

**2024 CHULA VISTA VETERAN OF THE YEAR  
PROPOSED PROCLAMATION**

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COMMENDING DANNY SHAFFSTALL AS CITY OF CHULA'S 2024 VETERAN OF THE YEAR

WHEREAS, Danny Shaffstall is a Veteran of the United States Navy and capably served his community as a volunteer and professional for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shaffstall dedicates countless hours in support of Chula Vista Veterans. His services are evident through his work as Program Manager for the Us for Warriors Foundation, Member of the Family Life Action Group of the San Diego Veterans Coalition, and Supporting Member of the San Diego VA Regional Medical Center's "Food Empowerment Program"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shaffstall has assisted veterans recently released from active duty, those struggling with hardships and their families in spearheading the Food4Warriors program of the Us for Warriors Foundation by sustaining projects with two food distributions each month, weekly pantry services, care boxes for homeless veterans and holiday support events; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shaffstall has coordinated and led volunteer efforts in collaboration of Homeless Stand Down events, providing food and resources to thousands of homeless veterans and their families, including consistent monthly food distributions throughout the recent COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shaffstall has worked directly with posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks, Veterans Affairs Clinics, and local organizations to facilitate hundreds of food distributions for thousands of military, veterans and families in need; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shaffstall has served as a Volunteer Team Leader for several key projects in support of the Veterans Home of California in Chula Vista as well as therapeutic sporting and art events and community service projects supporting local veterans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shaffstall played a pivotal role in the recognition of the partnership of the San Diego VA Regional Medical Center and the Us for Warriors Foundation as the 2024 Veterans Health Administration National Community Partnership Challenge award recipients for work alongside nutritionists, social workers and key leaders of San Diego VA Clinics with deliveries and distributions of nutritional and dietary foods for Veterans with food insecurity issues hindering a healthy quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN McCANN, 41st Mayor of the City of Chula Vista, California, do hereby honor Danny Shaffstall as Chula Vista's 2024 Veteran of the Year. Chula Vista thanks him for his personal contribution in service to our country and for his continued service to improving the lives of Chula Vista Veterans.