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Vandenberg Air Force Base Recognized at CPRS Awards

Vandenberg Air Force Base (VAFB) was recognized by the California Park & Recreation Society (CPRS) as the 2012 District 8 Champion of the Community during the March 8 CPRS Awards Banquet in San Jose.

The City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department nominated VAFB for its volunteer efforts and continued support of Special Olympics and the Law Enforcement Torch Run of Northern Santa Barbara County.

Last year, more than 85,000 officers around the world carried the "Flame of Hope" and raised more than \$42.6 million. Santa Barbara County raised a total of \$96,000 in 2012 and has raised over \$1.1 million since the program's inception in 1989.

VAFB's exemplary leadership and commitment to the participants of Special Olympics Northern Santa Barbara County empowers athletes with intellectual disabilities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

The Recreation and Parks Department would like to congratulate Vandenberg Air Force Base on their recognition as the 2012, District 8 Champion of the Community.

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