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### **House of Heroes and Mayor Honor Two East Hartford Veterans**



(May 29, 2015) **East Hartford, CT** – At two separate ceremonies on Friday afternoon, a pair of veterans were honored by Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc and House of Heroes, Connecticut Chapter Inc., a 501 (c)(3) non-profit out of Hamden, CT, which provides free-of-charge home improvements to veterans.

Starting at noon, the first East Hartford ceremony was held for Harold Grimes, at his home at 98 Cambridge Drive. Grimes is a former U.S. Navy Veteran who served from 1983-1988. During his deployment, Grimes was stationed on the U.S.S Independence, where he traveled to Lebanon, Grenada as well as the Indian Ocean. On January 17, 1988, CTM2 Harold A. Grimes was honorably discharged. For his service, Harold was awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal for his outstanding performance in Lebanon, the Battle “E” medal (an aircraft carrier competition between the east coast and west coast), Navy Unit Commendation, and the Good Conduct Medal.

Later on that day, joined by Congressman John Larson, Mayor Leclerc attended the home of the late Frank Terragna, at 105 Cipolla Drive, who was a U.S. Army veteran who served from 1942-1945. Frank, who passed away in 1990, was represented by his wife, Winifred Terragna. Frank served as a surgical technician, was deployed to Scotland and England for a year and was later honorably discharged in December 1945, where he returned to the U.S. and served as a Hartford firefighter for 22 years.

For their service to their country, Winnifred Terragna, on behalf of her husband TEC 3 Frank Terragna and CTM2 Harold Grimes received a ceremonial flag from House for Heroes, as well as an official proclamation from Mayor Leclerc. At both events, the Mayor thanked each veteran for their service and reminded them that their names will always be inscribed in the records of the Town of East Hartford.

“House for Heroes is a wonderful organization which provided a valuable service to these two members of our community,” Mayor Leclerc said. “Their names and proclamations will always be on file in our town records.”

Some of the repairs made that day included exterior landscaping and clean-up, painting, installing fencing and removing and replacing a shed. House of Heroes was aided by Stanley Black & Decker, Inc., which provided equipment and volunteers.

House of Heroes will continue to build their roster of volunteers and sponsor lists are closing in on their 50th home worked on, since their inception in 2012. For more information on the organization, please visit: <http://www.hohct.org/>.

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