

# RED Day

Remembering Everyone Deployed

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is a U. S. Army Veteran who recently celebrated his 90th birthday in September of this year. He volunteered for service at the age of twenty-one (21) and spent three (3) years serving our country in Nuremberg, Germany. Although he thinks fondly of his time in the military, he is not able to recall specific details of his service any longer.

Alonzo's home, where he raised 4 children with his wife Pearline, needs significant repairs-repairs that he is incapable of doing on his own both financially and physically. "I have trouble walking and back problems. I've had my knee replaced and both hips," Alonzo said. He needs a new roof, has no central air and is in need of paint and landscaping on the exterior of his home. While we are actively working to help him with his roof and A/C issues, Habitat Hillsborough staff volunteers will paint and landscape his home as part of our RED Day event on Friday, November 4, 2022.

Remembering Everyone Deployed day or RED Day, is a National Day of Remembrance for our Service Members currently deployed around the world. Over twenty (20) Habitat for Humanity Affiliates will pay tribute by hosting similar work projects for local veterans in their communities nationwide.

The Home Depot Foundation Critical Repair Program is funding the roof replacement work on his home. Alonzo is thankful that so many people from different agencies have partnered to offer him support. Regarding the Habitat staff who will volunteer at his home, he said "I praise God every day for sending me people willing to help."

Habitat Hillsborough's Veterans Build Week of Service is an annual event where we partner with volunteers and corporate sponsors to help a Veteran, Veteran Family, or Veteran Organization through our Home Preservation program. If you would like information on how you or your organization can get involved, please visit our Veterans Initiative page <https://www.habitathillsborough.org/news-and-events/veterans-initiative/> or contact Melissa Crowther at [MCrowther@habitathillsborough.org](mailto:MCrowther@habitathillsborough.org).