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Work Vessel's for Vets Gives Car to Paralyzed Vet for Adaptive Driving School

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"Thank you to WVFV for just an amazing gift! This gift from your organization is going to be the first step in our journey to change lives and to offer the freedom of independence with driving for people with disabilities.."

Maj. Tammy Phipps, USA (ret) & Cpl Joshua Himan, USMC (ret)

The first "vessel" of 2016 was presented to a combat disabled vet in a ceremony recently at Mohegan Sun. Flanked by members of the CT Patriot Guard, Work Vessels for Vets, a non-profit based out of Noank, Connecticut, presented Corporal Joshua Himan, USMC (ret.) a veteran of the Afghanistan war who was paralyzed in an IED explosion while deployed in Helmond Province with a late model Chevy Impala for his Driver Rehabilitation Center of Excellence, LLC. The new Virginia based company, which is owned and operated by Himan and his business partner, Major Tammy Phipps, US Army, (ret.) specializes in offering disabled drivers with driving rehabilitation programs.

Mohegan Tribal Chairman Kevin Brown, himself an OEF OIF veteran, and Justin Nash, veteran and founder of Til the Duty is Done nonprofit and one of WVFV first recipients of tools, were instrumental in putting together the many donations to make this presentation possible, including funds from Ally Bank, General Motors Corporation and the Connecticut Patriot Guard.

Work Vessels for Vets is a highly rated, volunteer run, nonprofit charity with the mission to equip America's returning veterans with the "Vessels" or tools they need to start a business or pursue career education. Since 2008, Work Vessels for Vets (WVFV) has donated over \$1.3 MILLION in "vessels" to more than 1,300 veterans in 48 states! WVFV equips them with boats, tractors, farm implements, trucks, generators, trailers, mechanics tool sets, carpentry tools, laptops and whatever other "vessel" needed to support their dreams of having a business of their own. Quietly run by 5 volunteers in Noank, Connecticut, WVFV subscribes to the "pay it forward" model, asking recipients to hire fellow veterans, give back to their communities, and heal themselves through generosity and entrepreneurship. To learn more, visit workvesselsforveterans.org.