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Husband's deployment to Iraq leads couple to new home at K. Hovnanian's® Four Seasons at Mirage

BARNEGAT, N.J. – On her first visit to her sister-in-law's new home at K. Hovnanian's® Four Seasons at Mirage, Jeanette Thomas knew she wanted a home there too. So she launched a campaign to persuade her husband, Charles, that it was time to leave the Old Bridge condo where they'd lived for 12 years. Charles resisted for a while, reluctant to face the upheaval of a move.

Then world events intervened: Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Thomas, U.S. Army National Guard, received word that he would be deployed to Iraq.

Charles, a former state trooper and a full-time police lieutenant with New Jersey Transit will ship out to Iraq in January. At age 58 and a grandfather, this isn't the first time Charles has been deployed in recent years.

Charles promised Jeanette a new home when he returned from eight months of service in Bosnia three years ago. Now facing an expected two-year tour in Iraq, he kept his word. The couple, together with Pebbles, their 11-year-old Maltese, moved into their new home at K. Hovnanian's® Four Seasons at Mirage on Nov. 4. Charles was able to take leave from Fort Dix to help with the move.

The Curacao model the couple selected is Jeanette's dream home. "It has everything we ever wanted," she said. "A fireplace and a Jacuzzi, a separate, formal dining room – everything so big and open. And windows – it has 22 windows! I even got the kitchen island I wanted." Jeanette, who loves to entertain, put her new kitchen to work right away, cooking every day for family visiting as she unpacked.

During visits to K. Hovnanian's Home Design Gallery, the Thomases selected additional options to personalize their homes. In addition to converting the standard den to a third bedroom, they added a sunroom off the family room and kitchen, pull-down attic access for more storage space, and a bay window in the master bedroom.

Jeanette finds the atmosphere and offerings of the active adult community very appealing.

“There are people everywhere walking and jogging. The clubhouse is like a mansion; there’s an indoor/outdoor pool, activities, crafts, trips,” she said. And she remains enthralled by the reflecting pond, fountains and trees framing the entrance to the community—the scenery that captivated her on her first visit to Four Seasons at Mirage a year ago. “It’s just beautiful here, so clean, peaceful and quiet. It’s a very special place and I feel very safe here.”

Charles and Jeanette feel reassured that she is in a good place and close to family while he is away on duty.

“I know I can call the K. Hovnanian office if I need anything and someone will be there for me,” Jeanette said. A former legal secretary, she is even thinking about applying to work with the company at some time in the future.

For Charles and Jeanette, the future holds the promise of a new grandchild due in early 2005, joining four other grandchildren in Forked River and Florida, and the anticipation of many joyful reunions in their new home on his return from Iraq.

There are 11 single-family ranch-style home plans available at K. Hovnanian’s Four Seasons at Mirage. They range in size from 1,750 square feet to more than 3,000 square feet. Some of the homes have lofts; all offer breath-taking two- or three-bedroom designs with master suites on the first floor and ample space for elegant yet relaxed entertaining. Each home has at least two baths and a two-car garage. Prices start in the mid \$200s.

Stunning homes aren’t the only reason people are moving to Four Seasons at Mirage. The community offers a 23,000-square-foot world-class clubhouse and recreation complex. The outdoor recreational area includes a swimming pool with veranda, putting green, three tennis courts, bocce courts, horseshoe area, shuffleboard courts, a picnic pavilion and a terrace. All this is within sight of a beautiful lake with fountains.

Inside the clubhouse, a formal ballroom and banquet hall with a greeting area and catering kitchen creates an elegant feeling. There’s a state-of-the-art fitness center with men’s and women’s sauna and an indoor swimming pool and spa. There are spaces for a variety of activities. For instance, there’s a ceramics studio with a kiln, two card rooms, a woodworking shop, a billiards room, a computer center and a library. The club lounge is a great place to just relax by the fireplace and watch television with friends.

If all this isn’t enough to keep residents entertained, Barnegat Township itself makes all of the excitement of the Jersey Shore an amenity for residents. With easy access to major roadways and numerous shopping areas, Barnegat is convenient to many points of interest from the scenic Barnegat Lighthouse and the sparkling beaches of the Jersey Shore to the glitter and excitement of Atlantic City. The golf enthusiast can take advantage of the many nearby golf courses. Boaters will find an array of marinas just minutes away.

The sales office, which is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, can be reached at (800) 982-0152.

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