



ROOFERS COME TO AID OF DISABLED WAR VETERAN

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More than a dozen members of Portland, OR, Roofers Local 49, along with signatory contractors Anderson Roofing, Snyder Roofing, Umpqua Roofing and Griffith Roofing, donated their skills, equipment, and materials to re-roof the home of a disabled war veteran who lives in Keizer, OR. The small army of volunteers was responding to a call for assistance

from the non-profit Oregon Military Support Network, which in turn was following up on an appeal by the Wounded Warriors Project to help an injured Army National Guard soldier.

The soldier, who under the program remains anonymous, was serving a third tour of duty in Afghanistan when he injured his lower pelvis jumping from a helicopter that was under mortar

attack. The injury required multiple surgeries, leaving him permanently disabled.

It just so happens that Glenn Shuck, a retired executive director of Labor's Community Service Agency, now volunteers for Oregon Military Support Network. When the call for help came in, Shuck knew just where to go.

"We got a call from Glenn last winter explaining the situation," said Russ Garnett, business manager of Roofers Local 49.

Garnett and Local 49 President Travis Hopkins went to the home to assess the job. They determined that, indeed, a new roof was necessary. The men patched some leaks and then, for the next five months, solicited contractors and suppliers for donations to re-roof the entire home.

On Saturday, June 22, a crew of 15 union roofers did just that. After completely tearing down the old roof, they replaced several sections of plywood sheathing that had sustained water damage before re-shingling the home. A smaller crew returned on Monday, June 24, to wrap up the punch list.



All told, the volunteers put in nearly 200 man-hours, with all of the labor and materials donated. Garnett estimated the value of the work was more than \$10,000.

Union members volunteering were Local 49 Business Manager Russ Garnett, President Travis Hopkins, Field Rep. Darrell Hopkins Sr., Recording Secretary Sean Maybee, Frank Rudea Jr., Frankie Rudea III, Mike McGlenn, Jon Losli, Dave Hughey, Rick Samson, Jose Ceja, Robert Strother, Boris Mitusiv, Ivan Ribac, and Santos Castro. The signatory roofing contractors, along with Malarkey Roofing Products and Woodfeathers Roofing Materials donated all the material and equipment for the job. "It was an amazing sight to witness. The veteran and his wife and family were so appreciative...overwhelmed, really," Shuck said. ■



Wheeling, WV, Roofers Assist Habitat for Humanity

A world where everyone has a decent place to live: That's the mission of Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit organization that builds and repairs homes for families who otherwise could not afford to own a home.

Habitat relies on volunteer labor to build these homes, and skilled labor can be especially difficult to

find. Geoff Wack, project manager at Kalkreuth Roofing & Sheet Metal, contacted Local 188, Wheeling, WV, Business Manager Gary Zadai about a local project that required a shingle roof, and together they coordinated a group of volunteers to get the job done.

Several Local 188 roofers volunteered their time and expertise to

see that the Habitat for Humanity home was roofed in a professional manner. Panhandle supplied all the shingle materials, while Kalkreuth provided the tools, equipment and safety set-up. Because of the generosity and combined efforts of all involved, another local family will have a decent, safe and affordable place to live. ■



Local 189 Roofers to the Rescue

Spokane resident Patricia Strong had a roof that had been leaking for years. Her insurance company threatened to cancel her policy if she didn't get her house roofed. Ms. Strong had recently had open-heart surgery and was awaiting hip surgery. On top of mounting medical bills, she had her 10-year-old grandson living with her. She never could have afforded a new roof.

She contacted Roofers Local 189 in Spokane, WA, who brought the proposal to the Joint Apprenticeship Committee. With the help of signatory contractor Krueger Sheet Metal, Local 189 was able to bring apprentice and journeyman roofers together to replace Ms. Strong's roof with 30-year shingles.

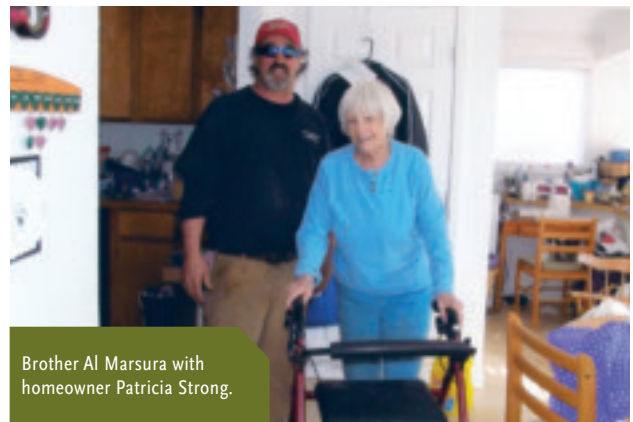
Once the project was underway, the roofers encountered many unexpected problems. Three layers of roofing needed to be removed, and several tie-ins had been completed by a "backyard" carpenter. But the Union Roofers persisted and completed the project. As Business Manager Leo Marsura put it, "Our motto at Local 189 is, not a valley or hip that we can't lick!" ■



The fun part—three layers of roof to tear off and rotten decking to replace.



Rick Simon shows Eric Roberts how to bring runs up from the bottom.



Brother Al Marsura with homeowner Patricia Strong.



Back row, left to right: Al Marsura, Eric Roberts, Scott Rash Jr., Lee Gumm, Brad Simon and Patricia Beck. Front row from left: Scott Rash Sr. and Rick Simon.