

FedEx Driver Delivers Both History and Holiday Joy to Military Members

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FedEx Freight is in the process of coordinating the Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum's intrastate move from Marine Corps Air Station Miramar in San Diego, CA to Marine Corps Air Station El Toro in Irvine, CA. This involves the San Diego service center consulting with a number of veterans, many of which are Marines, to ensure that items are prepared properly for the move and October delivery. The lead driver entrusted with this relocation is Retired U.S. Marine Corps veteran, Frank Williams, who also happens to serve as the lead driver for The Christmas SPIRIT Foundation's Trees for Troops (T4T) delivery to Camp Pendleton, CA.

"I am very familiar with the Military equipment that the base has on display," explains Williams. "My main responsibility was handling heavy duty equipment for eight years in the Marine Corps."

Williams retired from the Marine Corps and started driving for FedEx about 18 years ago. He has been delivering trees for T4T for over eight years now, after initially being asked by his manager, Bob Canty, if he would like to participate due to his past service at Camp Pendleton.

"I wanted to participate because I wanted to give back to the young Marines," explains Williams. "I have a better appreciation of the support that FedEx gives to the Military, and the comradery that FedEx has with Trees for Troops when we arrive and help the young families get the trees."

Williams encourages others to become involved with T4T because he loves the idea of giving back and establishing a stronger bond with his military family. "I feel I am in the best company today, knowing that my current family within FedEx will help my Military family, which makes me feel great."

The Christmas SPIRIT Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that has recognized and supported the true spirit of Christmas since 2005 through programs like T4T that delivers donated Christmas trees to military members and families around the world. FedEx Freight participates in the T4T program as part of FedEx Cares, the company's global community engagement program to positively impact 50 million people around the world by the company's 50th anniversary in 2023.

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