

Tito Ortiz, MMA Superstar, Delivers Christmas "SWAG" Bags to Active Duty Military Personnel

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LOS ANGELES, CA, UNITED STATES, December 27, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- MMA superstar Tito Ortiz has certainly had a busy year. From knocking out his opponent Chuck Lidell in the first round of their bout on November 24th, to serving food to the homeless at the Laugh Factory comedy club on Thanksgiving, to [teasing a potential rematch](#) against his rival Chael Sonnen on social media, it seems that Ortiz has made the most of what this year has had to offer. However, 2018 isn't quite over, and the fighter made time recently to deliver gift bags to combat wounded, ill, and injured active duty military personnel at two locations in Southern California.

"I think it's important to give back to the community in any way you can," explained Tito Ortiz, "that's something I've always believed in. Never stop being grateful for what you have and where you came from."

The event is hosted by the American Soldier Network, a hands-on organization that raises awareness and funding to tackle the psychological and emotional battles affecting veterans on the home front, such as PTSD, reintegration, and a focus on suicide prevention. The American Soldier Network is a nonprofit corporation with federal tax-exempt status as a public charity under section 501©.

The two locations this year were the Naval Hospital of San Diego, and the Wounded Warrior Battalion West on Camp Pendleton. Volunteers and celebrities arrived to deliver "SWAG" bags, which stands for "Showing Warriors Americas Gratitude." These gifts are filled with items such as DVDs from Adam Sandler's Happy Madison, CDs from Warner Brothers music, nutcrackers and hats from the Los Angeles Angels, Bands of Arms from Navy veteran Nick Mendoza, stress balls from Navy Federal credit union, socks from Extra Socks, and hand-made cards from school kids all around Southern California.

The presents were brought out by volunteers and celebrities, including Tito Ortiz, who has been a part of the event for over 5 years. Other guests included model Amber Nicole Miller, actor David James Elliott, actress Nanci Chambers, gold star mother Laura Ostrom, and former Green Beret and award-winning author Larry Boughten.

"It's events like these that make me especially grateful to live here in California," continued Ortiz.



MMA Superstar Tito Ortiz and Film Actor David James Elliott

"It's great to see how people can bounce back after these fires and spread joy and cheer during the holidays."

Ortiz has been a self-proclaimed supporter of the United States military for years, posting patriotically on his various forms of social media. "Real Americans respect and support our armed forces," Ortiz explains.

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