

Home Depot gives back through VolunteerForVeterans.org



eam Depot members from Phenix City, Ala., and its surrounding area constructed a wheelchair ramp at the headquarters of DAV Chapter 66.

Plenty of individuals want to give back to veterans but simply don't know how. The men and women of the Home Depot Foundation and Team Depot don't have that problem.

In November, Team Depot volunteers partnered with DAV Chapter 66 in Phenix City, Ala., to make some critical repairs and upgrades to the local chapter building, including adding a wheelchair ramp, installing windows, and replacing sinks and countertops.

"We have a lot of disabled veterans around here—walking on crutches, got bad knees—and it was hard for them with those steps back there, so that ramp is going to make it much easier for them to get into our meeting area," said Chapter 66 Commander William Epps Jr.



The team also beautified the entrance of the building with fresh landscaping. Team Depot is a 400,000-strong army of volunteers who work to improve the homes and lives of our nation's veterans.

Home Depot Foundation and Team Depot have invested over \$250 million in veteran-related causes, with more than 400,000 volunteers specializing in projects aimed at giving back to veterans and their families. In this case, the repairs will allow DAV members to continue their mission of service.

“Being able to come somewhere like DAV, where the members are helping disabled veterans get the benefits they need, it just means a lot to be able to come here and help them all out,” said Derek Baker, a project captain for Team Depot and Marine Corps veteran.

The partnership shows the potential of DAV's Volunteer for Veterans platform to connect public and corporate volunteer forces with local veterans in need.

“One of the good things about having a partnership between Team Depot and DAV is you have certain tools like VolunteerForVeterans.org, where people can go on there, sign

up to volunteer in their community, or go on there and help them find volunteers for a veteran in their community,” said Baker.

“Home Depot has made giving back to veterans a priority, and we thank them for directing their incredible volunteer force toward this important work,” said National Voluntary Services Director John Kleindienst. “I would encourage everyone to visit VolunteerForVeterans.org to find more volunteer opportunities like this or to create their own opportunities based on their local needs. Clearly, volunteers are out there and want to give back, and we can make it easier for them to do so.”