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North American Deck and Railing Association honors soldier with custom deck

LACEY, Wash. — On November 11, 2010, the North American Deck and Railing Association (NADRA) announced the recipient of its 2010 Deck for a Soldier® project.

SSG Marshall Diaz, of Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington, will be the proud owner of a new, custom deck designed and built by Western Washington Chapter of NADRA members and constructed of donated materials.

NADRA launched its Deck For a Soldier program in 2007; this is a community effort that expresses appreciation for the service and dedication of the men and women of armed forces.

According to NADRA, SSG Diaz has been honorably serving his country for 13 years and is currently on active duty. During his last deployment to Afghanistan, he was wounded and medically evacuated back to the U.S.

From May of 2008 until April of 2010, SSG Diaz was in the Warrior Transition Battalion located at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

He has been honored by a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart, as well as many other prestigious awards during his career.

SSG Diaz also takes time to serve his local community by volunteering with the local Boy Scout troops and still sets time to volunteer at a local veterans home.

On his application, SSG Diaz noted, "When I was given the option to get out of the Army, I chose the only option for me, and that is to continue to serve my country. Although my rehabilitation is an ongoing process, I hold my head up with pride, for there is no other country in this world that I would rather live in than the United States of America."

Western Washington Chapter members called to congratulate SSG Diaz on Wednesday November 10, 2010.

He is the first to receive a deck on the West Coast from this project. Local NADRA members will meet with SSG Diaz at his home to go over the deck plans.

Western Washington NADRA members said that they are "humbled and honored to break ground for the West Coast and know the deck could not have gone to a more deserving family."

More information about this and other projects can be found at www.NADRA.org.

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