

San Juan based Homefront America provides holiday cheer for National Guard and active duty service members.

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Easter memories for military families

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SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO - Easter came early for local military families, as Homefront America gave out nearly 200 Easter baskets at Camp Pendleton on Saturday, March 31 to local National Guard and active duty service members, including San Juan's adopted 1st Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment.

Fourteen sponsors, including individuals, families and businesses from across Orange County, teamed up with the San Juan based non-profit organization to provide custom made baskets for the kids.

"It exceeded our expectations because of our sponsors," said Mamie Maywhort, event organizer. "It brought the community together and showed our military families that America does support them and love them."

The Easter event also featured a raffle, with the winning family receiving a free one week vacation.

"It was truly like Christmas at Easter," Maywhort said.

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PICTURE TIME: Sgt. Al Ramawad and his daughter have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny

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