



Christmas in Capistrano

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THE LATEST: Capistrano-based veterans-support group Homefront America is collecting Christmas stockings for children of the Marines in the city's adopted 1st Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment.

Homefront is working with Metro Java Café, which is accepting gift-filled stockings. The stockings will be given to the children at an El Adobe dinner before the city's December 1 holiday Tree Lighting

Ceremony. Homefront America, a registered 501c3 charity, is hoping for 600 stockings. Tax-deductible donations for the program are also being accepted. Checks should be made out to Homefront America, Inc., and mailed to 27375 Paseo La Serena, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675.

WHAT'S NEXT: The last day to drop off stockings at Metro Java Café, 32211 Camino Capistrano, is Thursday, November 29.

The city's annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be 4 p.m.–9 p.m. on Saturday, December 1 at Historic Town Center Park, on El Camino Real south of Ortega Highway.

The Mission is also open that night, free, and many downtown shops keep their doors open and serve refreshments for guests. Santa and Mrs. Claus are among those sure to attend.