



WARRIOR VILLAGE PROJECT

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PROGRESS REPORT

The business community continued to step forward to support our students and our veterans.

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- Dave Pane, owner of [The Refined Craftsman](#), installed kitchen cabinets in our first cottage.

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HomeAid San Diego L to R: Mark Read (Board Member), Mary Lydon (Executive Director), Jamie Prevost (Board Member), and Staci Reidinger (Board President).

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FUTURE EVENTS

Wounded Warrior Homes ADU Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in January 2021 (COVID-19 permitting)

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VIP PROFILE American Veterans

November is the month in which we honor all of our Veterans.
It is also Homelessness Awareness Month.
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Did You Know?
The U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA) states the nation's homeless veterans are predominantly male, with roughly five percent being female. About 1/3rd of the adult homeless population are veterans.

Seniors Experiencing Homelessness



SCHOOL UPDATE

10 Reasons Why Parents Should Advocate For Skilled Trades Careers

(From NAHB's workforce development communication partner, [Generation T](#))

"While you might be encouraging your kid to go to college, there's another option you may not have considered: promising careers in the skilled trades. Today's tradespeople are using technology in ways we never would have dreamed, they're making great money and establishing lifelong careers. Here are 10 reasons why you should encourage your high schooler to enter the skilled trades after graduation.

Trade School is Less Expensive Than College

While the average price of college is [nearly \\$10,000 per year](#) in the U.S. for tuition alone, trade school is just \$5,000 to \$15,000 total for a certificate of completion or trade diploma. College tuition doesn't factor in extras such as housing and textbooks. Trade school is short enough that students don't typically require long-term housing.

They Can Start Working (and Earning Money) Quickly

Most students finish trade school in as little as [12 to 18 months](#), and in between apprenticeship levels, they engage in paid, on-the-job training. After a few weeks in school, your teen could be earning money while gaining valuable work experience.

The Money is Good

While the average pay for skilled tradespeople varies depending on their experience and skill level, the trades usually offer a fantastic starting salary and [a high income](#).

Most Skilled Trades Work Comes with Benefit Packages

In addition to the excellent pay, most skilled tradespeople in the construction industry [receive benefits](#) with their compensation packages.

Feel a Sense of Accomplishment Every Day

Encouraging your child to get into a trade means encouraging them to invest in a career that allows them to feel a sense of accomplishment each day and see tangible results of a job well done.

The Sky's the Limit When it Comes to Job Growth

Entering a skilled trade means committing to several levels of an apprenticeship before becoming a licensed journeyman. That means that as soon as your child starts their career, they're in line for several promotions (and pay raises), provided they complete their schooling and work experience at each apprenticeship level. Once they become a journeyman, there's still plenty of growth opportunities.

There's Room for Everyone in the Skilled Trades

The skilled trades have plenty of opportunities for women, men and minorities looking for long-term work. In fact, by 2028, it's predicted that there will be [more than 3 million job openings](#) in the skilled trades.

They Can Choose a Job They Love

There are plenty of choices when it comes to working in the skilled trades. From construction worker to painter to welder, there's a job for just about every interest and skill level.

They'll Receive Safety Training

Skilled trades may sound like a dangerous career, but in most cases, workers receive continuous safety training and certifications to ensure that they're working safely and within their industry's regulations.

Some Skilled Trades are Close to Recession-Proof

Utilities like electricity and plumbing aren't going anywhere anytime soon, and even in a substantial economic downturn, there's always demand for skilled laborers who can work in these specialty areas."

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

On March 13, 2020 Kate Monaghan of [Classy Closets](#) met Palomar College Interior Design student Melvin Hardy and Chris Geldert to take measurements and discuss the design of the custom wardrobe closet [Classy Closets](#) was donating for our first cottage. At the time we did not know that Chris' students would be leaving the campus that week, never to return. However, Kate did return on November 1, 2021 with her tape measure to take the finished measurements so that she could finalize the design for the custom wardrobe that [Classy Closets](#) will manufacture and install for us. The wardrobe is going to be beautiful! Thank you Kate and [Classy Closets](#) for your generosity and your patience!



In our February 2020 newsletter we told you about the partnership that the Warrior Village Project was building with [Palomar College](#). In our May 2020 newsletter we highlighted the [Palomar College Cabinet & Furniture Technology Department](#) that was building kitchen cabinets for our cottages. Palomar College was impacted by COVID-19 just like our high schools. But, Brendan Matthews, owner of [Foothill CabinetWorks](#) and a part-time Palomar College instructor, and his students finished the cabinets for our first cottage. The cabinets went into storage for a pandemic extended period until we were ready to install them. It was hurry up and wait for a while, then it was just wait, and then it was hurry up.

On Sunday November 7 part-time instructors Georg Kast and Dave Span arrived on site with a truck load of cabinets and another truck full of tools. Georg is a retired nuclear engineer. Dave is a former sixth grade science teacher, a graduate of Palomar's Cabinet & Furniture Technology program, and the owner of [The Refined Craftsman](#). With Georg, Dave and Chris Geldert on the job, our cabinets were in very good hands!



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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE (continued)



Installation of the base cabinets was on the critical path for the completion of our cottage. After 5 hours of hard work, Dave and Georg had finished installing the base cabinets so that So Cal Counterworks could take measurements for the fabrication of our granite counter tops. Thank you Brendan, Georg, Dave and Jennifer Anderson, Lead Instructor of the Palomar College Cabinet & Furniture Department, for your patience and the extra effort you put in to install our base cabinets on short notice!



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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE (continued)



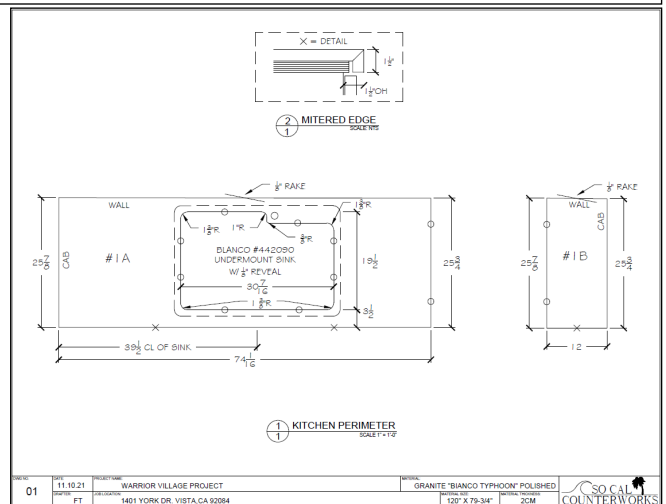
Chris Krajewski, Manager of Rain Gutters for [Santa Fe Roofing & Rainutters](#), came to the site on October 21 to take measurements for our rain cutters and did a color match with the fascia and trim on our cottage.



On November 5 Flo Echeverria, Service Technician for [Symons Fire Protection](#), came to the site to install a pressure regulator for our fire protection system, because our water pressure can exceed 150 psi.



Jesse Esparza of [So Cal Counterworks](#) came to the site on November 9 to take measurements for the countertop that So Cal would fabricate from the granite slab donated by [Arizona Tile](#). Jesse's measurements were translated into a construction drawing by So Cal's drafting department.



On November 29, Jesse's colleagues, Dylan and Jaime, arrived to install the countertop. The first step was cutting a hole in the plywood subtop for the installation of the undermount sink.

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE (continued)



After positioning the countertop, Dylan determined that the countertop did not fit snugly against the wall. Our drywall has a bit of a 'wave' in it, which isn't uncommon. Dylan scribed a line along the back edge of the granite to guide him as he trimmed a sliver of granite from the edge of the countertop.



After securing the countertop in place, Dylan drilled a hole in the top for the faucet and Jaime caulked the joints between the countertop and the sink for a water tight seal.



Our beautiful granite countertop installed.



L to R: Jaime and Dylan.

We are very grateful to [So Cal Counterworks](#) for fabricating and installing our countertop, [Arizona Tile](#) for donating the granite, and the [Palomar College Cabinet & Furniture Technology Department](#) and Brendan Matthews, Dave Span and Georg Kast for building and installing the cabinets on which the countertop rests.

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CONSTRUCTION UPDATE (continued)



The [Wounded Warrior Homes](#) site in Vista was a beehive of activity on November 9. Chris Kennedy, Foreman for [JAAM Electric](#), returned to the site with his crew member Felipe Ortiz. Chris ran through a punch list of items for Felipe to tackle, including installing two ceiling fans and the porch light. Felipe also did a hot test to make sure that everything was in proper working order. I have lost count of how many times JAAM Electric employees have been to our building sites at San Marcos High School and in Vista. JAAM has made a huge commitment of resources to help us.

Thank you JAAM Electric!

Before Mia and Steve Roseberry took a break to visit their daughter and her family in Montana over the Thanksgiving holiday, Steve made more progress on the multi-step process of tiling the shower stall. After the tile joints have been grouted, the shower stall will be ready for the plumbing trim out and the installation of a shower door.



PARTNERS HomeAid San Diego

On November 14, my kids and I joined the [2021 HomeAid San Diego Walk to End Homelessness](#) at Mission Bay Park. All proceeds from the event will benefit HomeAid San Diego's building projects, community outreach and advocacy efforts.

HomeAid San Diego was well represented by Mary Lydon, recently appointed Executive Director, Staci Reidinger, Board President, and many Board Members. San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria gave an impassioned speech to kick off the event.



SPONSORS

I am accustomed to hearing a “Yes” when I ask companies for help for our students and our veterans. Sometimes I ask in person and I receive a ‘Yes’ on the spot. Sometimes I send emails with my plea, hoping that someone will respond. I sent an email to [Santa Fe Roofing & Rain Gutters](#) to ask for a donation of rain gutter materials. An hour later, Monte Stewart, owner of Santa Fe responded: *“Thank you for reaching out to Santa Fe Roofing & Rain gutters. We are very interested. I will have my rain gutter manager Chris reach out to you.”* And the next day Chris Krajewski called me to make an appointment to take measurements for our gutters.

The folks at Santa Fe Roofing & Rain Gutters are awesome!



Sara Kilburn, founder of [Bridge Corps](#), introduced us to Kelly Bailey, Regional Commercial Account Manager for [Living Spaces](#) and Living Spaces’ representative to the [Building Industry Association of San Diego](#). Sara asked Kelly if Living Spaces could help us furnish the ADU we are building for Wounded Warrior Homes in Vista. Kelly set the wheels in motion. In no time David Pellillo, General Manager of [Living Spaces](#) in Vista, and his colleague, Interior Designer Razz al-Tekreeti, came to take measurements of our ADU and talk with Mia Roseberry about her requirements for furnishings. Thank you Kelly, David, Raaz and Living Spaces for your generosity!

Dave Span, owner of [The Refined Craftsman](#) and a proud graduate of the Palomar College Cabinet & Furniture Technology program, answered the call for help to install the cabinets Brendan Mathews’ Palomar College students built for our first cottage. Installation of the base cabinets was on the critical path for the completion of our cottage. Brendan was very busy with a big cabinet installation of his own, so Dave stepped in to install our cabinets on his day off. The cabinet making community is a tight knit group of awesome people. Thanks Dave!



Happy Holidays!

DONATE TO THE WARRIOR VILLAGE PROJECT

We can provide truly affordable, permanent housing. But, we can't do it for free. To succeed, we need financial support. The materials required to build our cottages cost about \$25,000 per cottage. It will cost about \$10,000 to transport a cottage to its installation site. The cost of installing a cottage as an Accessory Dwelling Unit will depend on the site. But, it should cost about \$30,000 per cottage. Hence, we can provide permanent housing for a veteran for about \$65,000 per unit. This is a bargain compared to the cost of government supported 'affordable' housing projects. According to the [Terner Center for Housing Innovation](#) at UC Berkeley, it cost an average of \$480,000 (\$700/sq ft) to build one unit of affordable housing in California under the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program.

Donors who wish to donate for the construction of our cottages at San Marcos High School can make a contribution through our fiscal sponsor, [The San Marcos Promise](https://thesanmarcospromise.org/donate/#ways-to-donate) (<https://thesanmarcospromise.org/donate/#ways-to-donate>), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

- **Online Donations:** When you donate online, please '*Leave A Comment*' indicating that your donation is for the Warrior Village Project.
- **Donations by Check:** Mail your check, made payable to The San Marcos Promise, to:

**The San Marcos Promise
255 Pico Avenue, Suite 103
San Marcos, CA 92069**

Please write on the Check's Memo Line that your donation is for the Warrior Village Project.

Please help us to provide affordable, permanent housing for homeless veterans while training the next generation of homebuilders.

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