



# City of San Juan Capistrano

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## Press Releases

### **Homefront America to Serve as Liaison to City's Adopted 1st Battalion 11th Marine Regiment Posted**

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Homefront America, an all-volunteer 501(c)3 military outreach and support organization, has joined forces with the City of San Juan Capistrano, to provide expanded support to the City's adopted 1st Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment at Camp Pendleton. Since adopting the "1/11" in 2006, the City has worked with community residents and volunteers to support 1/11 Marines, Sailors, and their families.

At its December 6th meeting, the City Council voted to partner with Homefront America, establishing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which will allow Homefront America ". . . to *act as the liaison on behalf of the City to provide support services, organize events, and solicit support for 1st Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment.*"

"By combining our efforts and pooling together our resources, we are able to expand on our current programs and improve on their quality," said Mamie Maywhort, co-founder of Homefront America. "Perhaps the great American author, Helen Keller, said it best: "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Maywhort and her colleague, Arthur Hasselbrink, founded Homefront America in 2005. The organization provides a wide range of year-round programs that support military families, including 1/11 families, at Camp Pendleton and surrounding military communities. Its mission is to honor and hold dear those who willingly defend our freedoms, and to serve their families - especially the children - by providing quality, caring, and meaningful programs that nurture and enrich their social and emotional well-being.

"I cannot think of a finer organization to work with our City of San Juan Capistrano to honor and aid our adopted 1st Battalion 11th Marine regiment, their families and Veterans," said Mayor Kerry Ferguson. "The group works tirelessly all year long to provide aid and comfort, and we are honored to join with them in extending the reach of their efforts."

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