



Mission San Juan Capistrano to Host Homefront America Field of Honor® Featuring over 450 American Flags

San Juan Capistrano, Calif., (April 17, 2024) - Mission San Juan Capistrano is proud to continue its special partnership with Homefront America in hosting the 2024 Field of Honor® recognizing military heroes, veterans and first responders. The installation of over 450 American flags will be in place at the Mission from Tuesday, May 21 through Memorial Day, Monday, May 27 with a ceremony on Tuesday, May 21 at noon.

Field of Honor® transforms the Mission's central Courtyard with a beautiful display of more than 450 community-sponsored, seven-foot-tall American flags each honoring the service and heroism of a specific military member, veteran, first responder, K-9 or equestrian hero. Flag sponsorships begin at \$50 per flag with all proceeds benefiting Homefront America's charitable programs for military families.

"We are profoundly grateful to continue our partnership with Mission San Juan Capistrano to bring this extraordinary display of patriotism to the community. This beautiful historic landmark pays respect to those who sacrificed so much for our cherished freedoms," says Homefront America, Inc. Founder and President Mamie Yong Maywhort.

Field of Honor® takes place during Mission San Juan's normal operating hours and regular admission pricing will be in effect. In honor of this special event, the Mission will be open on Memorial Day, May 27 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"Mission San Juan is the perfect venue to celebrate the enduring sacrifices made by so many. We believe the setting upholds the beauty of the American hero in a way no other can match," said Mission San Juan Capistrano Executive Director Mechelle Lawrence Adams.

For advanced tickets, pricing, membership details and hours of operation, visit www.missionsjc.org. Active-duty service members receive free admission and a special

grant funding by the Casey Family Foundation will allow for free admission for up to 150 members of military families throughout the exhibit.

For flag sponsorships or more information about Homefront America and Field of Honor®, visit www.homefrontamerica.org.

Mission San Juan Capistrano is located at 26801 Old Mission Road in San Juan Capistrano.

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 in 2005 by Mamie Yong Maywhort and the late Arthur Hasselbrink (1926-2019). Its 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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