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Toys for Tots in Jeopardy



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Clay County Toys for Tots Seeks New Warehouse to Keep Holiday Campaign Operating

Clay County, Fla. (July 30, 2026) The Clay County Marine Corps League is asking the community for help in securing a new warehouse to ensure the Marine Toys for Tots program can continue serving local families during the 2027 Christmas season and beyond.

The Clay County Marine Corps League (Roy S. Geiger Detachment 1047), which coordinates the local Toys for Tots campaign, must secure a new warehouse by **January 1, 2027**, after losing access to the donated facility that has housed the program since 2012. The organization's current warehouse was generously donated at no cost for more than a decade, but the property's new owners will require approximately **\$18,000 per year in rent**- funds that would otherwise be used to support children and families throughout Clay County.

The organization is seeking a donated **indoor warehouse or commercial space of approximately 3,000 square feet with electricity** for year-round use. The facility is essential for receiving, sorting, organizing, storing, and distributing thousands of donated toys each holiday season, as well as maintaining equipment and supplies throughout the year. "Our community has made it possible for thousands of children to experience the joy of Christmas for many years," said **Retired First Sergeant Tom Lewnes**, Clay County Marine Toys for Tots Campaign Coordinator. "We're hopeful another community partner will step forward to provide the space we need so we can continue bringing hope and joy to local children for years to come."

The need is significant:

- During the 2025 Toys for Tots campaign in Clay County: **6,177 children** received **18,532 gifts**.
- **28 schools** partnered with Toys for Tots to identify families in need of holiday assistance.
- Since 2012, the Clay County Marine Corps League has distributed **149,651 toys** to **47,041 children** throughout the county.
- The program also supports local organizations, including Guardian ad Litem, The Clothes Closet of Orange Park, the Clay County Sheriff's Office, Head Start programs, JP Hall Children's Charities, and other community partners that serve families during the Christmas season.

Businesses or property owners interested in donating or providing warehouse space, as well as community members with leads or recommendations, are encouraged to contact the local campaign coordinator. Donated space may qualify as a charitable contribution; donors should consult their tax advisor regarding potential tax benefits. For more information or to discuss available warehouse space, use the below contact information or reach out to the Clay County Toys for Tots Facebook page.

Retired First Sergeant Tom Lewnes

Clay County Marine Toys for Tots Campaign Coordinator

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About Marine Toys for Tots

The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program, founded in 1947, delivers hope to children through the gift of a new toy, book, or other present during the Christmas season. Since its first national campaign in 1948, Toys for Tots has distributed more than 566 million toys to over 258 million children across the United States while helping deliver a message of hope to families in need.

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For those who may not have seen it, the "Community Help Letter" written by Tom Lewnes' daughter, Hanna Rose, was posted on the Detachment Facebook page, you can also view the letter on the Detachment website: ("Bulletin Board")



We are deeply grateful to Hanna for writing such a compelling appeal to the community and for her unwavering commitment to our Detachment.



Commandant's Corner

Greetings,

We are gearing up for our busiest and most exciting times of the year. With one gun show under our belts and another one on the horizon, preparations underway for our annual Golf Tournament, and planning beginning for the Marine Corps Ball, we have a full schedule ahead. These events don't happen on their own, they succeed because of the dedication, teamwork, and commitment of our incredible members.

Every hour you give, every task you complete and every helping hand you offer makes a difference. Together, we'll continue to honor our mission, strengthen our resolve and make each event a success.

To our members traveling to Indianapolis for the National Convention, we wish you safe travels and a successful convention. Represent our detachment with pride, enjoy the camaraderie and most importantly be safe. As the saying goes, watch out for the other guy, we look forward to welcoming everyone home safely.

Let's continue to support one another, work as a team and make the months ahead our best yet.

"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure." Gen Colin Powell.

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Thank you Sheriff

Wednesdays, July 15th, 2026

Detachment Meeting

Orange Park, FL

The Detachment had the distinct honor of thanking Sheriff Michelle Cook for her commitment towards the Detachment Mission.

Cmdt. DD Don Okuley presenting a "Certificate of Appreciation."



Where's Barry?



The 2026 National Convention is off to a strong start, and our own PDD Barry Brown was there, mingling (or should we say: "Brown Nosing") with some of the best. Get it? Never mind, carry on.

Fundraiser

Saturday August 1, 2026

Sunday August 2, 2026

Cliffhngers Gun Show

Maxwell Snyder Armory

Normandy Blvd., Jacksonville FL

Special oorahhh to DD Steve Jimenez and DD Don Okuley for their dedication in staffing our display table, even without a posted Detachment reminder.





This section is designed for gathering your “not as mean, but still a Marine” picture. If you have a photo that aligns with this theme, we invite you to share it with us.

To submit your photo, please send it to:
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In our last issue, the featured member was:

Art Grimaldi

Keep us below the Line!



Please remember to pay your annual dues by September 1, 2026 and keep the Detachment “below the line” on the MCL Roster Report.

To remain a member in good standing, please submit your payment to Paymaster PDD Fred Gilmore. Online payment through Zeffy is preferred.



Modernizing VA's health care technology is a major effort, and the move to the Federal Electronic Health Record (EHR) represents a significant change for medical centers nationwide. Learning a new system takes time, and VA continues to introduce tools that make the transition smoother. VA ChatEHR is one of those tools.

VA ChatEHR has quickly become a reliable go-to source for VA staff to get answers to their questions about the Federal EHR, and it enables them to stay focused on providing timely, high-quality care to Veterans. The artificial intelligence-powered chatbot gives VA staff quick, accurate guidance to help them complete tasks in the system.

The tool uses trusted VA procedures, policies and training materials to answer questions about workflows and navigation of the Federal EHR. When staff need help with a workflow, VA ChatEHR directs them to clear, step-by-step instructions.

source: VA News

FYI



Artificial Entrapment



Scammers are using AI-generated images and cloned voices to pressure victims into reacting quickly. Cybersecurity specialists warn that scammers rely on urgency, advising readers to pause before reacting to unexpected messages or emotional appeals.

Criminals are increasingly targeting residents of 55-plus communities. At The Villages in Florida, the nation's largest retirement community, residents reported being targeted almost immediately after moving in, with one saying they felt like “sitting ducks.”

source: AARP

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Exercise Your Brain!

Last issue's answer:

"The letter 'E'"

"You see a boat filled with people,
 yet there isn't a single person on
 board. How is that possible?"



VAVS

Please send me your VAVS report via:
 email, text, call or just tell me.



Let Us Pray

Chaplain
 DD Jack Campbell



"Father, your love is as wide as the oceans, as deep as the sea, and as tall as the heavens. May your spirit rise like a mighty wave and come and restore those who are ill. Amen."

Please keep the following members and their families in your prayers:

Don Brammer (Sheila)

Bill Carter (w Emily)

Felix Ramos-Vargas

Bobby Turner

Lee Hart

Gayward Hendry

Suzanne Gilmore (Anita)

Glenn Muschewski (w Judy)

Charlie Myers (Mason)

Rich Bolduc

Barry Brown (w Beth)

Steve Jimenez (w Robin)

Rusty Park (w Denise)

Herb Steigleman (Lou)

Fred Wainwright

Gayle Plant (h Jim)

Del Price (w JoAnn)

Barry Brown (w Beth)

Gayward Hendry

Art Grimaldi (Kirsitin)

Randy Case

Jack Campbell (w Barb)

Any one knowing of a member and/or family member
 sick or in distress, please contact
 Chaplain DD Jack Campbell



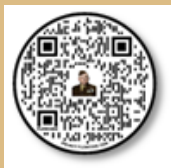
Offering a "FREE" breakfast to
 potential new members,
 every Monday
 Grumpy's Restaurant
 834 Kingsley Avenue
 Orange Park, FL 32073
 Doors Open: 0530
 Breakfast: 0700



"I had my credit card stolen, but I didn't
 report it because the thief was spending less
 than my wife did."



Sgt. Chuckels



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