com/BuiltToHonor).

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#### **About Operation: Coming Home**

Operation: Coming Home is a joint volunteer project by the Home Builders Association of Raleigh-Wake County (HBA), and various area nonprofits and businesses. The project builds and donates homes for disabled combat veterans who have served in the Middle East, after a selection committee interviews candidates to determine the best fit. For more information, visit <http://operationcominghome.com>.

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