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Neighbors In The News



Marine Corporal Kevork Khachadurian was surprised with a new home in Fort Washington, Maryland on Saturday (7News)

On January 20, some Tantallon residents braved the twenty degree frigid temperatures to attend the dedication of a brand new home provided by **“Homes for our Troops” for Marine Corporal Kevork Khachadurian, nick name “Khach.”** As an Infantry rifleman with the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines, in Sangin, Afghanistan, he lost both his legs and a few fingers when he stepped on an IED (explosive device) while serving in Afghanistan in 2011. After two years of rehab at Walter Reed Medical Center, Khach has epitomized the Marine spirit of not only turning his life positive, but he is dedicating himself to helping others.

In the open layout of an HFOT home, all appliances, cabinets, and shelves will be in reach. Khach says this home will be the foundation for the rest of his life, and he is incredibly grateful

to HFOT’s donors and supporters. “Living with a disability can be really stressful at times, but coming home to an HFOT home will take all the stress away,” he says. Khach has become an avid athlete in the years since his injury. He is a member of the USA Warriors Sled Hockey team. He also plays sitting volleyball and participated in the USA Volleyball Open National Championship competition in May 2023. He enjoys spending time with his two mini pinschers, Dash and Ryder. He also works as a disc jockey in the DC area and plans to build a music studio in his HFOT home.

Homes For Our Troops (HFOT) is building custom homes for soldiers like Khach, which are specially adapted to their needs. This organization has already built 11 homes in Maryland and built a total of 400 homes nationwide. As you can imagine, the emotion was high when the American Flag was raised on the new flagpole at the entrance to his new home and all singing “God Bless America”, and Khach turning the keys in the front door for the first time. The home is located on Riverview Road across from the ball field on the left going toward the river.

Khach’s story is at <https://www.hfotusa.org/building-homes/veterans/khachadurian/>. For more information on HFOT, check out their website for further info: www.hfotusa.org/mission/.

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