



Building Homes for Heroes

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Hero Story



US Marine Corps Sergeant John Durham joined the military in September of 2001 because it is a family tradition. He comes from a long line of veterans and wanted to be a part the legacy.

Two injuries have a had a severe impact on the life of Sergeant Durham. The first occurred when he was within the blast range of an IED explosion, which embedded shrapnel underneath his right eye. The second injury happened when he was shot by an Iraqi sniper. Fortunately, the bullet was stopped by a protective plate, but the force of the impact slammed him into a wall and knocked him unconscious.

Sergeant Durham suffers from PTSD, hearing loss, tinnitus, cervical strain, spinal strain, pain in his right shoulder, knees, right ankle, right foot, right elbow, hips and ribs and migraine headaches.

For his service to his country, Sergeant Durham has been awarded two Purple Hearts, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal (2x), the Iraq Campaign Medal with/ 1 Star, Combat Action Ribbon, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (2x), Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, Global War On Terrorism, Expeditionary Medal (Iraq), National Defense Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation-Navy, Rifle Marksman Badge and the Pistol Marksman Badge.

Sergeant Durham, his wife Sherri and their daughter would like to reside in Tucson, Arizona.





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Sergeant Durham was injured when he was wounded by a sniper in Iraq.





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Sergeant Durham, who has received two Purple Hearts, wanted to serve in the military to follow in the footsteps of several family members who had also served.





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Sergeant Durham, shown with his wife Sherri, would like to live in Tucson, Arizona.

