



DETACHMENT
TOYS FOR TOTS
AFTER ACTION REPORT



Submit to National MCL Toys For Tots Liaison

For Campaign conducted during October-December _____
 Year

Department _____

Detachment Name & #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Detachment Toys For Tots Chairperson: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Do you support a Marine Corps Reserve Center: _____ (Yes or No)

Reserve Center Name/Unit & Location: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Do you support a Marine Toys For Tots Foundation Local Area Coordinator: _____ (Yes or No)

Name of Campaign Supported: _____

Is the Local Area Coordinator a US Marine/FMF Corpsman _____ ? (Yes or No)

Is the Local Area Coordinator a Marine Corps League Member/Associate/Auxiliary _____? (Yes or No)

Total number of toys collected by Detachment: _____

Total amount of monetary donations collected by Detachment: \$ _____

Noteworthy event(s) participated in or sponsored by Detachment: _____ (use additional paper if necessary)

Submit this form electronically by email to:

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MCL National Toys For Tots Liaison

Phone: 719-235-1058

Deadlines: 15 February for Mid-Winter Conference Report **OR** 15 July for National Convention Report (Only submit once per year.)



Detachment After Action Report (AAR)



Purpose:

To create awareness of the full support the Marine Corps League provides to the Marine Toys For Tots Foundation. To capture all data from local Detachments who support the Marine Toys For Tots program. To share lessons learned, marketing ideas and unique fundraising events with the MCL membership. To generate a report by the MCL National Toys For Tots Liaison for each National Mid-Winter Conference and National Convention. To encourage Detachments not currently involved with the Marine Toys For Tots program to come aboard.

Background:

The **Marine Toys For Tots Foundation** is the official IRS 501(c)3 non-profit organization that administers the TFT program nationwide. They oversee both the Marine Corps Reserve Unit Coordinators and approved Local Area Coordinators. The Marine Toys For Tots Foundation currently requires all Local Area Coordinators and Marine Corps Reserve Unit Coordinators to submit a comprehensive AAR directly to the TFT Foundation at the end of each campaign season. Marine Toys For Tots is also an official program of the Marine Corps Reserve.

If a Detachment supports a Marine Corps Reserve Unit, your numbers are rolled up into their data. The MCL at the national level has no way to track or give you credit for all the hard work done by your Detachment.

If your Detachment is an official sponsor of a local campaign, MCL National will receive your data beginning with the 2018 campaign season.

Completing the MCL Detachment Toy For Toys AAR:

The form is self-explanatory. Just answer the questions. You may include any noteworthy or unique event flyers, marketing ideas, fundraising events or volunteer appreciation awards/certificates, etc.

We understand that Detachments who support a Marine Corps Reserve Unit may have trouble estimating the number of toys or monetary donations when conducting joint USMCR/MCL operations. Typically the USMCR takes all the toys and donations with them. Do your best. What we are really looking for are any MCL specific events or fundraisers that only the MCL participates in and donates directly to a USMCR program (i.e. 1-Det has a table in the local mall worked only by MCL membership and collects donations and toys...count those toys and monetary donations prior to handing them off the USMCR; 2-Det holds a Rifle Raffle with all proceeds going to TFT; 3-Det makes a monetary donation out their Detachment funds to a local TFT campaign).

NOTE: A Local Area Coordinator, where the MCL Detachment is your sponsor, is NOT required to also complete our internal MCL AAR unless you want to provide information that would be beneficial to the group.

Toys For Tots & MCL:

Detachment support of Toys For Tots must be coordinated with your Local Area Coordinator or Marine Reserve Unit Coordinator. That person is the only one who can authorize you to use Toys For Tots trademarked logos and should be made aware of any Toys For Tots monetary donations, toy collections or events in your area. Checks should be made payable to 'Toys For Tots' and given to the Local Area Coordinator for deposit.

Detachments can apply to become an official sponsor and create their own local campaign if you are in an area that does not have a TFT campaign or if the current TFT campaign covers a large area or multiple counties. Maybe they would support you breaking away and creating a separate campaign in your Detachment's area of responsibility. This needs to be coordinated with the current TFT campaign and the Marine Toys For Tots Foundation. Applications to become a new Local Area Coordinator must be submitted in the Spring. A Toys For Tots Coordinators Conference is held in September.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's):

- **I am a Local Area Coordinator, do I need complete the MCL Detachment AAR?**
 - NO. Only if you wish to share unique ideas with the MCL. We will get your data directly from the Marine Toys For Tots Foundation.

- **Where do I submit my Detachment Toys For Tots AAR?**
 - Your Department level Toys For Tots Chairman or TFT Liaison, if one exists.
 - The Department should collect from each of their local Detachments and send them together as a group to the National TFT Liaison.

- **How does my Detachment sponsor a Marine Toys For Tots program in my area?**
 - Contact the Marine Toys For Tots Foundation at www.toysfortots.org and apply to become a Local Area Coordinator. Applications accepted in the spring.
 - Coordinate with your local Marine Reserve Unit if your detachment/city/town/county is located in their area of responsibility.

- **How do I identify what Toys For Tots campaign covers my area?**
 - Visit www.toysfortots.org and search by state and county. That will bring up the local campaign that covers your local city or county.
 - An example is 'MD-Harford' covers Harford County, Maryland.

- **Can I abbreviate Toys For Tots as T4T?**
 - No. The Marine Toys For Tots Foundation would prefer you use TFT.
 - T4T is not an authorized abbreviation.

- **Who do contact with questions?**
 - First contact your Department Toys For Tots Chairman or TFT Liaison, if one exists.
 - Second contact the National Toys For Tots Liaison by email (preferred) or by phone.

- **Who has overall authority of the Toys For Tots program in my area?**
 - The Local Area Coordinator who has been approved by the Marine Toys For Tots Foundation. All coordinators undergo a background investigation.

- **Should the MCL and Toys For Tots work closely together?**
 - YES. The MCL should work closely with the Local Area Coordinator to provide Marine support. This is a great opportunity to showcase how Marines give back to their local communities.

- **Can my Detachment hold an event, fundraiser or become a toy drop site for Toys For Tots?**
 - Yes. Coordinate with your Local Area Coordinator.
 - Local Area Coordinator must approve of all TFT trademarked logo's (including the TFT Train) in flyers or documents.

- **What if my Detachment supports another kid's charity toy drive during the holiday season, do I need to complete the MCL Detachment AAR?**
 - No. The MCL would like to request the name of the charity your Detachment supports and if there is a reason you do not participate in the Toys For Tots program.
 - Forward that information in an email to the National MCL TFT Liaison.