



WARRIOR VILLAGE PROJECT

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PROGRESS REPORT

Although we suspended publication of our newsletter during the summer break, we have been busy:

- Students at [Poway High School](#) continued work on their first Moveable Tiny House and started work on a second house during a 3-week Builders Bootcamp. They also toured the [Associated General Contractors \(AGC\) Apprenticeship Training Center in Lakeside](#).
- Six [Montecito High School](#) construction students traveled to Atlanta for the Skills USA National Conference. Nicholas Jordan's students represented Montecito High School and California well.
- [San Marcos High School](#) students returned to campus on August 16 and re-started construction on our second Warrior Village Project cottage. Jon Hill and Alan Jurgensen from the [AGC Apprenticeship Training Program](#) are assisting teacher Chris Geldert with instruction.

We continued our search for a site for the installation of our second cottage. We have some promising potential sites, but still haven't confirmed one.



Jon Hill and Alan Jurgensen, instructors in the Associated General Contractors (AGC) Apprenticeship Training Program, are back on the San Marcos High School campus to help Chris Geldert teach his students building trades while completing the construction of our second Warrior Village Project cottage.

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FUTURE EVENTS

Our Students Are Back!

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VIP PROFILE

Our American Veterans

We held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the cottage we donated to [Wounded Warrior Homes](#) on March 24, 2022. The home was built by [San Marcos High School](#) students with assistance from [Montecito High School](#) construction students, and with the support of 67 companies who donated cash, materials and labor to help complete the home during the COVID 19 shutdown. Wounded Warrior Homes has three single-family residences in North County that provide housing in a group living environment for 13 veterans suffering from traumatic brain injury (TBI) and post-traumatic stress (PTS). Our cottage was installed as an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) in the backyard of the nonprofit's home in Vista.

The ADU will be occupied by veterans who are almost ready to live on their own. The cottage is a fully-equipped home in which the veterans can experience independent living. Wounded Warrior Homes Executive Director Mia Roseberry told [abc 10 News San Diego](#): "So the idea with the ADU is that they'll be able to live in here for the next 30, 60, 90 days when they're getting ready to transition out and feel what it's like to really have their own place," said Roseberry.

Air Force veteran David Teall moved into the ADU this summer, the first veteran to live in the cottage. Teall suffered a TBI and PTS during his service in Afghanistan in 2007. David explained to [abc 10 News San Diego](#) that he "experienced a vehicle bomb at the base that I was at, and it really impacted my life significantly with nightmares and dealing with anxiety and just dealing with loud noises," he said. Regarding his new home, David said that "It feels very relaxing and comfortable, and I really enjoy being here."

The ADU offers something that the group home on the property does not; a place where David can spend private, quality time with his son. Sitting on the table when [abc 10 News San Diego](#) reporter [Natay Holmes](#) visited David was a Lego Minecraft display built by the veteran and his 7-year-old son. "Part of making this place my home, I spent time with my son, together building it and creating this. It's been so helpful to me," Teall said. "Every veteran and individual is different," said Mia Roseberry. "So whatever they need support with housing, education, employment... we're here to help them."

[Natay Holmes](#) of abc 10 News San Diego interviewed David Teall and Mia Roseberry in our ADU on National Non-profit Day. To watch and read her story, '[Local nonprofit offers transitional housing for veterans](#)', press your 'Ctrl' key and 'Click' on the story title or the photo of David below.



SCHOOL UPDATE

Montecito High School

After taking home a haul of medals from the 55th annual [SkillsUSA California](#) Leadership and Skill Conference at the Ontario Convention Center on April 21- 24, six California Gold Medal winners from [Montecito High School](#) advanced to the National Conference where competitors represented 45 states. Representing California at the National Conference were California Gold Medal Teamworks winners Erick Violeta, Austin Fung and Kaleb Koeberlien, all 2022 graduates; and Chance Kaufman, a senior this year. Also representing California were Senior Kale Spillman competing in Masonry, and Luis Lozano competing in the Post-secondary Electrical Construction Wiring category. The Teamworks team and Kale Spillman placed in the top 30 in the Nation. Congratulations for a job well done!



Montecito High students participating in SkillsUSA's National Leadership and Skills Conference in Atlanta, Ga. From left: Luis Lozano, Austin Fung, Kaleb Koeberlien, Erick Violeta, Kale Spillman and Chance Kaufman, with Construction Teacher Nicholas Jordan. (Photo courtesy of Nicholas Jordan)

Construction teacher Nicholas Jordan told [Julie Gallant](#) of the [Ramona Sentinel](#) that it was the first time that the competition had been held in Atlanta. Prior National Conferences were held in Louisville, Ky, according to Jordan. "It was a great experience for all the students and myself," Jordan said. "They were able to see the SkillsUSA platform on a larger scale."



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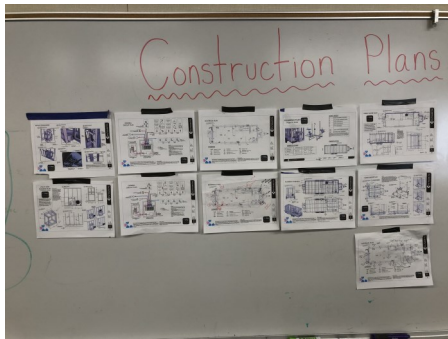
CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Poway High School Moveable Tiny House Project

Last summer, [Poway Unified School District](#) (PUSD) held a Career Technical Education (CTE) Builders Bootcamp workshop in which 23 students started building a Moveable Tiny House. The workshop was one of seven offered by PUSD as part of an enrichment program made possible by CTE grant funding and partnerships with businesses that donated supplies and services. Students continued to work on the house after school at [Poway High School](#) (PHS) during the 2021 - 22 academic year.

The Builders Bootcamp program was so successful that PUSD offered another 3-week workshop this summer at PHS. Both workshops were taught by Joe Ismay, a Technology Instructor with 30 years of teaching experience in the PUSD. This summer's cohort of students was just as enthusiastic as last summer's students. They worked to finish the construction of the tiny house that was started last summer while at the same time starting the construction of a second house. The goal is to finish and sell both houses to an organization helping with the housing shortage crisis and then reuse the funds to build more houses.

On July 27, Mark Pilcher, founder of the [Warrior Village Project](#), and Michael McSweeney, statewide CTE Coordinator for the [California Homebuilding Foundation](#) (CHF), visited the construction site at PHS to see how the students were doing. We caught them in the act of working hard, sweating, having fun, and learning a lot about building trades through the hands-on experience of building houses!



L to R: House construction plans.

Exterior of PHS House #1.

Laying flooring in PHS House #1.



L to R: Houses #1 and 2.

Lots of teamwork on House #2.

Joe, Michael & student builders.

PUSD hoped that the summer Builders Bootcamp workshops would evolve into a building and construction trades course at Poway High in the 2022 - 23 school year, and they did! It has been difficult to find a dedicated instructor for the class, but PHS is making it work with a long-term substitute and the support of PUSD CTE Specialist Jeremy Martin.

Jeremy is looking for a part-time instructor for this course. If you are interested in joining the Poway High School Faculty and teaching the next generation of home builders, please contact Jeremy through email at JEMartin@PowayUSD.com, or call him at (619) 665-5190.

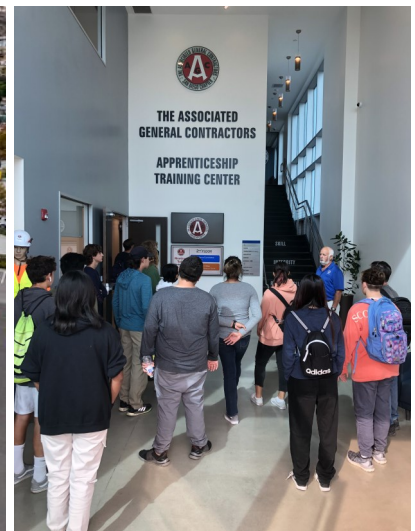


PARTNERS

Associated General Contractors Apprenticeship Training Program

The [Associated General Contractors \(AGC\) Apprenticeship Training Program](#) has been a great partner to the [Warrior Village Project](#). The good folks at AGC support our dual missions to **provide affordable, permanent housing for homeless veterans while training the next generation of construction workers**. They helped supervise and teach our students building our first houses at [San Marcos High School \(SMHS\)](#), and they helped us with their time, expertise and the donation of materials to build the foundation for the house we donated to [Wounded Warrior Homes](#). With school now in session, AGC Apprenticeship instructors [Jon Hill](#) and [Alan Jurgensen](#) are back on the SMHS campus helping to teach a new cohort of construction students carpentry skills while building our second Warrior Village Project cottage.

The [AGC Apprenticeship Training Program](#) hosts students at their amazing Training Center in Lakeside. Students from SMHS, [Montecito High School](#), [North County Trade Tech](#) and many others have visited the Training Center to tour the facility and to experience hands-on exercises in the building trades. This summer, on a day when students in the [Poway High School](#) (PHS) Builders Bootcamp were unable to work on campus, the Training Center hosted the PHS students. The students toured AGC's outdoor masonry training site and practiced their skills in wood framing and steel framing. They had fun participating in nailing skills contests. But, the students really enjoyed learning to operate heavy equipment on



the Center's state-of-the art construction equipment training simulators.

PARTNERS

AGC Apprenticeship Training Program (continued)



Alan Jurgensen explains the design of wood frame structures before the students start framing a wall.



Chris Griego demonstrates how steel studs are used to frame a wall.



The PHS students took to the construction equipment training simulators like ducks to water!

If you would like to take a 'virtual tour' of AGC's amazing [Training Center](#), type 'Ctrl' and 'Click' on this [Training Center](#) link.

If you would like to arrange a real life tour and hands-on building trades experiences for your students at AGC's Lakeside Training Center, please call Marty Anderson at (858) 558-8700.



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AGC Apprenticeship Training Program (continued)

The AGC Apprenticeship Training Program is accepting applications for AGC's programs in San Diego County (Lakeside), Riverside County (Riverside), and Orange County (Santa Ana). [Ctrl Click on this Application link](#) if you want to learn about a free program that launches careers in the building trades.

**COLLEGE VS. THE TRADES:
WHICH WAY TO GO?**

There's more than one path to success, and one of the biggest decisions you'll make is choosing between a four-year college and a different direction, like training in the skilled trades. Let's see how training with the AGC Apprenticeship program stacks up.

AGC APPRENTICESHIP Earn While You Learn	COLLEGE Earn After You Learn
YEARS WHILE IN THE WORKFORCE 4	YEARS TO ENTER WORKFORCE 4
EDUCATION COST WITH LOANS & INTEREST \$0.	EDUCATION COST WITH LOANS & INTEREST \$154,000
MEDIAN STARTING SALARY \$76,928	GRADUATED \$46,900
GRADUATED	MEDIAN STARTING SALARY
\$224,102	-\$107,100
Estimated additional Fringe Benefits earnings totaling \$45,634 per year	

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WHAT IS AN "APPRENTICE"?

Person who has entered into a written state of California Apprentice Agreement with an approved program sponsor like AGC Apprenticeship.

- Works for a construction company.
- Earns a salary while learning their craft.
- Receives related classroom education.

WHAT MAKES APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING UNIQUE

- The best and only way to become a skilled craftsman.
- Construction workers are in high demand.
- Upward mobility - not a dead-end job.
- Combination of paid on-the-job training plus related classroom education.

BENEFITS OF BEING AN APPRENTICE

- Hands on training.
- Paid Education.
- Good earning potential.
- Strong career growth.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO JOIN THE AGC APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM?

There is **NO** cost to join the AGC Apprenticeship Program. It is a **FREE EDUCATION!**

(Every apprentice must be committed to attending school on their own time, and they must also purchase their own textbooks.)

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2022 Training Session #5: OCTOBER 17, 2022 – DECEMBER 15, 2022

SPONSORS



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 \$60,000 per cottage (June 2022 estimate). 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 \$100,000 per unit (\$250/sq ft). This is a bargain compared to the cost of government supported 'affordable' housing projects. According to the [Turner Center for Housing Innovation](#) at UC Berkeley, in 2019 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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