



## ARMED SERVICES YMCA



Dear OCBF Members and Friends:

We are proud to announce that the OCBF and the Armed Services YMCA at Camp Pendleton ("ASYMCA") are once again partnering to support our young enlisted Marine and Navy service members and their families based at Camp Pendleton, 29 Palms and San Diego by fulfilling their holiday wishes of their children receiving a bike or a visit to "Santa's Workshop."

Since 2005, the ASYMCA has given bicycles to deserving, junior enlisted service members and their families. Because the ASYMCA does not receive federal funding and must rely on the local community for support, the OCBF has supported the bike giveaway effort since 2006. A tax-deductible donation of **just \$50** buys a child a new bike and helmet. Again this year, you will also have the option to earmark your contribution (including bikes) to the ASYMCA's "Santa's Workshop."

With OCBF assistance last year, over 400 bikes were delivered to needy members of our military family at Camp Pendleton and other bases. This achievement is the result of your support. With the recent changes in the tax laws that have limited the use of itemized deductions, "donor fatigue" from natural disasters, and new troop deployments into war zones, there is a shortage of funding. Moreover, supporting our troops isn't as popular within the community at large as it once was. The OCBF has again agreed to assist to make sure that these critical programs continue. We would like to ensure a minimum of 400 bikes are available this holiday season and we will hopefully be able to exceed that minimum.

To achieve our goal, we are asking that each member make a tax-deductible contribution to the ASYMCA. Donations can either be made by a check payable to "Armed Services YMCA," with "OCBF Bike Giveaway" or "OCBF Santa's Workshop" written in the memo section **or** can be made on-line at [OCBF.org](http://OCBF.org). Checks should be mailed to the OCBF, 6789 Quail Hill Parkway, # 204, Irvine, California 92603. Please have your donations arrive by December 1, 2018 so that the funding can be available for bike purchases. For many of the junior enlisted and their families living in the high cost area of Southern California, a bike is out of their reach, so your contribution to the event will be a very significant gift.

Thank you for your kindness and making this holiday season a brighter one for our Marines, Sailors and their families.

Very truly yours,

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