



## Meet Our New Military Makeover Veteran

### Introducing the Kruspes from Lake Worth Beach, Florida

Military Makeover with Montel® is honored and privileged to present Matthew Kruspe in our new, upcoming season.

Matthew Kruspe, a medically retired Marine Corps SSgt and 100 percent VA disabled veteran, shares a compelling story of service and unmatched strength. Deployed twice as an infantryman — first to Iraq in 2009 and then to Afghanistan in 2012 — Kruspe's military journey was marked by the loss of comrades and a life-changing encounter with an I.E.D.

His Marine Corps tenure, a blend of profound camaraderie and life-altering moments, led him from boot camp at Parris Island in 2007 to becoming an Anti-tank Assault Missileman and later a Civil Affairs Specialist. His deployments encompassed a range of responsibilities, from route clearance to training foreign armies. He, however, incurred several health-related issues while serving, such as TBI, PTSD, depression, migraines, neck, back, and shoulder injuries. Consequently, Kruspe's injuries resulted in medical retirement, leaving a lasting impact on his physical and mental well-being.

Despite the challenges, Kruspe cherishes the bonds forged and the invaluable experiences gained during his military service. Currently residing in Lake Worth, Florida, he now reflects on the Marine Corps as both the best and toughest period of his life, marked by unforgettable moments.

Thankfully, his service has been recognized by the U.S. Military as he flaunts several accolades under his name. Some of service accolades include the Purple Heart, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and Afghanistan Campaign, to name a few. Beyond his accolades, Kruspe is blessed with a lovely family. A devoted husband of 20 years to his college sweetheart, Letoria Kruspe, and a proud father of teenage twins, Mia and Xzavyer, he is the embodiment of resilience. Their family also includes a six-year-old pitbull.

His dedication to duty, the sacrifices made, and the enduring spirit despite adversity showcase not only the bravery Matthew Kruspe, but also of our nation's veterans. This is why Military Makeover is honored to extend support to the Kruspe family and is committed to transforming their lives this season.

The beautiful transformation of this deserving military family's home will be carried out with the help of our generous partners. Together, we can make a difference.



**Tune in to Military Makeover  
Thurs. & Fri. at 7:30 a.m. (ET/PT)**



*Military Makeover with Montel® is a very special home improvement series that aims to respect those who have served our country, rebuild the homes ---and even lives--- of these brave service men and women, and repay veterans for the service and sacrifices they've made for us.*