

LOCAL VIETNAM VETERAN ANOTHER RECIPIENT OF PATIOS FOR PATRIOTS

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Wooster, Ohio – Vietnam veteran and Purple Heart recipient Mr. Shirl Evans was surprised on July 27, 2018 when a small group of people representing Patios For Patriots arrived at his home and announced to him that he was selected as a recipient of a backyard patio makeover courtesy of the organization.

The married veteran and father of three sons is a veteran of the U.S. Army and served during the Vietnam War where a mortar blast left him injured from the shrapnel. Evans was transported to a medical facility, but only *after* helping to secure other men who were also injured. While serving in Vietnam, Evans also dealt with personal struggles including the knowledge that his mother was battling cancer. She subsequently passed away shortly after his return home from the war.

Evans remains active in the community and has been heavily involved in his church. His service goes beyond the military and extends to people, in general, as evidenced by stories told by his family, friends, and neighbors throughout the selection process and through the completion of the project. His role as a father to his three boys is also evident in that two of his sons followed in their father's footsteps and are also veterans of the U.S. Army.

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 (Co-Founders), it is an effort focused on designing and constructing concrete patios for residences. 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. This is the sixth project in the Wayne County, Ohio area and 14th project overall.

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.

To view other Patios For Patriots projects, go to <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCg1TeKl1ZLRHqp2A0PZCJvw/videos>

NOTE TO ASSIGNMENT EDITORS: Shirl and Patti Evans live at 2235 Little John Lane, Wooster, Ohio 44691. The new patio will be revealed to the veteran on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, at 6:00PM. Please call for details.