

The following is provided as a Statement For The Record from Homes For Our Troops (HFOT) regarding our testimony of 21 May 2025 to the Economic Opportunity Sub-Committee of the House Veteran Affairs Committee.

1) During Panel #1 (VA witnesses), Representative Ciscomani asked for specific examples of SAH Grant uses in AZ. HFOT uses SAH Grant eligibility as a qualifying criterion to receive a new specially adapted custom home. HFOT has built and donated 6 homes in Arizona:

- **Casa Grande** for Marine Gunnery Sergeant Nick Beberniss (Dec 2023)
- **Queen Creek** for Marine Corporal Yev Shenker (Sep 2022)
- **Prescott Valley** for Army Sergeant Brian Roberts (Jun 2015)
- **Mesa** for Marine Sergeant Robert Bruce (Nov 2014)
- **Cottonwood** for Marine Sergeant Jordan Maynard (Feb 2014)
- **Peoria** for Army First Sergeant Mike Leonard (Nov 2013)

We also have one project underway in **Florence** for Army Sergeant Nicholas Rempp. We have procured the land, and the project is currently in the engineering phase. We don't expect to break ground until mid-2026, with completion projected for summer of 2027.


2) Also, during Panel #1, Representative Barrett commented on the increased construction costs the past few years and asked whether the value of the SAH Grant had kept pace with rising costs of materials and labor or were injured Veterans having to commit to more out of pocket costs.

HFOT designs more than 40 major special adaptations into our homes to restore freedom and independence to our injured Veterans. We provide them with a completely safe and fully adapted home where they can recover, rehab and rebuild their lives.

From 2020-2024, the total cost of our homes (land, materials and labor) increased by approx. 40%. The cost for the 40+ major adaptations in each home today is \$260K. The SAH Grant in 2025 is \$121,812 and covers less than half the cost of the adaptations. If an injured Veteran built a new home containing all our adaptations, they would have to provide the difference of approx. \$140K.

However, the overwhelming majority of this injured Veteran population can't afford to build a new home. They will use the SAH grant to adapt their current home as much as possible. If they wanted to fully adapt their home to include all of the special adaptations in an HFOT home, to provide full access and complete safety, it would cost approx. \$360K.

For the entire \$121K SAH grant today, we estimate a Veteran could afford to adapt an entrance to the home, along with one fully adapted bathroom, an adapted kitchen and one adapted bedroom, all on the ground floor.

  
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