



ROYAL HUTT RIVER ARMY



AFTER ACTION REPORT

UNIT:

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UNIT REPRESENTATIVES PARTICIPATING:

Major William B. Speir, Jr.

ACTIVITY:

Habitat for Humanity House Construction 2004

ACTIVITY DATE:

October 15, 2004

ACTIVITY DETAILS:

One a cold, rainy Autumn day in Hartford, Connecticut, Major William B. Speir, Jr. participated in the 2004 Habitat for Humanity campaign to build low-cost, affordable housing to families in need in the greater Hartford area. Each year, Habitat for Humanity chapters around the world assemble volunteers and community leaders to help the needy build and purchase their own houses as a way to help break the cycle of poverty. Each owner is required to be actively involved in the building process. Major Speir represented the Royal Hutt River Army and the Royal Hutt River Artillery by helping to frame the second story of two new houses being built, and by helping install dry walls in the lower stories and basements. This was the third time Major Speir had participated in a Habitat for Humanity campaign – the other two were in Jacksonville, Florida in 2000 and 2001.

Major Speir also had the pleasure of attending the house dedications in December 2004 at a ceremony where the keys are turned over to the new owners of the houses. These ceremonies give all of the volunteers the chance to see the final fruits of their labour – not just a completed hours, but a family who is one their way towards financial recovery.

ACTIVITY PURPOSE:

Participating in humanitarian activities is part of the core mission of the 1st North American Royal Guards and the Royal Hutt River Artillery. We are always looking for ways we can provide practical assistance and build closer relations with local communities on behalf of the Sovereign and the Principality.

ACTIVITY RESULTS:

The volunteer activity provided opportunities to talk about the RHRA and the Principality with other volunteers and organizers, as well as provide recognition of the RHRA and Principality involvement in humanitarian efforts world-wide.

REQUIRED/PLANNED FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY:

None at this time.