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Welcome to today's meeting!

The Mission Continues — Toys for Tots

Marines, Associate Members, families, and friends of Detachment 1485,

As we enter October, we once again begin one of the most recognized and meaningful missions associated with the United States Marine Corps — Toys for Tots.

Beginning October 1st, communities across our nation will come together to help ensure that children who might otherwise go without have something special waiting for them on Christmas morning. Behind every donated toy is much more than a gift — there is a child, a family, and an opportunity to make a difference.

For families struggling financially, the Christmas season can bring tremendous stress. A single toy may seem like a small gesture, but to a child it can provide happiness, hope, and the knowledge that someone in their community cares.

As Marines, we understand the importance of accomplishing the mission and taking care of others. Our responsibility to serve did not end when we took off the uniform. Through the Marine Corps League, we continue serving our community and carrying forward the values instilled in us as Marines.

I challenge every member of the Sgt. M.J. "Marty" Gonzalez Detachment 1485 to support Toys for Tots this year. Donate a new, unwrapped toy, encourage your family and friends to participate, spread the word, and volunteer when opportunities become available.

Remember, one toy means one more child whose Christmas morning may be brighter because someone cared enough to help. Throughout this year, I have seen what happens when Detachment 1485 rallies around a mission. We show up. We support our Marines and veterans, our youth, our families, and our community. Toys for Tots is another opportunity to demonstrate that commitment.

The uniform may change and the years may pass, but the desire to serve remains. No contribution is too small, and no act of kindness is insignificant. Marines have always answered the call when there is a mission to accomplish. Let us answer that call again and make this year's Toys for Tots campaign one that Detachment 1485 can be proud of.

One Team, One Fight!

*Semper Fidelis,
Sal Cenicalaya
Commandant Det 1485*

Oct. Birthdays!

Colonel McPahil

Trino Garcia

Charles Rooth

Erick Hedlin

Mary Dvorak



Here's To
105 Years!



Semper Fi Financial Corner - submitted by Trino Garcia

STRAIGHT TALK ABOUT MONEY RETIREMENT AND PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY
October 2026 | Five Financial Items Every Veteran Should Review

Marines understand the importance of preparation. We inspect our equipment, develop a plan, and make sure the people beside us know what to do. The same mindset should guide our finances, especially as we approach or live through retirement.

- 1. Review your beneficiaries. Check the people listed on your life insurance, retirement accounts, pensions, and other financial accounts. Marriage, divorce, death, or other family changes may require an update.
- 2. Know your retirement income. List your expected income from Social Security, pensions, retirement accounts, investments, employment, and veterans benefits. Compare the total with your monthly expenses and expected healthcare costs.
- 3. Prepare your family. Make sure a trusted family member knows where to find your insurance information, financial accounts, military documents, important contacts, and final wishes.
- 4. Plan for healthcare and extended care. Medicare, TRICARE, and VA benefits can be valuable, but eligibility and coverage vary. Understand what is available and what costs you or your family may still face.
- 5. Define your legacy. Your legacy may include supporting a spouse, helping grandchildren, giving to your church or a veterans organization, or simply preventing financial burdens for those you love. October action step: Set aside one hour to review these five areas and write down any questions or gaps that need attention.

A small review today can prevent confusion later. Next month: If something happens to you, will your family know what to do?

Trino Garcia
United States Marine Corps Veteran

YOUR 2026 OFFICERS

- Commandant - Sal Cenicacelaya
- Senior Vice - Charles Rooth
- Jr Vice - Joey Alcala
- Judge Advocate - Angela Maness - Cenicacelaya
- Adjutant - Audrea Killalea
- Paymaster - Jennifer Rooth
- Chaplain - Kieth Thies
- Sgt-At-Arms - Delmas Heinke
- Asst. Sgt-At-Arms - Arthur Post
- Public Relations - Ericka Hedlin
- Audrea Killalea, Keith Theis
- Photographer - Keith Theis
- Newsletter Editor - Sal Cenicacelaya
- Quarter Masters - Adam Rodgers
- Kim Rodgers
- Toy for Tots Liaison - Charles Rooth
- VSO - Jennifer Rooth
- Compliance Officer - Audrea Killalea
- Historian - Mary Dvorak
- Marcia Rooth
- Americanism - Marcia Rooth
- Mary Dvorak
- Armorer - Jim Rooth
- Marine for Life..... Vacant
- Web-Sgt Sal Cenicacelaya
- HG/CG Commander - Angela Maness - Cenicacelaya

Next Meeting
November 1st , 2026
Membership Stats as of
29 Sept 2026

Regular - 36 Associate - 9
Dual - 1, Arrears - 9
TOTAL: 41 (Voting 36)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 4th Detachment Meeting
- 10th Colonel McPhail's 105th Birthday!
- 13th 251th Navy Birthday

NOVEMBER

- 1st Detachment Meeting
- 11th Vetrnas Day
- 27th Thanksgiving

FREE RETREATS FOR VETERANS
Heal. Recharge. Reconnect.

DIRECT APPLICATION LINKS - APPLY TODAY!

CAMP SOUTHERN GROUND	APPLY: campsouthernground.org/veteran-programs/	SAVE A WARRIOR	APPLY: saveawarrior.org/
BOULDER CREST FOUNDATION	APPLY: bouldercrest.org/programs/	WOMEN VETERANS ALLIANCE	APPLY: womenveteransalliance.org/
WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT	APPLY: woundedwarriorproject.org/programs	FINAL SALUTE INC.	APPLY: finalsaluteinc.org/
HIGHER GROUND	APPLY: highergroundusa.org/	OPERATION HEAL OUR PATRIOTS	APPLY: camarktanapurna.org/our-military-operation-heal-our-patriots/
FREEDOM HUNTERS	APPLY: freedomhunters.org/	ELIZABETH DOLE FOUNDATION	APPLY: elizabethdolefoundation.org/
HEROES ON THE WATER	APPLY: heroesonthewater.org/	BLUE STAR FAMILIES	APPLY: bluestarfam.org/
PROJECT HEALING WATERS FLY FISHING	APPLY: projecthealingwaters.org/	PROJECT NEW HOPE	APPLY: projectnewhope.net/retreats/
WARRIORS & QUIET WATERS	APPLY: warriorsandquietwaters.org/	COMING HOME PROJECT	APPLY: cominghomeproject.org/retreats/

FIND HUNDREDS MORE RETREATS & OUTDOOR PROGRAMS:
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US VET CONNECT
VISIT: www.usvetconnect.com/retreat

ELIGIBILITY VARIES BY PROGRAM. Most programs are for Veterans, Active-Duty Service Members, and in many cases, their families or caregivers. Check each organization's website for full details.

PLEASE SHARE THIS LIST WITH ANY VETERAN WHO COULD BENEFIT. One application could change a life.



SPACE CITY YOUNG MARINES

Last Sunday September 27th, the Space City Young Marines and YM Recruits took their Physical Fitness Test (PFT), and even the Texas heat couldn't slow these young motivators!

Our Young Marines, Recruits, and Poolees came ready to work, pushing themselves through each event and showing exactly what determination, discipline, teamwork, and perseverance look like. The temperatures may have been high, but so was the motivation!

We are extremely proud of every participant who stepped up and gave their best effort. The PFT isn't just about physical strength—it's about challenging yourself, refusing to quit, and becoming stronger than you were yesterday.

Mission accomplished!
SPACE CITY YOUNG MARINES
Strength • Discipline • Leadership • Teamwork



*Barks from
Feral Dogs #397
Military Order of The Devil Dogs*

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PDD Jennifer Rooth, Madam Pound Keeper

The Feral Dogs Pound #397 held its Annual Growl today, bringing our Dogs together for fellowship, camaraderie, and the important business of nominations and elections for our 2027 Pound Officers.

Congratulations to our newly elected slate of Officers!
Thank you to all the Dogs who attended, participated, and continue to support the Pound and the traditions of the Military Order of the Devil Dogs.

We look forward to another great year of Fun, Honor, and Service as we continue supporting our fellow Marines, Marine Corps League, and our communities.

- 2027 Pound Officers!**
Madame Pound Keeper - PDD Jenifer Rooth
Senior Vice Pound Keeper - PDD Charles Rooth
Junior Vice Pound Keeper - PDD Curtis (South Paw) Cole
Smart Dog - DD Mary Dvorak
Dog Trainer - PDD Audrea Killalea
Mad Dog - PDD Sal Cenicacelaya
Police Dog - PDD John Harlan
Dog Robber - PDD Audrea Killalea
Watch Dog - DD Mary Dvorak
Barking Dog - PDD Sal Cenicacelaya





A Season of Giving and Remembrance

As the holiday season approaches, the Sgt M.J. “Marty” Gonzalez Detachment 1485 has an opportunity to make a meaningful difference through Toys for Tots and Wreaths Across America. These efforts reflect our commitment to serving our community and honoring those who have served our nation.

Toys for Tots brings hope and joy to children through the gift of a new, unwrapped toy. We encourage members to contribute, spread the word, and help make this Christmas brighter for families facing difficult times. Each donation is a reminder to a child that someone cares.

Alongside our Toys for Tots efforts, Wreaths Across America gives us an opportunity to remember our fallen veterans, honor their service, and teach younger generations the value of freedom. Sponsoring a wreath or helping place wreaths at veterans’ graves is a meaningful way to ensure their sacrifices are remembered.

Whether you donate a toy, sponsor a wreath, volunteer your time, or encourage others to participate, your support matters. Let’s bring the spirit of “One Team, One Fight” to both efforts this season.

Members with questions about Toys for Tots or Wreaths Across America should see Charles Rooth or Mary Dvorak for information on how to get involved.



Through the viewfinder

