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Getting Military Families Home for the Holidays

Southwest Airlines to Support, Celebrate and Film Military Family Traveling Home for the December Holidays

- What:** The nonprofit organization, **Home for the Holidays**, is teaming up with **Southwest Airlines**, to help members of the military get home for the holidays. Southwest is holding a farewell and arrival gathering event to celebrate this exciting partnership and opportunity.
- Who:** Patrick and Kimberly Herman and their three children, traveling from San Diego, CA to Philadelphia, PA who have not been home for Christmas in over 5 years. Although the Herman's have been saving to return home this year for the holidays, their son's recent health issues have depleted their trip funds. Please see their story on the enclosed page.
- Jean K. Ries, Executive Director, Home for the Holidays
- Greg T. Greenwood, Founder and Board President, Home for the Holidays
- Where:** San Diego, International Airport, 3225 North Harbor Drive. Southwest Airlines ticket counter.
- When:** Wednesday, December 21, 5:30 AM
- Why:** One of the most difficult parts of serving in the military is separation from loved ones. Financial hardships, illness and deployments have made it impossible for many military families to be together at this special time of year. In 2011, Home for the Holidays is helping over 45 military personnel and their families travel to see their loved ones this holiday season. At this gathering, there will be ample opportunity to speak with and photograph the Herman family as well as the staff, board and supporters of Home for the Holidays. Please join us to celebrate and give thanks to the military as we send them off to join their families for Christmas!



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