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PROGRESS REPORT

We told you about our collaboration with [Palomar College](#) in previous newsletters ([February](#), [May](#), [June](#) and [July](#) issues of 2020, and the [November](#) and [December](#) issues of 2021). We have worked with the [Architecture](#), [Interior Design](#) and [Cabinet and Furniture Technology](#) programs. The Cabinet and Furniture Technology program offers the most comprehensive woodworking career curriculum in the nation.

Palomar College struggled through the pandemic just like we did, and we were not sure if we would be able to continue our collaboration when the pandemic fallout settled. So, I was very happy when Jordan Clarke, Assistant Professor and the head of the Cabinet and Furniture Technology Department, reached out to tell me that Palomar College was looking forward to continuing its support of the Warrior Village Project by building cabinets for our second cottage. Jordan is teaching a Cabinet Design class this semester. He will be teaching a Cabinet Production class in the Spring Semester in which his students will build cabinets for us using the materials that have already been donated by our awesome Sponsors. Jordan stopped by SMHS on November 16 to discuss our cabinet plans.



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FUTURE EVENTS

Happy Thanksgiving!

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VIP PROFILE

Our American Veterans

Veterans Day, originally known as Armistice Day, is a federal holiday in the United States observed annually on November 11 to honor military veterans of the [United States Armed Forces](#) (who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable). Veterans Day coincides with other holidays, including [Armistice Day](#) and [Remembrance Day](#), which are celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of World War I.

Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 when the Armistice with Germany went into effect. When the armistice was signed, over 20 million people had lost their lives. At the urging of major U.S. veteran organizations, Armistice Day was re-named Veterans Day in 1954.

The [Veterans Association of North County](#) (VANC) hosted its annual Veterans Day celebration on November 11 to honor all those who served. Highlights included the VANC Choir, a Marine color guard from Camp Pendleton, Gold Star Wives, Master of Ceremonies Frank Pulley (SgtMaj USMC, Retired), and Navy chaplain Edwin Handle. The keynote speaker was [Lt. Gen George W. Smith Jr.](#), Commanding General, I Marine Expeditionary Force (I MEF), Camp Pendleton. The ceremony was followed by a complimentary lunch.



VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF NORTH COUNTY

SCHOOLS

Poway High School

We continue to work to build connections between our high schools and the building industry. In our [May 2022 Newsletter](#) we told you about the visit of Poway High School (PHS) students to the [Associated General Contractors \(AGC\) Apprenticeship Training Facility in Lakeside](#). In November Jeremy Martin, Career Education Specialist for the Poway Unified School District, reciprocated by inviting Apprenticeship Instructor Jon Hill to PHS to see the Moveable Tiny Houses PHS students are building and to meet their new Teacher Gene Tallon.



Gene Tallon has been a teacher at Poway High School for many years. Most recently, he taught mathematics. But, prior to teaching math, Gene led Poway High's cabinet making program. So, in addition to his math skills, Gene has hands-on experience working and teaching in a woodshop.

Ellen Stone joined Jon Hill on the visit to Poway High School. Ellen is a busy lady. She is the co-founder of the San Diego Chapter of the [American Tiny House Association](#) (ATHA). Ellen is also the founder and Managing Director of [Tiny Home Central](#). Tiny Home Central is a central source for tiny home info in San Diego.

Ellen is also working with [Urban Corps San Diego County](#) to teach young adults how to build Moveable Tiny Houses. The mission of Urban Corps of San Diego County is to provide young adults with the tools to expand their career opportunities through education, life skills training and paid work experience on projects that benefit our communities. Urban Corps provides a second chance at a high school education and paid job training designed to encourage civic engagement, responsibility and self-sufficiency.



Picnic tables built by students.



1st house in front, 2nd in back



Interior of 2nd house.



Jeremy and Gene explain the features of the almost complete 1st house to Jon and Ellen.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

San Marcos High School

Our Wednesday work day at San Marcos High School was called on account of rain the first week of November. The last week of November the school was closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday. So, our students didn't have much time to work on our cottage in November. But, the pace of their work continued to pick up as the students became more confident in their skills.



While some students were installing fiber cement siding on our cottage, others were installing siding on the garden shed last year's students built for the Agriculture Department using molding and decking material donated by [Weyerhaeuser](https://www.weyerhaeuser.com). This will no doubt be the nicest garden shed in San Diego County!



PARTNERS

The San Marcos Promise


Every student deserves to dream big about their future, but how do they dream big if they don't know what is possible? In an effort to provide students exposure to the myriad of opportunities within today's workforce, the San Marcos Promise held its [Annual Future Fair](#) at San Marcos High School on November 3. A number of Warrior Village Project [Sponsors](#) and other companies from the building industry participated. The event was hosted by [Lisa Stout](#), Executive Director of [The San Marcos Promise](#).



SPONSORS

Jon Hill and Alan Jurgensen from the [Associated General Contractors \(AGC\) Apprenticeship Training Program](#) participated in the Future Fair at San Marcos High School on November 3 to tell students about careers in the building trades. Recruiter Michael Johnson from Symons Fire Protection was also there to talk with students and parents about careers at [Symons Fire Protection, Inc.](#) AGC and Symons both offer Apprenticeship Training Programs in which high school graduates can earn while they learn on a pathway to a rewarding career.





APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Associated General Contractors of America, San Diego Chapter, Apprenticeship Program is accepting applications on a continuous basis for open-shop apprenticeship training programs in the following crafts:

Equipment Operator • Cement Mason
Drywall Finisher • Drywall Lather
Carpenter • Cement Mason
Painter • Laborer

Interested parties, please call
San Diego: (858) 558-8700
Riverside: (951) 786-9893
Orange: (714) 479-0020

Why does it pay to be an apprentice?





Some of the benefits that apprenticeship training provides:

- * Paid employment while you go to school and train for a career.
- * Regular salary increases as your job skills increase.
- * Supervised on-the-job training and academic instruction in the classroom.
- * Upward mobility within your chosen field, rather than a dead-end job.
- * Completion of an apprenticeship program opens a lifetime of economic opportunities.

Minimum Requirements:

Age: 18 years of age - no maximum age
Education: Proof of high school diploma or GED.
Physical: Good physical condition (Pre-employment drug test will be administered. Physical exam may be required by employer).
Transportation: Must be able to consistently get to and from work and school.

Equal Opportunity Contractors:
 All applicants, including minorities and women, are encouraged to apply. Our course curriculum matrix is on reverse.

Note: Application for the Apprenticeship Program is not to be construed as an offer or guarantee of employment with the AGC, or any other contractor, company, or entity.

FIRE SPRINKLER APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Symons Fire Protection is one of San Diego's leading fire-life safety contractors. We are seeking motivated individuals - with or without experience in the fire protection industry - who are looking for long-term, stable employment to join our **5-year apprenticeship program.**

As a growing company, there is continued room for advancement* of all employees that have a desire to learn and improve themselves through hard work, training, and a positive attitude.

Symons offers benefits such as medical insurance for all employees, 401k plans with company matching, and 40 hours of paid sick leave.

*ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND RAISES OFFERED EVERY 6 MONTHS WITH COMPLETION OF EACH LEVEL OF THE APPRENTICESHIP.



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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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