

## **Capistrano Volunteers Provide Easter Celebration at Pendleton**

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It was Saturday, April 4, 2009. The sun was shining. The sky was blue. And, the breeze was just right. Mother Nature could not have been more kind on this special day – a day where a group of Orange County residents from San Juan Capistrano and surrounding cities came together to show support for our troops and to honor America’s little “Unsung Heroes,” military children.

Nearly 270 children received Easter baskets, Chocolate Easter Bunnies, and PAAS Easter Egg Coloring Kits through the *Homefront America Easter Egg-strvaganza Program*. The children came out in force at the Deluz Community Housing Center, Camp Pendleton for a chance to hunt and gather their share of the 850-plus Easter eggs, meet the Easter Bunny, and to take home a custom filled Easter basket made especially for them by Homefront America volunteers.

The families came from Orange, San Diego, Los Angeles, and Riverside Counties, as well as from the High Desert to enjoy family time, meet new friends, and to reconnect with old ones. For some, it was a way to help detract from the challenges of deployment since multiple deployments are no longer the exception, but the norm.

Mamie Maywhort, cofounder of Homefront America, attributes the program’s success to their many supporters. “This has truly been a community effort and we are deeply grateful to the many people who helped to make this our best Easter program ever. We couldn’t do it without their help.”

Founded in 2005, the all-volunteer San Juan Capistrano-based organization is dedicated to serving our Troops by honoring and supporting their families with compassion, care, guidance, and meaningful assistance in their time of need. For more information, visit <http://www.homefrontamerica.org/>. For additional information, please call Mamie Yong Maywhort at 949.293.5307

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