As educators and social workers here tonight devoted to the well-being of military families, we salute you military families. We are here tonight to honor all the military families that have served our nation.

“We are very honored and grateful for the opportunity presented by the Padres organization to recognize and honor military families,” said Carissa Story, whose children Destiny and Tristian attend Mary Fay Pendleton Elementary School, part of the Fallbrook Union Elementary School District, said she appreciates the opportunity presented by the Padres organization to recognize and honor military families.

Building Capacity Consortium has given to military children and families through internships, tutoring services and other supportive programs. Shirley Gentilini, the president of the state NASW chapter, also participated in presenting the awards.

Those being honored, along with the community and military partners, were in attendance. They understood that being military is not always easy but they also shared in showing appreciation for local military members and their families. It was a night to remember.

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