



# River Cities News

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River Cities Detachment #1090  
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## Commandant's Corner

**Bob Reutter, Commandant**

I just got home from our first day at the Newburgh Walmart collecting toys and dollars for our 2017 Toys for Tots campaign. I was at the warehouse at 0700 in order to collect the toy boxes, collection buckets and other paraphernalia to put on the float. All of this was required for a weekend of asking for donations. I got to the Walmart around 0830 (I had to hook up the air compressor because one of the float tires was flat) to set up for the day. John Williams had signed up for the entire day. We were joined by Tom and Alice Kick, Tim Jones, Jim Grayson and Andy Clark. We sent Andy to the warehouse to help Linda work on the toys collected this past week. The second shift came in around 1:00 including Linda Reutter and Jim Johnson. A total of 9 League members to work the entire 9 hour day (including setup and tear down.) The really disappointing thing is that I do not know who is coming tomorrow. I have firm commitments from 3 people – one for all day and two for one shift. We have another Walmart weekend at the Evansville Westside Walmart next weekend (December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) and then another the weekend after that at the Evansville Eastside Walmart (December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.) While the people who came today did an excellent job, they will not hold up to 6 straight weekend days collecting. With 90+ Detachment members (of which about 30 come to meetings) you would think we could get more than 9 to show up for such an important event. The Walmart weekends can make up as much as ¼ of our collection efforts for a year.

When we have a monthly Detachment meeting where we serve free food we have 40+ show up. When we have a work weekend – 9? What is wrong with this picture. I ask that each Detachment member look into his/her heart and ask “am I doing all I truly can to help our Detachment be successful?” This same question applies to the Birthday Ball, HFT work days, completing questionnaires I put together to get an idea of what people like and dislike and every other event we put together for the Detachment.

I had hoped to start a new multi-part story this month but just ran out of time. In October while we were at Harbor Freight Tools with our food booth, we met a man whose father was in an Army unit that occupied Iwo Jima after the Marines had secured it. Scott had recently been given the opportunity to visit Iwo. He sent me a story he wrote about the trip complete with pictures he found of the battle and pictures he took from the exact same spot on the island today. I want to share his story and pictures in a series of articles for this newsletter starting in January. His pictures and story are fascinating. Look for it to begin in January.

Semper Fi and Gung Ho!



## Toys for Tots

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## Marine Corps History

Gary Burk

The following is an excerpt from "various"

On December 7, 1941 the Japanese Emperor and his Major General Yamamoto decide to postpone the attack on Pearl Harbor for one year to prepare for a massive invasion and attack on the American Pacific Fleet. The Japanese though do not call off their plans to attack British territories in Asia. The Japanese with this extra force sends a massive invasion force into Indochina to invade Thailand where from there they invaded Malaysia and, also, they sent an invasion force into Hong Kong. They also renewed their attacks on China taking more of the crippled nation. This new attack seemed to be going well for the Japanese.

The Allies response to this attack from the Japanese shocked the Allies but war was still not yet declared. On December 8, 1941 it was made official and the Dutch East Indies also joined the war to help prevent a surprise attack. In the United States this was met with mixed reaction. Most did the same with the Europe situation, "Who cares, it's not our war to fight", but some took with fear that the attack could have been on American boys. FDR met this attack with worry as he now knew he just might become cornered between tyrants and lose everything that he is trying to protect. Polls showed that around 30% of the American population favored a war with Japan while only 5% favored a war with the entire Axis powers and 65% favored no war. FDR was

caught in a pickle he could not get out of. For the next three weeks and rest of the month Hong Kong fell to Japanese forces.

As the Japanese continue their advance into Asia they decide to make a surprise attack on Malaysia and Indonesia. The Japanese meet fierce resistance but by March the Dutch have retreated all the way back to Java island. In Burma the British are fighting with what little force they have as the Japanese have by now prevented any secret American-aid from coming to India and other Allied lands. In May the American Navy reports increased Jap activity near Midway, the Philippines, and Hawaii. In the East Indies, Japan has taken all of the Dutch East Indies and is closing in on Australia as they capture much of Papua New Guinea. In June the Brits make a final stand at Port Morseby. The Japanese send nearly three thousand men to fight the British along with numerous naval and air support. After three weeks of bloody fighting the Brits leave with what's left of that garrison and flee to Australia.

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**7 December 1941:** The Japanese Bomb Pearl Harbor, precipitating United States entry into World War II. More than 3,000 Marines and Sailors were killed in action.

**31 December 1946:** Official end of World War II.

## MCLA Southern Belles Unit 441

Dani Cook, President



I hope you had a wonderful fun filled family time on Thanksgiving. The Auxiliary has our Fulton Ave Boys & Girls Club Christmas Party coming up on December 14th at 6:00 p.m. So ladies, we are having our Wrap and Eat on Sunday December 10th at 2:00 p.m. in place of our December meeting. We will meet at the Toys for Tots warehouse to wrap then go eat at Applebee's. A HUGE THANK YOU to Bob Reutter with Toys for Tots for donating the gifts for the kids.

At this time we are taking orders through January 22nd for our Annual Pizza Fundraiser. We will make the pizzas on February 3rd up at AmVets on

Broadway at 8:00am and individuals who ordered can pick up between 10:00 am - 11:00 am.

Also, we are selling Military Bracelets for \$5 each as a Fundraiser. Please see an Auxiliary member to purchase yours and some for your whole family! It would make a wonderful Christmas gift!!

I pray everyone has a blessed Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year! Hope to see all in 2018.

Always remember to try and recruit new members. That can be another Christmas gift, to pay new membership dues to a new member you bring in.

Semper Fi

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Larry & Casey Scott	Dec - 18

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 And Deceased  
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**Important Notice**  
**Volunteers Needed**

We have a collection day at the west side Walmart on Redbank Road Saturday and Sunday from 0900 until 1700. We need at least 2 people at each door (4 total) from 0900 until 1300 and the same from 1300 until 1700.

Next weekend, December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> we will be at the east side Walmart on Burkhardt during the same hours. We need the same number of volunteers there as well.

We have a new location for Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mikes Car Wash has offered \$1 to our local TFT campaign for each Supreme car wash. We can be there from 0900 until around 1800. Jim Grayson has volunteered to be the early shift. Do we have anyone who can do the 1300-1800 shift? League Uniform and just stand around. They will have their own donation buckets, etc.

**Semper Ji**

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