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Hardin Construction Company Commands Its 2nd Homes for Our Troops Home-Build

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS (June 29, 2011) — For a second time within six months, Hardin Construction Company, LLC is orchestrating a Homes for Our Troops community home-build for the family of a service member severely injured in combat.

Hardin is making plans for a “build brigade” of volunteers to assemble in Marion, Texas July 15-17, 2011 to construct a specially adapted home for U.S. Army Specialist (SPC) Craig Andrade and his family. SPC Andrade suffered severe injuries, including the loss of both legs above the knees and a burst eardrum, when his platoon was hit with the blast of an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) while on patrol near Baghdad, Iraq in 2005. Eventually transported to Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, SPC Andrade continues to receive treatments there as an outpatient.

His new residence will allow SPC Andrade to settle comfortably in the town where he grew up, sharing the specially adapted home with his wife Danielle, their two children, Christian, 5, and Isabella, 3, and a baby expected in December.

“Honoring this family’s sacrifice”

“It is a special honor and a uniquely gratifying experience to be part of a community effort to deliver a home designed to accommodate SPC Andrade and his family, and to honor this family’s service and sacrifice,” said Hardin Vice President Dave Anderson, General Manager of Hardin’s Austin, Texas office.

The home-build will involve Hardin associates, along with more than two dozen subcontractors and suppliers and their crafts people, as well as volunteers from the Marion area—more than 300 volunteers all told.

SPC Andrade’s 2,645-square-foot, four-bedroom home will have features such as roll-in showers, wider doorways and hallways, and extra floor space.

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“I appreciate the opportunity to receive a specially adapted home from Homes for Our Troops, and am so thankful for the relief of stress for both my wife and me,” said SPC Andrade. “We will now not have to worry about where we will be living in the future. Thank you for making this possible.”

Homes for our Troops is a national, non-profit, 501 (c) (3) organization whose mission is to build specially adapted homes for service members who have been severely injured in combat operations since September 11, 2001. The homes are provided at no cost to the veterans, thanks to grants, sponsorships, donations and generous support from community volunteers.

The Marion, Texas home-build is Hardin Construction Company’s second recent Homes for Our Troops project.

In January of 2011, Hardin led a “build brigade” of 35 subcontractors and suppliers and their 240 crafts people, as well as an army of community volunteers in Hinesville, Georgia, constructing a home for wounded Army Staff Sergeant Jason Letterman and his family.

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Celebrating 65 years of excellence, Hardin Construction Company, LLC is one of the nation’s leading construction services firms, providing unequalled expertise for projects of broad scope and complexity through its culture of integrity, innovation and opportunity. With capabilities in general construction, construction management, design-build and renovation, Hardin is a leader in green building and sustainable practices and is recognized nationally for their safety practices. Privately-held, Hardin’s headquarters is in Atlanta, Ga., with offices in Tampa, Fla., Orlando, Fla., Raleigh, N.C., and Austin, Texas. For more information, visit www.hardinconstruction.com.

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