



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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## **COUNTY PROGRAM PLANS VETERAN'S DAY TRIBUTE**

*Disabled Children to Present Art Project to Disabled Veterans in Chula Vista*

**WHO:** County of San Diego California Children Services (CCS) Medical Therapy Unit Staff  
CCS Clients from local schools (children with various physical disabilities)  
Fourth and fifth grade students at Greg Rogers Elementary School  
United States veterans who reside at The Veterans Home of California and their families

**WHAT:** A celebration of United States veterans of military service ranging from World War II to Vietnam. CCS clients from the Chula Vista Medical Therapy Unit, with the assistance of CCS Physical and Occupational Therapists, are challenging their fine motor and gross motor skills to prepare an art project and presentation for veterans who reside at the Veterans Home, a 400-bed long-term care facility and therapeutic community located a few blocks away.

Approximately 15 veterans have been invited to visit the therapy unit for an official presentation ceremony of the art project by the children in a school-wide assembly. After the event, the veterans will take the art project back to the home to display at their facility as a tribute to their service.

**WHEN:** 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm  
Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007

**WHERE:** CCS Medical Therapy Unit, Room 604  
Greg Rogers Elementary School  
510 East Naples Street, Chula Vista, CA 91911

**WHY:** The California Children Services Medical Therapy Unit is a special program of the County of San Diego HHSA (Health and Human Services Agency) that provides occupational and physical therapy for children with eligible conditions such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy and spinal cord injuries. This event is aimed at inspiring both of these disabled populations (young and old) to overcome their individual challenges. The veterans will get to experience the warmth and determination of the disabled children who receive services with CCS and who are using their individual capabilities to contribute to the project. Most of the Veterans have disabilities of their own that they work to overcome on a daily basis and may be inspired by what these children also face and their achievements beyond their disabilities.

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