

## **PATIOS FOR PATRIOTS TO SURPRISE RETURNING SOLDIER**

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ASHLAND, OHIO – When Matt Jackson, a soldier in the Air National Guard, returns home at month-end June from his deployment in Iraq, he'll be welcomed with an all-expenses paid backyard makeover compliments of Patios For Patriots.

The married 35-year old father of three has served our country for 16 years, including three deployments to Iraq, and additional deployments to Afghanistan, Korea, and Guam. Jackson's current deployment is representative of the type of person he is: a fellow soldier became a new father with the birth of a daughter in the weeks leading up to the deployment. The daughter was born with a significant birth defect and, to allow the soldier and his family to have time together during a difficult life change, Jackson selflessly volunteered to take the place of the soldier.

Jackson was nominated by multiple individuals which speaks highly of the type of person he is and the manner in which he lives. Fellow veteran Benjamin Janczewski, who served alongside Jackson for six years, notes "Jackson has earned this nomination by the way he lives and serves our country." Another person notes "Matt is not one to seek out recognition, he simply lives by a credo to do his best and treat others with respect."

Jason Moritz and Nathan Moritz, owners and operators of Moritz Materials in Ashland, Ohio are donating all concrete materials used for the patio. This is Moritz Materials third project with Patios For Patriots and the company has become an invaluable partner of the organization. Justin Sloan, owner and operator of Sloan Concrete in Ashland, Ohio, has led the crew of workers and volunteers as the project general, donating his company's time, resources, and skills. Bull Outdoor Products in Rialto, California donated grills for the outdoor kitchen and Medina Sod Farms in Orrville, Ohio is providing the sod.

Patios for Patriots, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) company, was formed solely to honor and thank this country's brave men and women for their service. Spearheaded by Jason Geiser and Todd Hershberger, it is an effort focused on designing and constructing concrete patios for residences nationwide. The organization consists of volunteers and contractors who donate their time and energy to perform the work. Funds donated by the public are used toward the projects.

Why patios, you may ask? "To that we say, 'Why not?'" agreed Geiser and Hershberger. "Our veterans selflessly give of themselves through serving our country and we think they deserve a special thank you for that service. This is our way of saying thanks by doing what we do best – designing and constructing concrete patios for residential homes."

For more information regarding Patios For Patriots, visit [www.patiosforpatriots.org](http://www.patiosforpatriots.org).

To view other Patios For Patriots projects, go to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCg1TeKI1ZLRHqp2A0PZCJvw/videos>

1 photo: Matt Jackson



**NOTE TO ASSIGNMENT EDITORS:** Matt and Liz Jackson live at 832 Township Road 974, Ashland, Ohio. The new patio will be revealed to the veteran on Saturday, June 30, 2018, at approximately 6:30PM. Please call for details.