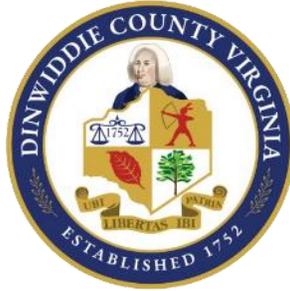


BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DANIEL D. LEE
BRENDA EBRON-BONNER
CASEY M. DOOLEY
DR. MARK E. MOORE
WILLIAM D. CHAVIS



COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

W. KEVIN MASSENGILL

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 15, 2025

CONTACT: Marie A. Grant, Community Information Coordinator
mgrant@dinwiddieva.us

Tunnel to Towers Foundation Honors U.S. Army Veteran Daniel Nord with Renovated Mortgage-Free Smart Home

DINWIDDIE, VA – On Thursday, May 15, the Tunnel to Towers Foundation proudly welcomed Army veteran and Chesterfield County Police Officer Daniel Nord into his newly renovated, mortgage-free smart home in Dewitt, Virginia. The private ceremony marked a profound moment in the Nord family's journey—one defined by service, sacrifice, and strength.

Daniel and Christie Nord's story began in 1990 when they met at Dinwiddie County High School. The couple married in April 1992, just before Christie's graduation, due to Dan's pending overseas military deployment. More than three decades later, their lives have come full circle in the very community where it all began.

Officer Nord served as a military police officer in the U.S. Army for eight years, with deployments to Panama, Cuba, and Johnston Island Atoll in the North Pacific Ocean. Following his honorable discharge, he continued his commitment to public service by joining the Chesterfield County Police Department in 1997.

In November 2009, while pursuing a reckless driver, Officer Nord was struck and thrown from his police motorcycle at 54 miles per hour. The accident left him with extensive injuries to his head, spine, arms, and legs, resulting in 28 surgeries and ultimately the amputation of his right leg below the knee.

The Nord home is now a multi-generational residence, shared by Dan and Christie, her parents, their daughter and son-in-law, and their two young granddaughters. With strong support networks in Virginia, Minnesota, and Texas, the family's resilience is rooted in deep community ties.

Thanks to the Tunnel to Towers Smart Home Program, the Nord family now lives in a home that supports Officer Nord's daily needs and independence. Renovations include an ADA-accessible bathroom with a walk-in shower, upgraded kitchen with expanded space and storage, new exterior ramps and walkways for accessibility, and a remodeled front deck designed for improved traction and safety. The home is also equipped with smart technology that allows Dan to control lighting, temperature, sound, and security through a mobile app.

County Administrator, W. Kevin Massengill stated, "We are deeply grateful to the Tunnels to Towers Foundation for their incredible generosity and commitment to our veterans. The renovation of the Nord's home is more than just a construction project—it is a powerful reminder of the respect and gratitude we owe to those who have served our country. Mr. Nord's courage and sacrifice embody the very best of our community, and we are proud to stand beside Tunnels to Towers in supporting him."

Christie Nord expressed how the Foundation's support profoundly affected their lives: "I wish everyone could have heard his voice the day Dan called to tell me we were accepted. In 34 years, I had never heard that tone. Over the past 16 years, I did not realize how much he felt he had let his family down by being injured at work. His voice had a peace that day that it hadn't had in many years."

The Tunnel to Towers Smart Home Program builds and custom-renovates mortgage-free smart homes for the nation's most catastrophically injured veterans and first responders, helping them regain independence and improve their quality of life.

For more information about the Tunnel to Towers Foundation and the Smart Home Program, please visit www.T2T.org.

###