

“Clarksville A/C Company Helps US Veteran In Dire Need”

When Spc. David Tenhaaf and his wife, Casey, returned home from vacation on July 15, they would have rather extended their vacation indefinitely.

When they walked into their home, the temperature was about 90 degrees.

The Tenhaaf's air conditioner coil had frozen over and was not pumping cold air into the home.

"We tried to stay out of the house as much as we could," David Tenhaaf said.

"It was miserable. We'd go to sleep and sweat, but I guess you really couldn't call it sleep," he added.

When they had an independent contractor come look at it, the worker told the Tenhaafs it might be better to get a new unit after discovering a half-inch of ice on the unit's coils.

The problem was a new unit cost about \$3,000 — without considering labor.

"We bore the heat for three or four days," David Tenhaaf said.

But then an angel "worked her magic," he said.

Tenhaaf, a soldier in the Warrior in Transition Unit at Fort Campbell, was put in touch with Regina Urbanski — a member of Soldier's Angels — by WTU's Family Readiness Support Assistant Tammy Francis.

On Saturday, a six-man crew from CerProTech installed a new air conditioning unit at the Tenhaafs' home.



From left, Olaf Marek, president and CEO of CerPro Tech, Angie Marek, A.J. Miller, Casey Tenhaaf, Kirt Neal, David Tenhaaf, Mike Hecter and Ken Miller pose with the newly installed air conditioner

"I was expecting a window air conditioner," Tenhaaf said.

But the Tenhaafs received an American Standard unit, installed by CerProTech and donated by its supplier in Nashville, M&A Supply Company.

"M&A was all over it like ugly on an ape," said CerProTech President and CEO Olaf Marek.

Marek said CerProTech has been looking to do charity work, and the Tenhaaf's plight provided the perfect opportunity.

"This is the first we really had," Marek said. "It's awesome. This is what we've been looking for."

Marek also said CerProTech is a Christian company, and the charity work is a way for them to perform some outreach work.

And now that the unit's installed, Tenhaaf says it's going to be nice to get a full night's rest in a more tolerable climate.

"We're going to sleep really good tonight," he said.

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