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Detachment Toys for Tots Drive Collected 1,849 Toys & \$2,072.



Active Duty Marines, Young Marines and Detachment Members collecting toys at MUVICO Theater December 11, 2004.

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Semper Fidelis!

COMMANDANT'S MESSAGE

Manny Airey



I Marines

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas.

I would like to thank Bill Creager for a GREAT JOB at Arundel Mills MUVICO collecting toys for Toys for Tots. Great job Bill!

Well this year is about gone. Now we have got to think about what we can do to make the coming year better than this year.

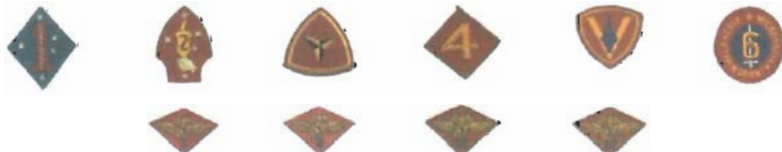
January 8, 2005 there will be a Department staff meeting and growl at the Baltimore Detachment Home (1400 Block East Fort Ave., Baltimore, MD). There will be free breakfast and lunch. Meeting starts at 0900.

With the new year coming up we will have to give thought on nominations for new officers for the coming year.

I don't want to sound like a broken record, but we do need someone to step up and take over our newsletter, as Mike Hadley has his hands full with the Department and Detachment websites.

I would also like to thank all the hard work that the members of this detachment have done to help the Toys for Tots this past year. Also the Young Marines and the Ladies Auxiliary.

Your Commandant,
Manny Airey
Semper Fi Marines



Senior Vice Commandant

Tom Maiorana



I want to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I also want to thank everyone that helped and or participated in our ticket sales, Day at the Races, Bus trips to the slots, and those that donated money to our detachment, it's this kind of generosity that allows our detachment to do nice things for other people and to continue to grow as a detachment.

Junior Vice Commandant

Denny Bynum



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each and every member of our detachment!

We have had a great year and I look forward to a better year in 2005. We have many opportunities coming up which will allow us to excel even more in the upcoming year. Keep the faith.

Semper Fidelis and Woof, Woof!

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My Fellow Dogs,

Good News we found a donor for our two adapted hand propelled tricycles. They went to the Kennedy Krieger Institute, a comprehensive resource for children with disabilities in Baltimore. This was a perfect place, there will be many children that can enjoy these adapted tricycles that would otherwise not be able to ride a bike at all. (See photo above, PDD Jerry Fay and I with Kelly Pittelkow, Assistant Manager Child Life/T.R. Dept.)

WELL DONE Pack of MD and Pound 204 a big **WOOF, WOOF**

Pound 204 I will see you at the growl
February 20, 2005.

Woof, Woof

PDD Jack Severn
Pack Leader of MD and Pound Keeper of 204



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Toys for Tots Coordinator

Bill Creager



What a wonderful experience. As your Detachment Coordinator for our Toys for Tots campaign for 2004 I have had the pleasure of working with an extraordinary group of people, active duty and reserve Marines,

Members of the League and Auxiliary, Young Marines, Cub Scouts, business owners and volunteers from our community. Our campaign peaked with our spectacular toy drive at MUVICO in Arundel Mills Mall on December 11th (see photo on front cover). Forty-eight people turned out to man our position for thirteen hours. Santa paid a visit and we snapped and gave out pictures of him with delighted children. Several times people would donate a toy or money and tell us how, when they were a child, Toys for Tots was there for them, inspiring.

The collection phase of the Toys for Tots campaign has now ended and the Marines are focused on sorting and distributing toys throughout our community. At last count, the Marines tell me they have exceeded last year's campaign, have more than 17,000 toys and are very grateful for our Detachment's effort. Our Detachment efforts added 1849 toys and \$2072. Not bad for a small unit like ours. From all reports, sounds like a new record for Detachment 1049. Shows what a few good people can do when they decide to participate in a worthwhile cause.

Obviously, I can't list all the people who participated within the space of this article but I can use this column to thank you all from the bottom of my heart. The goal of Toys for Tots is to make a difference in the lives of needy children. A toy at Christmas means hope for a child and hope does make a difference. Such a memory lasts a lifetime, as we witnessed at the mall. You, the people who participated with Detachment 1049 this year, have made a difference in the lives of thousands of children and an impact that will last a lifetime.

Well done.

Merry Christmas and Semper Fidelis.

VAVS
Buddy Cadle

7 Ways to Cater to 'Senior' Volunteers

Senior citizens are often times the most sought after volunteers. They have available time—even during workday hours. They are dependable. And they find gratification in doing good deeds. What can you do to attract and retain senior citizens?

1. Build flex time into seniors' tasks.
2. Offer pick-up and delivery services.
3. Give thought to the assignments you make.
4. Mix in some fun that caters to the 60 + crowd.
5. Provide a comfortable work environment.
6. Incorporate time to socialize.
7. Say "thank you" in ways that are special to seniors.

Volunteer Management Report, Dec 2004.

A man of a right spirit is not a man of narrow and private views, But is greatly interested and concerned for the good of the community to which he belongs, And particularly of the city or village in which he resides, And for the true welfare of the society of which he is a member.

Jonathan Edwards
17th century American Puritan pastor and Theologian



Historian

Vic Halme



This Month in History

Selected November Dates of Marine Corps Historical Significance

4 December 1950: LtCol Raymond G. Davis led his battalion into Hagaru-Ri, Korea after four days of intense fighting in the mountain passes against a numerically superior hostile force. His battalion, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, helped clear the way for the 5th and 7th Marines, and LtCol Davis was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism.

6 December 1928: A small detail of Marines under Captain Maurice G. Holmes defeated Nicaraguan bandits near Chuyelite. GySgt Charles Williams was mortally wounded during the fighting. Capt Holmes was later awarded the Navy Cross for gallantry, and a posthumous award was given to GySgt Williams.

8 December 1941: Japanese aircraft attacked Wake Island within hours of the fateful attack on Pearl Harbor. Marines of the 1st Defense Battalion and Marine Fighting Squadron 211 resisted Japanese invasion attempts for over two weeks before finally succumbing to an overwhelming force.

9 December 1992: Marines of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations capable) landed in Somalia kicking off Operation Restore Hope, the largest humanitarian relief operation of its kind.

10 December 1995: In Bosnia, 22 Marines from Marine Corps Security Force Company, Naples, Italy were among the first American troops to arrive. They provided the security for Allied Forces Southern Europe headquartered at Sarajevo. About 2,500 NATO troops would be in place by 19 December taking on the task of peace enforcement in former Yugoslavia from the U.N.

15 December 1948: The Secretary of the Navy signed a "Memorandum of Agreement" with the State Department which laid the basis for the modern Marine Security Guard program at U.S. embassies throughout the world.

Historian

(Continued)

19 December 1972: The Marine detachment of the USS TICONDEROGA provided shipboard security for three U.S. astronauts, Eugene Cernan, Ronald Evans, Harrison Schmitt, and their Apollo-17 space capsule. The astronauts had successfully completed a (then) record lunar stay of more than 75 hours.

20 December 1989: Operation Just Cause was launched in Panama to protect American lives, restore the democratic process, preserve the integrity of the Panama Canal Treaty, and apprehend dictator General Manuel Antonio Noriega. One Marine, Corporal Garreth C. Isaak, was killed and three other were wounded during the operation.

23 December 1941: Japanese forces launched a predawn landing on Wake Island and Wilkes Island, while their carriers launched air strikes against Wilkes, Wake, and Peale islands in support of the landing force. After nearly 12 hours of desperate fighting, the three islands were surrendered.

26 December 1957: Twenty helicopters from Marine Light Helicopter Squadron 162, were rushed to Ceylon onboard the USS PRINCETON where Marines participated in the rescue and evacuation of flood victims.

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RICHARD K. SORENSON
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United States Marine Corps
 Medal of Honor -- 1944
 4th MarDiv
 Namur Island, Kwajalein Atoll
CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving with an assault battalion attached to the Fourth Marine Division during the battle of Namur Island, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, on February 1-2, 1944. Putting up a brave defense against a particularly violent counterattack by the enemy during invasion operations, Private Sorenson and five other Marines occupying a shellhole were endangered by a Japanese grenade thrown into their midst. Unhesitatingly, and with complete disregard for his own safety, Private Sorenson hurled himself upon the deadly weapon, heroically taking the full impact of the explosion. As a result of his gallant action, he was severely wounded, but the lives of his comrades were saved. His great personal valor and exceptional spirit of self-sacrifice in the face of almost certain death were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

/S/ FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

ATTENTION TO ORDERS: A Hero, Richard Keith Sorenson, passed away October 9, 2004.



ROBERT D. REEM
Second Lieutenant
United States Marine Corps
 Medal of Honor -- 1950
 3/7/1 Korea
CITATION:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as Platoon Commander in Company H, Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against enemy aggressor forces in the vicinity of Chinhung-ni, Korea, on 6 November 1950. Grimly determined to dislodge a group of heavy enemy infantry units occupying well-concealed and strongly fortified positions on commanding ground overlooking unprotected terrain, Second Lieutenant Reem moved slowly forward up the side of the ridge with his platoon in the face of a veritable hail of shattering hostile machine-gun, grenade and rifle fire. Three times repulsed by a resolute enemy force in achieving his objective, and pinned down by the continuing fury of hostile fire, he rallied and regrouped the heroic men in his depleted and disorganized platoon in preparation for a fourth attack. Issuing last-minute orders to his non-commissioned officers when an enemy grenade landed in a depression of rocky ground in which the group was standing. Second Lieutenant Reem unhesitatingly chose to sacrifice himself and, springing upon the deadly missile, absorbed the full impact of the explosion in his own body, thus protecting others from serious injury and possible death. Stout-hearted and indomitable, he readily yielded his own chance of survival that his subordinate leaders might live decisiveness and valiant spirit of self-sacrifice in the face of certain death reflect the highest credit upon Second Lieutenant Reem and the United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.

/S/HARRY S. TRUMAN



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