



## A NEW TRADITION BEGINS!

For many years there has been a huge Christmas tree beside City Hall, cut and delivered by our JBLM Community Connector, the 555<sup>th</sup> Engineer Brigade. City staff and caring volunteers decorated it, and on the first Friday of December, the community participated in the lighting ceremony. We will always treasure the memories of that tradition, and there is a wall full of plaques in City Hall made from cross-sections of the trees to commemorate this.

The 555<sup>th</sup> was ready and willing to repeat the tradition this year, but they also supported the suggestion of a sergeant major to plant a living tree in memory of fallen soldiers, friends, family and loved ones who cannot be here with us during the holidays.

Concurring with this sentiment, and appreciating the environmentally friendly aspect of a living tree, we accepted a caring citizen's donation of a tree that was raised from a seedling by a 93-year-old tree farmer in Olympia.

## WE NOW BEGIN A NEW TRADITION FOR TODAY'S ROY CHILDREN. GROW UP WITH THE TREE!

We invite the children of the community to be photographed beside the tree each year, and we will see which grows more, you or the tree! We will put your picture in an ornament, with your first name and the year. Your ornament will decorate the Library/Community Center during the holiday season. Next year, come and take a new picture for a new ornament, and take this year's ornament with you then. And see how you – and the tree! – have changed!

Your parents may take your picture with the tree and bring it to City Hall or the Library. To fit the ornament, the picture should be able to fit in a 1½-inch circle. Or, you may come to the Library between 2:00 and 4:00 on December 6, 8, 13 or 15, and we will take your picture (**with** your parent's permission).

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### ONE MORE THING – IT NEEDS A NAME!

What should we name our new tree? Vote for one of these names, or write in your own idea!

Roy Forever Tree       Roy Memory Tree       Roy Honor Tree  
 Roy Grow-Up Tree       Roy Giving Tree

