

# Progressive Commercial to Donate Semi Truck to Military Veteran Trucker

## Progressive expands its established veteran aid program, Keys to Progress, to truckers

MAYFIELD VILLAGE, Ohio, April 2, 2018 -- On April 7, one lucky military veteran will receive the keys to a fully loaded Freightliner truck through [Progressive's Keys to Progress](#)® program. The Keys to Progress program provides reliable transportation to help military veterans and their families move forward in life. This marks the first time Progressive will donate a commercial semi-truck.

"A commercial truck is more than a vehicle; it's the means to start a business. As the #1 truck insurer and a proud supporter of the military, Progressive is very passionate about truckers and veterans," said John Barbagallo, Commercial Lines president. "One of Progressive's Core Values is the Golden Rule. The Keys to Progress program is one way we put that into action and give back to people who've given so much for our country. We're thrilled to extend the Keys to Progress program into Commercial Lines, where we can help a veteran who makes his living on the road."

The Keys to Progress Commercial Lines recipient is James Rogers, from Pevely, MO.

Progressive teamed up with St. Christopher Truckers Relief Fund to identify a deserving recipient of this life-changing gift. James Rogers spent 11 years in the Army, including tours in Afghanistan and Korea, and suffered a spinal injury while abroad. Once healthy and ready to enter the civilian workforce, James wanted a career that would provide the same camaraderie and integrity that being a soldier provided. James now serves his country on the road, as a trucker supporting our nation's economy while providing a living for his family.

"With this gift, Progressive has made my dream of becoming an entrepreneur and starting my own owner-operator business a reality," said Rogers. "It was an honor to serve my country in the Army, and now I get to serve my country again through my own trucking business."

Rogers will be presented with his truck during a ceremony at [SelectTrucks of Houston](#) on April 7th from 12 p.m.-4 p.m. CDT. Open to the public, the event will also include live music, food and refreshments.

The following key partners helped make this life-changing donation possible:

- [St. Christopher Truckers Relief Fund](#), the leading charity dedicated to truckers in need, helped identify the recipient and sourced additional donations to help Rogers start his new business.
- [SelectTrucks/Houston Freightliner](#) volunteered staff, resources and hours of time to complete service, body and paint work, and upgrades to the truck free-of-charge – including all parts.
- STR Productions donated time and resources to organize the giveaway ceremony and event.

Through the commercial trucker extension of its Keys to Progress program, Progressive and its partners seek to shine a light on, and enable, deserving veterans.

For more information on Progressive's Keys to Progress program, visit [KeysToProgress.com](#) or #KeysToProgress.

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