

Son of local business owner returns from Marines, joins family company



Trevor Langley has returned home to New Hampshire after four years of service in the Marine Corps and is now back to work at his family business, Langley Construction in Goffstown, as vice president-superintendent. Courtesy/LTD Company

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GOFFSTOWN —After serving his country in the U.S. Marine Corps, Trevor Langley is back to work in his family business.

My hands-on experience working in construction, and working as a tradesman and working with a lot logistics that helped me out a lot as a Marine, Langley said.

A Hopkinton resident, Langley grew up working for his parents, Stephen and Denise Langley, at Langley Construction Company in Goffstown. He graduated from the University of Maine in 2010 with a degree in construction management technology and was accepted into the Francis Crow Society of Civil Engineers. Just as he was about to take a major role and return to full time work at Langley Construction, he made a decision that would be a life changer: he chose to serve his country, and in 2010 began his four-year commitment in the Marine Corps.

My overall goal was to work in my family business, Langley said. The Marine Corps was almost like a diversion from that.

During his time in the Marines, Trevor was an infantry commander and completed a deployment in Afghanistan.

We had quite a few sleepless nights, said Denise Langley, who serves as executive vice president of the company, speaking about her sons deployment. Stephen Langley agreed that it was not an easy time for the family.

Anybody that's been through that knows it a source of distraction to you, to think about your son being in harms way, Stephen Langley said. But it was something that we learned to deal with, and it was something we knew he wanted to do, so we supported that 100 percent.

Now that he's back home, Trevor Langley has taken on the roles of vice president and superintendent at Langley Construction. His first project back in New Hampshire is heading up a new 61,250 square foot, two-level climate controlled self-storage facility on Mast Road in Goffstown. The project involves extensive site work on the 4.6 acres and will open in the spring of 2015. The state-of-the-art self-storage complex will feature a total of 403 units.

As a 1st Lieutenant, Trevor Langley was responsible for the leadership of some 50 Marines in Afghanistan, which gave him valuable experience honing his leadership skills. Working with

different talents to meet the objectives and at the same time adapting to extreme high-stress environments is a priceless education.

Where else can you learn that skill in such a short time? he said, adding that he feels the Marine Corps does a good job helping veterans transition back into the work force. You leave with a high-quality, professional resume and they help you pull your skills out of what you learned in the military that will translate to the civilian world.

George Copadis, commissioner at New Hampshire Employment Security, said that veterans have mixed results when it comes to finding work in the civilian world.

I think that sometimes veterans have difficulty highlighting transferrable skills (learned in the military), Copadis said. Veterans also sometimes need help with building a resume and interview skills, he added.

Its a different culture, coming back to serving the civilian force, he said.

To help local veterans find work, Employment Security launched a new program on Sept. 2 called Operation Vets Connect, a 100-day challenge to the local business community to hire veterans returning from overseas.

Copadis wants business owners to know that veterans are a great choice for new hires, with skills and strengths that are useful in a number of fields.

They've got self-discipline, they're highly motivated, they've got the ability to work as part of a team, and you don't have to worry about veterans reporting to work on time, he said.

After seeing the experience the military gave his son, Stephen Langley said he believes veterans have an edge when it comes to hiring new prospects.

I think the self-discipline that they learn, the ability to lead others those are two key things that are important in our business, he said. I think Trevor has certainly learned to be a leader as a Marine infantry officer.

Stephen Langley said the family enjoys working together.

We have a lot of strong personalities here, but we all understand that you have to be patient and you have to deal with the personalities to make it all work, and we all have a strong desire to make it all work, he said. And it's working well.

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