



# Meet Our New Military Makeover Family

## Introducing the Taboras of Converse, Texas



Jacob Tabora

After completing two tours in Iraq, Jacob Tabora was based in a Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms, California. As he was training to be deployed to Iraq yet again, a 120mm round malfunctioned. When it fired, it exploded inside the tank, covering Jacob with third-degree burns across half of his body. But as a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps, Jacob made it his new mission to persevere through the devastating situation.

During Jacob's arduous recovery, his parents divorced, and his sister divorced. While Jacob's mother took on the role of his caretaker, Jacob grew extremely close to his sister's twin boys, becoming a father figure to them.

After five years in burn recovery in the care of the extraordinary US Army Institute of Surgical Research Burn Center in San Antonio, TX Jacob finally started to feel like himself again. He completed his degree in criminal justice, married his wife, Ceanna, and together they had three children, two boys and one girl. While he was recovering, different groups would volunteer to take veteran burn victims on horseback riding retreats. Now years later, Jacob takes his own kids riding.



Jacob and Ceanna Tabora

Still, some days are harder than others. He admits he still has "bad moments" and suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder.

After living in his current home for nine years, which is located about 25 minutes from San Antonio, it's clear that the space is long overdue for a renovation. There's water damage under the siding and shingles of the roof. The outdated HVAC system does not work well in the bedroom, keeping Jacob restless most nights as his extensive burns make him feel hot when sleeping. Ceanna loves to cook and bake, but the kitchen needs serious upgrading. The windows and doors are in bad shape, too.



Jacob, his nephews and his children

That's why the Taboras have turned to us for help. The Military Makeover team is delighted to give back to this deserving military family by providing them the home of their dreams.

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