



## Perris News

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### March Air Museum Takes Top Honors With a Boost from the City of Perris

With an assist from the City of Perris, the March Field Air Museum was able to take top honors the Riverside Mayor's Ball, an annual function that supports arts and cultural foundations throughout the region.

Perris City Councilman Mark Yarbrough drove a City's Public Works truck as it transported a Vietnam-era helicopter to the big show in Riverside's White Park.

The theme of this year's gala was the 1970s, and museum staff dressed up like characters from the hit television series "MASH." The helicopter was part of their presentation.

About 30 organizations and groups took part in the 2010 Mayor's Ball and costume party.



The team from the City of Perris and March Field Air Museum.



The City of Perris is recognized in the March Field Air Museum's award-winning display.

"Once again we have the City of Perris to thank for our success," said March Field Air Museum Patricia Korzec.

"The City defines the term good neighbor. We are happy the City stepped up once again when the museum needed it."

It's not the first time the City has assisted the March Museum. On July 4, Yarbrough drove the truck that carried the museum's float during the Independence Day parade in Moreno Valley.

When Perris officials heard the non-profit agency needed a truck to carry the OH-6 "Loach" helicopter to Riverside, a team from Public Works made the trip to the museum, assisted with loading it onto a trailer and hooked it to a City vehicle.

Public Works employees who helped out on the project include Daryl Hartwill, Ignacio Alvarez and Vince Ramirez. Yarbrough said the City is always eager to help deserving organizations. Yarbrough serves on the board of directors for the March Joint Powers Commission, which serves as landlords for the museum.

"The March museum is a wonderful place that preserves the history of March Air Force Base and March Air Reserve

Base and tells the story of the American military's commitment to preserving this country's freedom,"

Yarbrough said. "We need to extend a helping hand when we can. The City of Perris leads by example. We do what we can. Not only did the City help the museum, they went on to win the big prize."



Councilman Mark Yarbrough (right) helps unload the helicopter at White Park in Riverside.



Perris City Councilman Mark Yarbrough stands in front of the City truck used to transport the March Field Air Museum helicopter to the Riverside Mayor's Ball to support arts and culture.