During the demolition of the interior and exterior structures of certain rooms we as a team utilized various tools and methods of stripping the floor. Working together as a team was also beneficial. We learned each other’s strengths and weaknesses and found out how to be as productive as possible.

The above photos show the house's that we volunteered on during the service learning project. As you can see these houses look very ran down and almost unlivable. Instead of demolishing the homes and starting from scratch Homes for Heroes attempts to not only use all their resources but also works to preserve
historical features of the area. The volunteers informed us that these homes were built around 1940. It would be ashamed to see them go.

The city of Statesboro purchased this house so that they could renovate it and put it on the market for local fire-fighters and law-enforcement.

We had to remove old worn out drywall and nails holding it up. It was interesting to see how the house had been remodeled and drywall was put up over an original bead board.

I learned the importance of using the proper tools, and how much more difficult something can be without the use of power tools.
First layer of deck and second layer of deck

Removal of old ceiling
Taking Apart the Walls

Looking at the different material throughout the house makes you realize the importance of what works better with what. Being able to actually translate what you’ve learned from the class to the work site is very demanding, but also very rewarding.
After a long day of working many lessons were learned. We learned that demolition is not simply tearing things apart. It's almost like organized chaos. You cannot simply go in and start tearing down walls and beams. We had to work as a team to get most of our jobs accomplished. Without each other nothing would have got done. This project was very eye opening and very beneficial. It was several peoples first time on a construction site.

Throughout the duration of this project our team has learned about demolition and the overall building process of construction first hand. There's no better way to understand how something is built than to take it apart piece by piece in the opposite order it was put up. We all thoroughly enjoyed getting together to help the community through our passion for construction. We hope to have more projects exactly like this in the next courses to come.