

BATC-Housing First Minnesota Turns to LP Building Solutions to Improve Quality and Reduce Callbacks



Lennar Homes & BATC-Housing First Minnesota Foundation Use LP Legacy® Premium Sub-Flooring and LP® SmartSide® Trim & Siding on Transitional Homes for Veterans

SUMMARY

The Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV) is a nonprofit organization that has been serving veterans and their families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless across the state of Minnesota for over 25 years.

The BATC-Housing First Minnesota Foundation is a nonprofit organization composed of BATC-Housing First Minnesota members and supporters who contribute and volunteer their expertise and time giving back to the housing industry. The BATC-Housing First Minnesota Foundation's mission is to work in partnership with others to provide safe, durable and affordable housing for Minnesota's homeless, veterans and those in need.

In 2017, BATC-Housing First Minnesota Foundation partnered with Lennar Homes and MACV to build transitional housing for homeless veteran families. In 2018, a second house was constructed in Maplewood, Minnesota to provide transitional housing services for women veterans, a population that is in growing need of services.

LP Building Solutions donated two high-performance building materials, LP Legacy® Premium Sub-Flooring and LP® SmartSide® Trim & Siding, for both homes.

OBJECTIVES

According to MACV, their transitional housing programs are designed to help veterans transition rapidly into homes of their own. Bob Bennett, manager at the BATC-Housing First Minnesota Foundation, was in charge of sourcing products for the build. Although the houses are built through volunteer efforts and donated materials, Bennett was adamant that the quality of the homes should not be sacrificed. He was also seeking products that would not delay construction schedules due to callbacks. Bennett had previously worked with local LP representatives for product donations on other MACV builds, and he had been very impressed with the product performance of LP's sub-flooring and siding.

In Brief

LOCATION

Maplewood, MN

PROJECT SUMMARY

The BATC-Housing First Minnesota Foundation and Lennar Homes teamed up to build two homes for the Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans. LP Legacy® Premium Sub-Flooring and LP® SmartSide® Trim & Siding were used to enhance the quality of the homes.

WEBSITES

www.batc.org
www.mac-v.org
www.lennar.com

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The organizations involved with building the homes wanted to source high quality products that would not create construction delays. They also sought product donations from manufacturers they could trust.

SOLUTION

LP Legacy sub-flooring offered secure hardwood fastener retention and reduced the chances of callbacks. With the addition of LP SmartSide trim and siding products on the exterior, the homes are being built to be durable and long-lasting, offering quality housing for transitional veterans for years to come.

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IMPLEMENTATION

Knowing that callbacks could potentially push back the move-in date for the women veterans in need of housing, Lennar's flooring contractor, Jeff Firkus of Contract Interiors, turned to LP Legacy sub-flooring. "We do a ton of new homes for Lennar and install a lot of hardwood over sub-flooring," Firkus says. "Depending on how Mother Nature has her way with a project, it can affect the fastener holding power of our staples."



Firkus played an integral role in Lennar's adoption of LP Legacy sub-flooring, and he says that before making the switch he'd receive callbacks about the hardwood popping and squeaking. He took it upon himself

to test many different sub-flooring panels, including various grades and manufacturers, and determined that LP Legacy sub-flooring would be the best panel for reducing callbacks.

In addition to LP Legacy sub-flooring being used, LP SmartSide trim and siding products were installed on the exterior of the home, providing a beautiful and durable exterior backed by a 5/50-year limited warranty.

OUTCOME

The first house will provide transitional housing for one veteran family at a time. The second house, built in 2018, will provide accommodations for up to five women veterans at a time to thrive as they transition out of homelessness.

Lennar Project Supervisor Andrew Hartman noted that he has been very satisfied with the LP products, saying, "I watched them get installed, and everything is performing great. We work with LP products often and haven't had any concerns from our installers."

On behalf of MACV and the BATC-Housing First Minnesota Foundation, Bennett shared his appreciation for LP's product donation. "LP has allowed us to put top-shelf, premium products in these houses that we know are going to last a long time. MACV doesn't have to worry about the quality," says Bennett. "This home will probably last 80 to 100 years. Imagine how many lives the house will touch."

Firkus gave LP Legacy sub-flooring the ultimate stamp of approval by using the panels in his own home.



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