

# Hometown heroes honored Saturday



PETS Vice President Ronnie Casey, center, congratulates Carter Seipel, winner of the six to eight year old division in the coloring contest. Also pictured is Clarissa Ortnier. (Julie Zeeb — Daily News)

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RED BLUFF — The majority of Tehama County's first responders and veterans organizations were well-represented at the Not Every Hero Wears a Cape event Saturday hosted by Providing Essentials for Tehama Shelter, or PETS, at the State Theatre.

The event, which included a special screening of "Sgt. Stubby: An American Hero," was a chance for the community to come out to meet and thank their hometown heroes, said PETS Vice President Ronnie Casey.

The animated movie tells the story of a stray dog who befriended soldiers in 1917 and ended up serving on the battlefield in World War I. He was promoted to the rank of sergeant, received a number of medals and was made a lifetime member of the American Legion, Red Cross and YMCA.



Red Bluff CHP Officer Omar Valdez hands out stickers and talks with attendees on Saturday at the Not Every Hero Wears A Cape event at the State Theatre (Julie Zeeb — Daily News)

Representatives of the local American Legion post received a painting of Sgt. Stubby donated by Jackie Brown in honor of the organization's 100th anniversary in 2019. Colleen Lewis, who helped Casey organize the event, presented the gift.

Other agencies represented included Cal Fire, Red Bluff fire and police departments, the California Highway Patrol, Tehama County Sheriff's Department, Tehama County Young Marines, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Tehama County Veterans Collaborative and the Veterans Service Office.

Tehama County Superintendent of Schools Rich DuVarney served as master of ceremonies, welcoming the crowd and introducing the Tehama County Young Marines who presented the colors and led the pledge of allegiance.

Casey and Clarissa Ortner announced the winners of a Sgt. Stubby coloring contest held prior to the event. Those recognized included Alisha Long, 0-3 age group; Keston Casey, 4-5 age group; Carter Seipel, 6-8 age group; and Madison Pemberton, 9-12 age group.

For more information on PETS, visit [www.PetsTehama.org](http://www.PetsTehama.org) or call 527-8702.