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Nation's First Retreat for Wounded Warriors & Families Slated to Open June 2013
Retreat Features Designs from Crockett Log & Timber Homes

(November 9, 2012) – U.S. soldiers and veterans wounded from war will soon have their own peaceful retreat center – the first of its kind in the nation.

Construction of the Boulder Crest Retreat for Wounded Warriors located in Bluemont, Va. – on the scenic foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains – has broken ground and is on schedule to receive its first wounded veteran guests starting June 2013.

Soldiers and veterans who are receiving outpatient care for serious wounds or psychological trauma at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., will be able to use the first-class rural retreat with their families for up to 14 days, free of charge.

To harmonize with the rural mountain setting, the project's organizers chose timber frame and rustic log cabin designs created by local log and timber home company, Mechanicsburg, Pa.-based Crockett Log Homes of PA, Inc. Construction work is being done by Berryville, Va.-based Starkey Construction Inc., an authorized dealer and builder for Crockett Log Homes of PA.

“I am very impressed with the quality of both the Crockett Log Homes' materials and the construction services of Starkey Construction. As we work to build this first-class facility, it is great to know we are surrounded by this level of quality and expertise.” says Ken Falke. “So many of our young military warriors grow up in rural environments across America and long to go back to visit familiar country surroundings. Boulder Crest Retreat will provide this opportunity for them to reconnect and have a break during their hospital recovery,” explains Ken.

The 37-acre retreat center – which has been funded entirely by private and corporate donations -- will feature a 7,000 square foot ADA (American Disabilities Act) accessible timber frame “greentech” meeting house and welcome center, plus four ADA accessible 1,600 square foot log cabins. Landscaping plans include a walled Victorian garden, an organic vegetable garden, greenhouse, bird sanctuary, fishing ponds and plenty of accessible paths and trails.

“We are deeply honored to be a part of this one-of-a-kind project to help our war heroes heal,” says Crockett Log & Timber Homes.

About Boulder Crest Retreat

Nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Bluemont, Va., Boulder Crest Retreat is a non-profit facility opening in 2013 that will provide a rural sanctuary to wounded military warriors and their families through no-cost accommodations and non-clinical and recreational therapeutic activities to speed their physical, mental and spiritual

recovery. The retreat, founded by Ken Falke, a retired US Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Technician and successful local entrepreneur, is being built on 37 acres he donated with funds contributed by local and national corporations, organizations and private citizens. For more information about Boulder Crest Retreat or to make a tax-deductible donation, visit www.bouldercrestretreat.org.

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