

Wounded Veteran Receives Specially Adapted Home

While on patrol in the Sunni Triangle, one of the most dangerous sectors along the Euphrates River in Iraq, Army Captain Ferris Butler's HUMVEE triggered an IED. The explosion ripped through the vehicle and resulted in serious injuries to CPT Butler. He managed to issue orders to secure the area, because he instinctively knew that the ones responsible for the bomb might be waiting nearby for an opportunity to attack again.

Captain Butler was then transported to the Army hospital in Balad, where he underwent the first of 54 surgeries to deal with his injuries. Later airlifted to Landstuhl, Germany and finally to the U.S., CPT Butler spent the next two years enduring surgery after surgery, which included the amputation of both of his legs, followed by intense rehabilitation.

Sometimes, good things come out of very bad circumstances. While in the hospital, CPT Butler met a volunteer named Laura. They fell in love and married in October 2009. One of the biggest challenges they faced when CPT Butler was released from the hospital was finding a home that would be comfortable for him.

A CFC-O supported charity stepped in and built a specially adapted house for him. Now, CPT Butler can enjoy spending time with his wife and focus on his future without the stress of finding accessible housing overwhelming him. CPT Butler would like to express his gratitude to those that helped him in his time of need and encourage others who are able to support the worthy causes supported by the Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas.
