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WOUNDED WARRIORS FETED WITH CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY

Thursday evening, 11 December 2008 the Christmas Season in San Diego was alive and well as We Thank Our Troops and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3787 hosted a sumptuous Christmas Dinner Prime Rib Buffet replete with a fine accompaniment Salads, Vegetables, Dessert and Beverages for the Warrior Transition Company based at Naval Medical Center San Diego.

Not many in San Diego know we have a contingent of U.S. Army Wounded Warriors based in San Diego, patients at Naval Medical Center San Diego. Last night these Soldiers had a real San Diego welcome with the Christmas Holiday Dinner Party sponsored by Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians.

No Christmas Dinner Party is complete without a visit by the Elves from the Northpole. BAE Systems of San Diego played the role of Santa for this event and sponsored the gifts for the troops, and their families. Door Prizes included Crock Pots, \$50.00 Gift Cards, 5 VFW Memberships for Wounded Warriors, and lot's of Toys for the Klds.

Steve Lewandowski, sportscaster for ESPN and local San Diego Resident MC'd the event, Larry Brown, District One Senior Vice Commander for the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Dave Tofte, Commander for VFW Post 3787 officiated welcoming the U.S. Army Combat Veterans as new members of the VFW. Representatives of the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians were on hand to serve the meal and thank the Soldiers for their service, also on hand to welcome the troops were representatives of BAE Systems of San Diego.

Tis the season of caring and sharing, a time of year when Americans come together to celebrate a most awesome national tradition, Christmas. For many among us it's a celebration of faith and belief, for all it's a celebration of Brotherhood, Sisterhood, Family, Camaraderie, and most importantly of all, Freedom.

For those of us who choose to honor the men and women who serve our country it is a great honor to go the extra mile this time of year to give thanks for a treasure we hold so dear, a nation that for 233 has celebrated freedom, thanks to our Defenders of Freedom.

In America, We Thank Our Troops, Past and Present.

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