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Commodore Builders and Walsh Brothers celebrate the topping off of new veterans' home

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Holyoke, MA Just before Veterans' Day 2024, joint venture partners Commodore Builders and Walsh Brothers (Commodore | Walsh) placed the final beam atop the new veterans' home. Surrounded by veterans, their families, and representatives from across the Commonwealth, the topping off ceremony represents the latest milestone in the reimagining of the home. The new, facility, designed by Payette, will provide long-term care services to area veterans with the honor, dignity, and respect that their military service deserves.

For more than seven decades, the Veterans' Home in Holyoke has been a beacon for veterans in western Massachusetts. The Commodore | Walsh joint venture is working with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) to transform the existing building into a 350,000 s/f healthcare facility featuring 234 long-term care beds and a

sensory-rich environment.

The eight-story building's program will include upgraded clinical spaces for dental care, social services, and a 30-bed dedicated memory care floor, as well as a brand-new, 40-person Adult Day Health Program (ADHC). The ADHC will serve Veterans living in the community with social activities, companionship, and recreation, as well as providing support for daily activities.

Construction is phased to minimize disruption to the veterans, staff, and surrounding community. Substantial completion of the new building is anticipated by late 2026, with site restoration and final completion anticipated by summer 2028.

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