

Foundation Grants Wish #7 for Sailor Stranded at Home



December 15, 2009 – Landlocked in Indianapolis, IN, Jeramiah Andrew, an E-5 in the Navy, wondered how he would be able to fly back to his duty station in San Diego, CA. Jeramiah, an Indianapolis native, and his girlfriend, Maricela, travelled home to Indianapolis to visit their families for the holidays, but due to a financial hardship, Jeramiah was only able to book a one-way plane ticket home. Jeramiah planned on taking a bus or alternate means of transportation home.

Jeramiah, 22 years old, grew up in Cambridge City, Indiana, where he excelled in multiple sports growing up. At the age of 17, Jeramiah decided to join the Navy, where he attended Boot Camp in Chicago, and Submarine School in Groton, Connecticut. Jeramiah has spent the majority of his Naval career on submarines spanning the globe. During his three and a half year career in the Navy, Jeramiah has quickly risen to the rank of E-5, and plans to retire in the Navy.

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Jeramiah has selflessly referred other potential wish recipients to *Wish for Our Heroes*, but he has always been too proud to ask for assistance himself. Friends of Jeramiah informed *Wish for Our Heroes* of his situation, and in order to allow Jeramiah to spend a few additional days with his family over the holidays, *Wish for Our Heroes* has purchased a plane ticket for Jeramiah and Maricela back to San Diego together after Christmas.

“As a Foundation, our goal is to help military members, such as Jeramiah, fight through bumps in the road. Jeramiah is a fast-rising leader within our military, and if we can brighten his holiday season by allowing him to spend a few extra days with his family, we are happy to do it,” said Bernie Teich, spokesperson for *Wish for Our Heroes*.

“I can’t tell you how thankful I am for this Foundation, for helping service members out,” Jeramiah said upon learning of his granted wish.