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Alliance Staff Join in "Build Brigade"

On Sunday, April 11, 2010, four Alliance employees participated in a Homes for Our Troops Build Brigade in Columbia, MO. Staff Sergeant Robert Canine was present during this first stage of construction of his new specially adapted home.

A Build Brigade brings volunteers together to build a soldier's new home from a concrete foundation to a weather-tight structure in only three days. It is the first stage of construction when volunteers side and roof a house and install windows and doors so interior work can later follow.

"Our employees and members have done a fantastic job of raising funds



Construction has begun on SSG Canine's new home in Columbia, MO.

and awareness for Homes for Our Troops and we're very proud of Alliance Credit Union's contributions," said President & CEO Dennis Sommer. "It felt great to physically work on the job site, meet Sergeant Canine and his family and see the sheer magnitude of this effort and the teamwork involved."

The Canine home is the first in Missouri, although Homes for Our Troops has built 57 homes throughout the United States since the charity began in 2004. Generally, the charity has 30 homes under construction at any one time across the nation.

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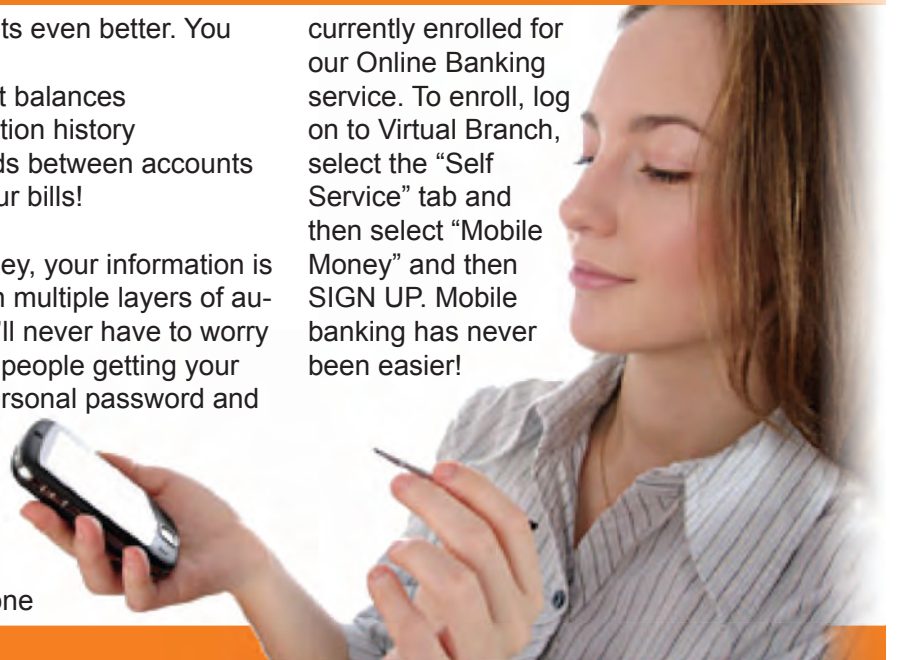
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Alliance President Dennis Sommer and Tracy Ray visit with SSG Canine during the "Build Brigade" in Columbia, MO.

"Build Brigade" continued...

Homes for Our Troops is a non-profit group started four years ago to help build specially adapted homes for severely disabled members of the military returning from service in Afghanistan and Iraq.

SSG Canine was serving as truck commander of a four-Humvee convoy in Baghdad, Iraq on May 17, 2009 when an explosive projectile blasted his vehicle. He lost both legs below the knee from the attack. The Mexico, Missouri native has learned to walk again on prosthetics and is looking forward to moving into his new home.

"The house is amazing," says SSG Canine. "It's more than I expected – more than anyone could have expected

– and I'm so thankful for everyone who is making this possible."

Last year, Alliance and its members donated more than \$20,000 to Homes for Our Troops. This year, Alliance expects to raise at least an additional \$5,000 with fundraising events planned through Independence Day 2010.

Donations can be made at any Alliance branch or by phone at 636-343-7005. Non-construction volunteers are also needed. To volunteer, call the Homes for Our Troops community outreach coordinator at 508-823-3300 or visit www.homesforourtroops.org.

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