

2022 Trees for Troops

The 18th consecutive year of Trees for Troops brought more than 1,000 heart-warming memories from North Carolina growers alone to service member families this past fall, as FedEx delivered a total of more than 16,000 fresh cut Christmas trees donated at 54 locations around the nation to 84 military bases across 5 branches of service in the US. North Carolina growers donated more than expected at a time with strong marketplace demand, allowing families to enjoy a merrier Christmas with the gift of a real tree. The Upper Mountain Research Station in Laurel Springs and the Avery County Cooperative Extension in Newland hosted



the loading events again this year. NC growers donated 1,049 trees, as well as some greenery, to service families stationed at four military bases. We could not have done it without the help of these two loading stations and their staff, including Avery County

Director Jerry Moody and the Upper Mountain Research Station Superintendent Tracy Taylor. Additional thanks to all the county coordinators, loading coordinators, area students and teachers, and those who volunteered their time and resources. 🌲

Upper Mountain Research Station		
Goal: 350	Final Destinations: Ft. Bragg, NC, NAS Meridian, MS	Donated: 649
Avery Cooperative Extension		
Goal: 225	Final Destination: Ft. Stewart, GA, and Hunter Army Airfield, GA	Donated: 400
US Grand Total (18-YEAR TOTAL: 293,392)		
16,391 Trees were donated and sent to US military bases in 2022		

NCCTA Executive Director Jennifer Greene traveled to Ft. Bragg to help distribute trees and witness the smiling faces of the tree recipients.



- THANKS TO ALL OF OUR NC MEMBER GROWERS WHO GENEROUSLY DONATED:
- Appalachian Evergreens
Avery Farms/Trinity Tree Farm
Barr Evergreens
Bottomleys Evergreens
Buck Hill Tree Farm
Buck's Tree Farm
Cartner Christmas Tree Farm
Christmas Tree Hill
Clawson's Christmas Trees

Cline Church Nursery
Cornett Carolina Trees
Cornett Deal Christmas Tree Farm
Cullowhee Valley Christmas Trees Inc.
Douglas R. Clark Nursery dba C&G Nursery
Kathy Shore Nursery
Happy Holiday Christmas Trees
Mistletoe Meadows
Peak Farms

Pressley Tree Farm LLC
Smokey Holler Tree Farm, LLC & Lil' Grandfather
Snow Creek Christmas Trees
Stone Mountain Farms
Sturgill Tree Farms
Wind Dog Farm
Windy Gap Tree Farm Inc.
Wishon Evergreens
Wolf Creek Tree Farm & Nursery, Inc



“Being active-duty military takes a lot of time. Having little things like a real Christmas tree to decorate means a lot and makes a difference in our community.”

Lance Corporal Antonio Mazzamuto
stationed at Camp LeJeune, 2022



We are humbled by the generosity of Christmas tree growers and all the volunteers who came through despite the worlds' challenges



Trees For Troops is a joint effort between the National Christmas Tree Association's Christmas SPIRIT Foundation and FedEx. The North Carolina Christmas Tree Association is the North Carolina State Coordinator for Trees for Troops.

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