

Resolution

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING

Dan Smith

2020 Veteran of the Year

WHEREAS, Dan Smith is being honored as the recipient of the 2020 Veteran of the Year award by the San Mateo County Veterans Commission for his dedication to veterans and veteran causes; and

WHEREAS, Dan Smith served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1980-1985 with a deployment in the Sudan, and upon completion of his military service, settled in San Mateo County and began a 25-year career with the Redwood City Police Department where he is currently a Sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Dan Smith learned many lessons during military service, including teamwork and never giving up, bringing these to the community he now serves. He has been instrumental in starting and growing a Police and Fire toy drive bringing joy to hundreds of children from low income families during many a holiday season; and

WHEREAS, as the Police Activities League officer, Dan Smith mentored at-risk youth, encouraging them to continue their education while stressing the importance of self-respect. He was one of the leaders in bringing a tattoo removal program to Redwood City, giving youth a chance to remove gang tattoos enabling them to move forward without the marks of their former gang life and the opportunity to find meaningful employment; and

WHEREAS, Dan Smith serves beyond his normal work hours to volunteer in the local Redwood City community, including twice a week serving meals to the homeless at Street Life Ministries and as a Rotarian, travelling to Africa to help install water purification systems through H2O Open Doors.

NOW, therefore be it resolved that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County hereby honors and commends Dan Smith, an unsung hero, for receiving the 2020 Veteran of the Year Award for making an immeasurable impact on the lives of veterans and their families in San Mateo County.

Dated: November 10, 2020

SUPERVISORS:

WARREN SLOCUM, PRESIDENT

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Attest:

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

