



HEARTLIGHTS

GREAT IMPRESSIONS

The San Clemente Military Family Outreach's 8th Annual Variety Show, Music & Comedy Aiding Military Families, featured a variety of professional and local artists. Bob Crittendon, show producer, summed up the 2015 show as "an artistic success" and thanked the donors, volunteers and performers for making it happen. He said the proceeds would be a significant financial boost to the annual turkey distribution on base at San Onofre, adding "More importantly, it marks a robust beginning of a year-end campaign that includes our annual 'Thank a Family' Christmas program and an all-out effort to make sure that no family is overlooked this holiday season. We hope it also encourages all of our citizens to 'embrace the base' at this important time of year."

October 24, 2015 - San Clemente Community Center



Former San Clemente Mayor and guest of honor, Wayne Eggleston, had high praise for the SCMFO's services to support low-income families in north Camp Pendleton. Eggleston has been a longtime champion of the military, and led the \$300,000 campaign that created Park Semper Fi and the Marine Monument in the Pier Bowl area.



Ruth Strickland, chair for South Coast Singers' "Stars of Tomorrow" vocal competition, presented 17-year-old Kyla Stone.



Above (2): An appreciative audience affirmed Don McMillan's rank as the nation's #1 corporate comedian. The "Power Point Comedian" left them in stitches.



Acoustic guitarist Daniel Vera mesmerized the crowd with his Brazilian Bossa Nova.



Impressionist Danny Jacobson teamed with recording artist Jill Jaxx in a musical journey "From Vegas to Broadway."

WHERE DOES YOUR HEARTLIGHT SHINE?



In addition to dealing with daily emergency situations, SCMFO sponsors or supports several scheduled "morale events" during the year. Each event is an opportunity to let your heartlight shine. Check below for details of how.

TURKEY GIVEAWAY

Monday, November 23 marks the 8th annual Turkey Giveaway to Marine families in north Camp Pendleton (almost within sight of San Clemente). This event will provide about 800 San Onofre active-duty military families with a turkey and all the fixings of the traditional meal. The families can then prepare the meal in the privacy of their own housing.

Funding for the Turkey Giveaway comes from the SCMFO annual fundraiser and a once-yearly mail appeal. If you wish to receive the annual notice and donation request, just provide your name and mailing address to SCMFO, 2001 Calle Frontera, San Clemente, CA 92673. Donations can be made online all year long at <http://www.militaryfamilyoutreach.com/donate.html>.

CHRISTMAS THANK A FAMILY

The SCMFO "Thank a Family" program offers gratitude and appreciation to our military families by assisting them at Christmas time. Marine families eligible for the program rank E5 and below and are based on Camp Pendleton, or may be living close by. These families either contact SCMFO directly with a request for assistance at Christmas, or we receive names of families through the Battalion Family Readiness Officers (FRO) and other sources.

SCMFO matches Marine families with people from local churches, outreach organizations, community businesses and individuals who volunteer to sponsor a family. If you or your organization would like to become sponsors, contact Theresa Lowe, Christmas Thank a Family Program Coordinator 2015, at Theresadlowe88@gmail.com.

BABY SHOWER

SCMFO is inviting 25 military moms-to-be and their husbands or a friend to a baby shower in January. The women will be showered with baby clothes, nursery necessities, delicious treats and silly games – just like the baby shower their family and friends would have given them back home. Each mom-to-be will receive a layette wrapped in either a handmade quilt or crocheted blanket, plus a larger gift (e.g., stroller, car seat, high chair).

Many of the gifts for the shower come from Mary's Feast, an annual advent gathering hosted by St. Andrew's to which attendees are invited to bring unwrapped clothing, diapers, and other items for infants or toddlers. It's a baby shower for Mary and her son, Jesus! But we will still need more large items and would be very grateful for gifts of this kind or for monetary donations or Target gift cards we can use to purchase additional items to give away. To make a donation or for more information, contact Judy Franz, Baby Shower Chair, at junofranz@aol.com or 949-493-3826.



A WORLD OF GRATITUDE

The Producer of the San Clemente Military Family Outreach's Variety Show, Robert Crittendon, has announced that this year's show will be his last on behalf of the organization. Mr. Crittendon's loss will be felt throughout the organization, where he also served as Director of Communications. His fellow volunteers - and friends - wished to express their gratitude for his years of contributions to the show.

"I have worked with Bob on five Variety Shows and with each year he amazes me. He lines up unusual talent, finds a very inspirational MC, leaves no stone unturned when it comes to media exposure and marketing. Bob comes up with a catchy name for the variety show and the cover for the playbill. His organization of the process and procedures is a learning experience for all of us that are a part of the show. Bob, IS the Variety Show and I am proud that I have had the pleasure of working with Bob on the shows."

-Kathleen Morea, SCMFO Chairman

"When my church (Christ Lutheran San Clemente) and I first joined up with SCMFO, I found that Bob Crittendon and I had similar professional backgrounds and once I got involved, I was determined never to let him down! He has been an amazing fundraiser for the organization through the Variety Show (his baby, nurtured through the last 8 years), and has been solely responsible for every bit of media coverage SCMFO has achieved in his tenure. He is my media relations hero!"

-Judy Franz, retired Assistant to the City Manager, City of Santa Monica, Community and Media Relations

"Bob you have given so much of your time, talent and energy to SCMFO. You gave us and the community 8 great variety shows for all of us to enjoy. Each show, each year seemed to be better, with great talent that you selected. We look forward to having you stay on the committee and share your ideas. Thanks for all you have done."

-Marian Fournier

"What a compassionate, caring, giving Gentleman he is - the world could do with many more 'Bobs'."

-Theresa Lowe