



Learning Green Home Tech With The Spirit Foundation

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(<http://www.thespiritfoundation.org/>)

I'd like to start by expressing my deepest gratitude to all of the people who are serving or have served our country through military service. I have had the good fortune to spend most of this week with a group of veterans. It is an honor to have this chance to work with this group and I look forward to more opportunities to come.



My good fortune this week stems from the green home tech training I have been participating in for the inaugural group of Spirit Techs in Austin Texas. The training is offered by The Spirit Foundation, a U.S. Department of Energy Home Energy Score Partner and Wounded Hero Project. Spirit Foundation has had Spirit Techs in Missouri for some time and is now expanding to Austin. Jim Mikel, whom I have known for several years, has worked tirelessly and with many groups and people to now offer this training to veterans and Wounded Warriors. I am proud that The Spirit Foundation has invited HomeNav to be one of the offerings available to Spirit Techs to offer their clients.

I must admit that I am truly humbled to be with this group who have chosen to build their own path. The training they are taking part in offers each of them the tools to build a business and a career in energy efficiency as a green home tech. They have learned about Home Energy Score, energy-efficiency products, green cleaning products, solar PV, LED Lighting and online homeowner help. However, it is only training. What they choose to do with it next is completely up to each of them.

Each of them will need to choose the offerings and expertise that works best for them and the clients they choose to serve. They may start one direction and find that another direction works better later. Deciding to engage in this training and embark on building a business based

on what they are learning is hard work. They have not chosen the easy path. No one has just given them a job. There are no guarantees. But who better than the people who have served our country to get that. I believe there is no better group to understand the value of hard work and sacrifice to achieve a goal. As a small business owner myself, I have some understanding of the journey they are embarking on and hope we have a chance to give each other a helping hand along the way.

If you live in or around Austin, Texas, you may have the opportunity to work with a Spirit Tech in the near future. For those of us further away, stay tuned as the program grows.

Spirit Foundation's mission is "Green Jobs, American Made Products, and helping people preserve our planet's resources for future generations." To learn more about The Spirit Foundation and their work, including the Home Energy Score and how to become a green home tech, please visit their web sites:

www.TheSpiritFoundation.org (<http://thespiritfoundation.org/>) and www.HomeScore.org (<http://www.HomeScore.org>).

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