

Nurturing New Beginnings: A Summer of Hope

To Camp Centurion Family:

As we are in the height of summer, let's take a moment to be still. Just as we carefully tend to our gardens, planting seeds with hopeful hands and nurturing them through sun and rain, we anticipate the day we'll reap what we sow. The vibrant bounty of a well-tended garden isn't just about the food it provides; it's a testament to patience, dedication, and the beautiful cycle of growth.

Sowing Seeds of Hope

This same profound truth resonates deeply in life, especially for our veterans who are seeking a new beginning. They've bravely served our nation, often facing incredible challenges, and now, as they transition back to civilian life, many find themselves searching for fertile ground to plant new seeds of hope. Our transitional housing programs are precisely that — a nurturing space where they can rebuild, heal, and cultivate the next chapter of their lives.

A Garden of Support

Imagine our housing as a welcoming garden, where each veteran can find the essential elements to thrive. We provide not just shelter, but also the "sunlight" of support, the "water" of resources, and the "rich soil" of community. Here, they can plant the seeds of new skills, renewed purpose, and lasting connections. We believe that with the right care and attention, just like a garden blossoming in summer, they can cultivate a future filled with stability, purpose, and the peaceful harmony they so richly deserve. It's our privilege to help them nurture their growth and, ultimately, to reap a harvest of profound peace and lasting success.

Cultivating Tomorrow, Together

The summer garden reminds us of the profound truth that with care and attention, anything can blossom. Our transitional housing programs are a nurturing space where veterans, like seeds, can rebuild, heal, and cultivate the next chapter of their lives. But we can't do it alone.

We are privileged to witness their growth, but we need your help to continue providing the vital elements they need to thrive. Your contribution—no matter the size—directly impacts a veteran's journey towards stability and purpose. Join us in cultivating a brighter tomorrow for our nation's heroes. Your donation plants seeds of profound peace and lasting success.

Visit us at www.campcenturion.org scroll to the bottom of page to see how you can plant the seed of hope today.





Community Engagements:

This quarter, Camp Centurion had the privilege of sharing our mission with several local faith communities and civic groups. We are incredibly grateful for the warm welcomes and the opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges our veterans face and the work we're doing to support them.

If your church, business, or community organization would like to learn more about Camp Centurion or host us as a guest speaker, we would be honored to connect. Please reach out to us at centurion@campcenturion.org — we'd love to share our story and explore ways to work together in support of our veterans.

Upcoming Events, we will see you there!

Brick By Brick (Open House) September 20th

Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: 2126 Bess Town Road, Bessemer City, NC 28016

Brick Work (Volunteer Workday) October 18th

Time: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: 2126 Bess Town Road, Bessemer City, NC 28016

Volunteer Workday Recap: More Than Just Tasks Completed

On a recent Saturday morning, Camp Centurion welcomed a dedicated group of volunteers for one of the most successful workdays to date. With all scheduled tasks completed by 10:40 AM, the day was a testament to what can be accomplished through unity, service, and shared purpose.

While the efficiency of the day was impressive, it was the deeper impact that truly defined its success.

“Your actions sent a message louder than words: our veterans are not alone.”

For many of the veterans at Camp Centurion, community has been something distant or unfamiliar. Events like this help bridge that gap, offering not just a helping hand but a sense of belonging.

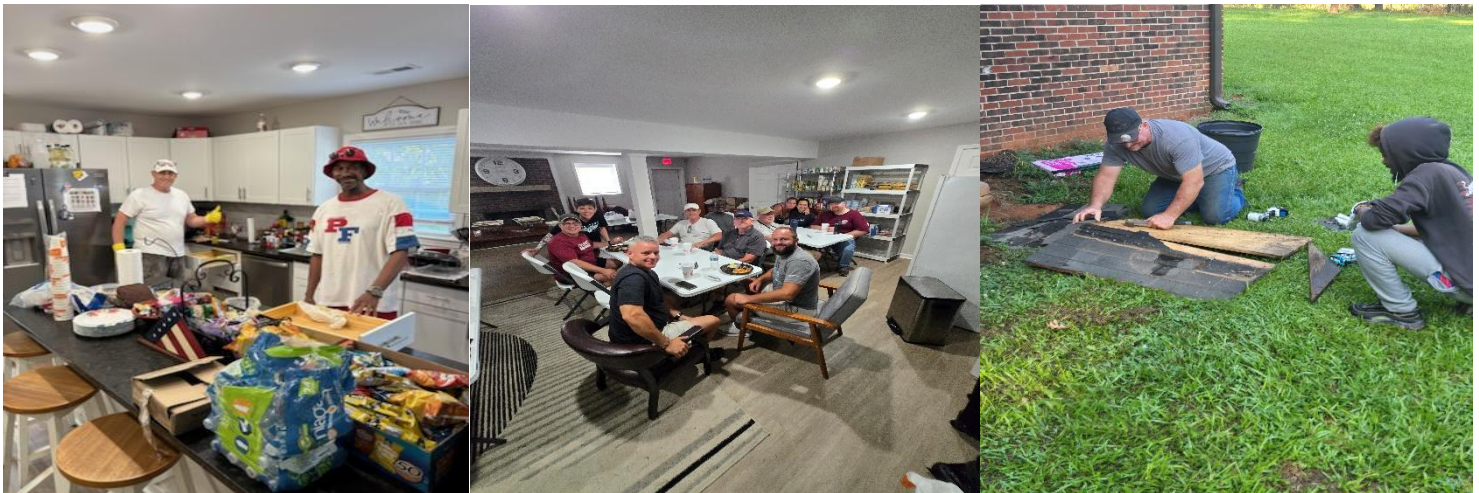
One veteran reflected afterward:

“I honestly thought I wouldn’t fit in or feel like I belonged, but I was proven wrong. The community at Camp Centurion is where I feel the most accepted and supported.”

And the gratitude went both ways. One volunteer shared:

“It was nice to meet you and the guys on Saturday and to witness the great work you are doing. Keep it up.”

These words remind us that every connection made and every act of service leaves a lasting impact—on our veterans, on our volunteers, and on the community we’re building together.



Chaplain's Corner

- Renovate (transitive verb): 1. Make something new again - to bring something, such as a building, back to a former, or better, state by means of repairs or remodeling.*
- 2. Refresh somebody or something – to give new vigor to somebody or something.*

For several months, I noticed renovations taking place at a quaint small country church. One day I noticed the parking lot was torn up and I assumed they were going to expand their parking space. However, it soon became apparent that they were making an addition to the building. I watched the progress and, for long periods, it appeared that no progress was being made. Then came the day when they covered the front of the church with gray cement blocks giving it the appearance of a warehouse or a prison. I was aghast at the sight and assumed they had lost their collective minds. They continued their renovations and covered the cement block with brick. Now it looked like a featureless brick wall similar to the side of a giant supermarket. At this point, I was certain they had fired their architect and the whole church was in an uproar. Undaunted by my privately held opinions, they continued working and when it was finally all completed, I was surprised to find it was a beautiful building with striking architectural features and a warm and welcoming curb appeal.

Upon reflection, I was reminded that God is constantly making renovations in our lives without sharing his specific building plans with us. During the process, we are prone to wonder what is happening, why is it happening and who's going to clean up this mess? God, of course, sees a need for renovations in our lives and, in His love, He will make those renovations and we need but simply trust Him to do so. His renovations are only as long and as painful as we make them. The end result is always a more beautiful, warm, and welcoming person.

Romans 12:2 (KJV) "...be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind..."

Chaplain Bud