



Building Homes for Heroes

U.S. Marine Captain James Byler



Huntington, Long Island

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Hero Story

On October 17, 2010, U.S. Marine Captain James Byler, an infantry platoon leader with the Third Battalion, 5th Marines, Camp Pendleton, California, was injured when he stepped on an improvised explosive device (IED) while leading his platoon on a dismounted patrol of a narrow alley in Northern Helmand Province, one of the deadliest provinces in Afghanistan.

He remained conscious until he was anesthetized in the Medevac chopper. The superior training his men received enabled them to stabilize him and save his life. Both of Byler's legs were amputated above the knee, and he lost both pinky fingers. After being cared for in U.S. military hospitals in Afghanistan and Europe, Byler was transferred to the National Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, Maryland.

Captain Byler, a graduate of Huntington High School and Purdue University, received a hero's welcome upon returning to his Huntington, Long Island home to spend Christmas 2010 with his family. He has been awarded a Purple Heart.

Building Homes for Heroes carried out a major renovation of the Byler family's home in Huntington, NY.



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USMC Captain James Byler and mother Janet.



USMC Captain James Byler and his dad Phil.



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Huntington Tri-Village Little League honored Captain Byler on Memorial Day.



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Captain Byler speaking at a Building Homes for Heroes event.



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Former major leaguer Bud Harrelson with Captain Byler.



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Captain Byler with dad, mom, and brother John.



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Homecoming ceremony for Captain Byler in Huntington, NY.

