



## **Mission San Juan Capistrano to Host Homefront America's 'Field of Honor'® Flag Display During Memorial Day Weekend**

**San Juan Capistrano, Calif.,** (April 20, 2021) — Mission San Juan Capistrano announces a first-time partnership with Homefront America in hosting their 2021 Field of Honor® during Memorial Day weekend, Wednesday, May 26 through Monday, May 31. The display will consist of up to 400 seven-foot community-sponsored American flags strategically placed on the grounds of Mission San Juan Capistrano in honor of military heroes, veterans and first responders. All military members, first responders and flag sponsors will receive complimentary admission to the Mission throughout the exhibit.

"Field of Honor® is about bringing people together to show their patriotism and pride in America with an experience that is positive and meaningful. We gratefully acknowledge Mission San Juan Capistrano for its support in providing the beautiful venue to host the 2021 Homefront America Field of Honor® and for their generous donation of admission vouchers for military and first responders," said Homefront America Founder and President Mamie Yong Maywhort.

The community is invited to sponsor individual flags to honor a specific military member, veteran, and/or first responder. Past honorees have included famous K-9 and equestrian heroes for their selfless sacrifices. Sponsorships begin at \$50/flag with all proceeds benefiting Homefront America's charitable programs for military families. A \$50 sponsor level also includes an individual membership to Mission San Juan Capistrano's Preservation Society and sponsorship benefits increase with various levels up to \$1000.

Mission San Juan Capistrano Executive Director Mechelle Lawrence Adams says, "This new project and partnership strikes at the heartstrings of what makes the Mission so meaningful to people of all faiths, backgrounds and journeys. To see hundreds of

American flags beautifully displayed and each representing an actual person who has served our country should be pure awe. We are thrilled to work with the good people at Homefront America and the entire Mission team is truly excited to celebrate our military and can't wait to experience the visual and emotional effect of this meaningful project."

Field of Honor® will be on display from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. from Wednesday, May 26 to Monday, May 31. Regular admission pricing will be in effect with the exception of complimentary admission for military, veterans, first-responders, flag sponsors and members of the Mission San Juan Capistrano Preservation Society.

Mission San Juan Capistrano is located at 26801 Ortega Highway in San Juan Capistrano and free public parking is available. Tickets may be purchased in advance online. Visit <https://www.missionsjc.com> for pricing and membership details, hours of operation and COVID safety measures. For background about Homefront America and Field of Honor® sponsor details, visit <https://www.homefrontamerica.org>.

### **About Mission San Juan Capistrano**

Known as the "Jewel of the Missions," Mission San Juan Capistrano is a historic landmark and museum that features permanent exhibits with original artifacts as well as traveling and temporary exhibits. Orange County's only Mission, the site is home to Serra Chapel, The Great Stone Church and the original padres' quarters of the South Wing and promotes faith, education, preservation and cultural event programming.

Founded on November 1, 1776, by Saint Junipero Serra as the seventh of 21 California missions established by Spain, Mission San Juan Capistrano is owned by the Diocese of Orange and receives no church or state funding. The Mission Preservation Foundation, comprised of business and community leaders, is its fundraising entity committed to ensuring education, preservation and its long-term historic and religious significance.

### **About Homefront America**

Homefront America was founded by Arthur Hasselbrink (1926-2019) and Mamie Yong Maywhort in July 2005. Their mission is to honor those who willingly defend our freedoms and to serve their families with quality, caring and meaningful programs that nurture and enrich their social, emotional, and physical well-being. The 501(c)(3) all-volunteer military outreach and support organization is based in San Juan Capistrano. The Field of Honor® program is licensed by the Colonial Flag Foundation.

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