



Helping a Hero invites you to a
GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY
honoring
SSgt (Ret.) Johnnie Yellock II, USAF

JOIN US:

Feb 19, 2015

12:00 PM

1604 Verbena Lane
Lantana, TX 76226

(Look for Flags & Helping A Hero signs)

Join us as we break ground on a specially adapted home for severely wounded veteran, SSgt (Ret.) Johnnie Yellock II, USAF.

SSgt (Ret) Johnnie O. Yellock II comes from a dual Veteran family and was raised in Texas. In 2002, he graduated from Keller High School before receiving his degree in Manufacturing Engineering from Tarleton State University in Stephenville, TX in 2006.

SSgt Yellock enlisted as a Combat Controller in the Air Force on April 17, 2007 and he completed the Combat Control pipeline, in June 2009. He was a trained static line and free fall jumper, and a U.S. Army qualified combat scuba diver. He was assigned to the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron (STS) Hurlburt Field, FL.

SSgt Johnnie O. Yellock II served his first deployment as an STS Joint Terminal Attack Controller (JTAC) in support of Combat Search and Rescue Afghanistan. Two of his best friends, SrA Mark Forester and SrA Danny Sanchez, were killed in action thirteen days from each other shortly before Johnnie returned home. SSgt Yellock then deployed in June 2011 as a JTAC in support of USSOCOM Special Forces tasked with Village Stability Operations.

On July 6, an Improvised Explosive Device disabled SSgt Yellock's vehicle and caused life-threatening injuries to both of his legs. Johnnie applied tourniquets to his own legs and continued to assist his team by providing Helicopter landing zone guidance to MEDEVAC himself and his interpreter to a nearby Forward Operating Base. Johnnie spent the next three years rehabilitating at BAMC in San Antonio where he undergone 30 surgeries to date. Johnnie received the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Combat Action Medal for his actions that day. Johnnie medically retired from active duty on November 27 2013 and became the Veteran Liaison for Helping a Hero. He champions the Mark Forester Foundation (www.MarkAForester.com) to honor of his best friend who was killed in action in Afghanistan.

RSVP to RSVP@HelpingAHero.org

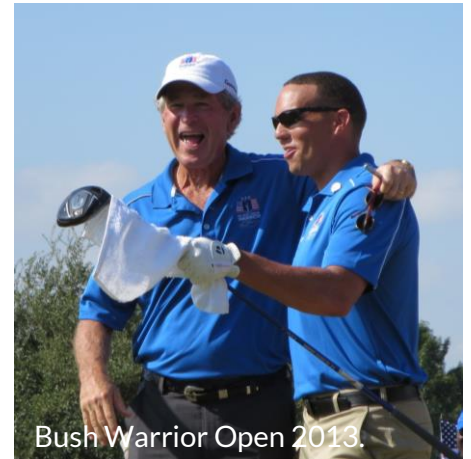
BBQ will be served following the ceremony.

Wear Red, White, & Blue and bring the whole family for this patriotic event!

Helping A Hero is a 501 (c) (3) organization that provides specially adapted homes for severely wounded Global War on Terror veterans.



Retirement freefall jump.



Bush Warrior Open 2013.



Special Performance by Lee Greenwood
"God Bless the USA"