



Building Homes for Heroes

The Ventura Family Long Island, NY



USMC Corporal Jerome Ventura



USMC Lance Corporal William Ventura





The Ventura Family

Long Island, NY

For many years, Bill and Cyndi Ventura have been dedicated to supporting military moms and dads. Cyndi, the president of Long Island Blue Star Moms NY6, has held the hands of grieving parents, organized aid for Marine Corps amputees, attended military funerals, carried out fundraising events, presented custom-built cycles to veterans who have lost the use of their legs, and much more. In addition to their involvement with the Blue Star Moms, Bill and Cynthia are heavily involved in the Gold Star Moms, Patriot Guard Riders, Building Homes for Heroes, and countless other charitable organizations.

On April 23, 2011, the Ventura's oldest son, USMC Corporal Jerome Ventura, an aviation supply specialist with the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, was found unconscious at his on-base living quarters at the Miramar Marine Corps Air Station in California. He died later at San Diego's Sharp Memorial Hospital. The cause of death was complications from his medication for PTSD. Corporal Ventura, who was just 23 years of age, left behind his wife, parents, two brothers, and grandparents. He carried out a tour of duty in Afghanistan.

Tragedy struck the family again on July 3, 2013 when USMC Lance Corporal William (Billy) Ventura, on leave from training at upstate Fort Drum, was involved in a motorcycle accident on Long Island. After the accident, a passing motorist ran Ventura over, and then fled the scene. LCpl. Ventura was treated for a fractured vertebrae, crushed spinal cord, collapsed lung, and lacerated internal organs. He is paralyzed from the waist down has been given a 1% chance of ever walking again.

The Ventura family's support of our servicemen and women, and their families is second to none. Now, the Ventura's need our help. Building Homes for Heroes will lead the effort to carry out a major renovation of the family's home to make it handicap-accessible in an effort to meet Billy's many needs, and to provide him with the freedom and independence he deserves. Please help this remarkable family.





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USMC Corporal Jerome Ventura



February 1, 1988 — April 23, 2011



Corporal Jerome Ventura was an aviation supply specialist with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 11, Marine Aircraft Group 11. He enlisted Dec. 24, 2008, and received the National Defense Service Medal and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal after serving the county in Afghanistan. Corporal Ventura lost his life on April 23, 2011. He was just 23 years old.





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Lance Corporal William Ventura, of the 2nd Battalion, 25th Marines (2/25), a reserve infantry battalion in the headquartered in Garden City, NY.





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Lance Corporal William Ventura with his mother and younger brother Dylan.





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Lance Corporal William Ventura training at Fort Drum, NY.





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Lance Corporal William Ventura at Helen Hayes Hospital, one of the country's top physical rehabilitation facilities for patients needing to rebuild their lives following catastrophic injuries.





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Bill and Cynthia Ventura



Bill and Cyndi Ventura are dedicated to numerous charities that support the men and women of the military, and their families. Cyndi is 2nd VP for Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. (national) and president of Long Island Blue Star Moms NY6.





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Cyndi Ventura at her son's headstone at Calverton National Cemetery.

