

**WORLD WAR II VETERAN AND ARMY MEDIC PARATROOPER TO RECEIVE FIRST  
CHRISTMAS TREES OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christmas Tree Giveaway Will Brighten the Holiday Season for Service Members*

San Diego, CA: Councilmember Chris Cate and The Rosie Network have teamed up for the third year to provide Christmas trees to active duty and veteran military families for the holiday season. 200 pre-registered military families will receive a free Christmas tree on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., thanks to the generosity of Walmart and SDG&E. Individuals interested in receiving a free Christmas tree can [register on Eventbrite](#).

San Diego is home to the largest concentration of military personnel in the nation. According to the San Diego Military Family Collaborative, there are over 60,000 military-connected children in San Diego.

[The Rosie Network](#) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening military families through entrepreneurial programs and support services, empowering military spouses, transitioning service members, and veteran entrepreneurs toward financial stability and self-sufficiency.

"1 in every 5 residents in District 6 is connected to the military. Due to the generosity of Walmart and SDG&E, military families will have Christmas trees for the holiday season," stated Councilmember Chris Cate.

**WHAT:** Kickoff Ceremony & Press Conference

**WHERE:** Walmart – Parking Lot  
4840 Shawline Street, San Diego, CA 92111

**WHEN:** Thursday, December 3, 2020  
11:00 a.m.

**RECIPIENTS:** Mr. Mithi Acierto, 90 years old, WWII & Vietnam Veteran

- Due to COVID-19 safeguards, his daughter will be present to pick up his tree

Ms. Ednita Sapinoso, U.S. Army Medic Paratrooper Veteran

