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**LONG ISLAND HOME BUILDERS CARE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR HOMES FOR RETURNING VETERANS FROM IRAQ AND/OR AFGHANISTAN**

Long Island Home Builders Care (LIHBC), a not-for-profit arm of the Long Island Builders Institute (LIBI) will be building four homes for veterans returning from Iraq and/or Afghanistan. Through the donation of land and reduced charges for materials and labor, the homes will be awarded to selected Veterans at a price they can afford.

One of the major hurdles facing returning veterans is an affordable place to live. Over 10 years ago a group of Long Island builders formed a not-for-profit as a way for them to give back to the Long Island community. Their work over the past year has resulted in plans to build four homes in Suffolk County for veterans returning from Iraq and/or Afghanistan. The first home to be built will be constructed on land generously donated by LIBI member, Mark Baisch, of Landmark Properties. The program is made possible through the joint efforts of Suffolk County, the Town of Brookhaven and members of Long Island Builders Institute. Suffolk County Executive, Steve Levy championed legislation which provides a preference for returning veterans from Iraq or Afghanistan in the County's Affordable Housing Program, the Town of Brookhaven generously donated two lots in East Patchogue and Ronkonkoma.

With construction underway, the first home, a two-story, three bedroom high ranch located in Sound Beach can be customized to the special needs of the Veteran.

Veterans interested in applying for the Sound Beach home should write to Lois Fricke, Long Island Home Builders Care, 1757-8 Veterans Memorial Highway, Islandia, New York 11749, or calling 631-232-2345. Please include information on tour of duty, present status, & family. Please write a brief statement about yourself and your family and why you would like to be considered for this home. Deadline for submissions is January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011.



Long Island Home Builders Care proposed home for a returning veteran from Iraq and/or Afghanistan to be built in Sound Beach, NY on land generously donated by Mark Baisch, Landmark Properties, Rocky Point, NY. VFW Post 6289 of Rocky Point, Long Island, NY is assembling a committee to select the appropriate deserving and qualified candidate.  
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