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**Christmas is recreated in June for record number of military families with the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual “Christmas you Missed”**

**Who: San Diego Armed Services YMCA, Barona Resort and Casino and KSON.**

**When: Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010. 6:00am to 9:00am.**

**Where: Murphy Canyon Youth Center-4867 Santo rd, San Diego, CA, 92124**

**On Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010**, The San Diego Armed Services YMCA will recreate the Magic of the Holidays for 615 military and their families who were separated by deployment during the 2009 Holiday Season, the biggest Christmas You Missed event to date since it was created in 2007.

No detail has been left out; from Red Starbucks cups and Christmas blend coffee, to beautiful decorations and Fresh Christmas trees from the Family Christmas Tree Farm and even real snow! Families will get to bond a fun filled morning with Christmas Carolers, a holiday breakfast by Souplantation, a gingerbread house contest, as well as a Christmas Cookie station Christmas crafts and special guests. There will even be a mini “reindeer” (pony) petting zoo for the children outside where live snow will be falling next to real marine humvees.

Every family will leave with presents, stockings filled with Christmas Candy and handwritten Christmas cards from the community. All guests and volunteers will be dressed in their best Holiday clothing. Families will enjoy photos taken with Santa as well as toys from Santa so the Military member can watch their child’s faces as they open presents and enjoy their surprise and delight. Local San Diego Singer/Songwriters will play Christmas Carols from 7am to 8:30am, when the Armed Services YMCA will recognize Families who welcomed 11 new babies born during deployment during a special Ceremony. Barona Resort and Casino, the 2010 Sponsor is proud to thank Military families for their service during prolonged and increased deployments.

The San Diego Armed Services YMCA serves 7,000 junior-enlisted and their families EACH MONTH with free programs that help military families Stress Less and Connect More. This 4th annual event could not be possible without our title sponsor; Barona, Casino and Resort, and KSON. Other sponsors include Waste Management San Diego and North County, San Diego DJ, County Supervisor Pam Slater Price, GEICO, OMBAC, Rotary Club 33, Toys for Tots, the San Diego Chargers, the Padres, and Souplantation. Over 100 military and civilian volunteers make this event possible. Media is invited to attend. Please contact Brittany Catton at (858) 344-4709 or [bcatton@asymcasd.org](mailto:bcatton@asymcasd.org) to RSVP or for more information.