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Commandant's Corner

Fellow Marines

We had a great golf tournament today for Toys for Tots. We got 22 bikes and hundreds of toys. The Toy store is at 205 Stork Way in Seneca, SC across the street from Lowe's.

The Marine Corp Birthday Celebration is coming up this Saturday the 13th of November at Sole` Grill at 6 o'clock for Happy Hour and Diner at 6:30 with cake cutting to follow. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Christmas is just around the corner. Please keep our Toys for Tots program in mind when you are shopping.

Semper Fi

Bob Walker, Commandant #1131

Toys For Tots Golf Tournament

Monday, November 8, 2021 at Cross Creek Golf Course. There was a lot



of golfers and they brought lots of toys and 22 bicycles

Upcoming Events

Thursday, November 11, 2021 - Veterans Day

Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm: 245th Marine Corps Birthday Dinner, Sole` Grill and Sushi Bar, 700 By-Pass 123, Seneca, SC 29678



Steve Slagle
Senior Vice-Commandant

2021 Toys for Tots Campaign Ending in a Month

Our Detachment's 2021 Toys for Tots Campaign will conclude with toy distributions to approved families by about 15 community organizations in mid-December. December 5 is the last day for toys to be dropped off, and all toys and boxes will need to be delivered to the Toy Store by December 6.

This year's campaign includes toy collection boxes at approximately 190 businesses, restaurants and stores throughout Oconee County, the Pickens County towns of Central, Liberty and Clemson and the Anderson County town of Pendleton.

Bob Walker, Detachment #1131 Commandant, is the overall coordinator for the 2021 campaign. He is assisted by some 20 volunteers who are responsible for distributing the collection boxes, signs, and brochures and for picking up toys from the 190 locations from early October until December 5 on a regular basis. They are supported by members of the Marine Corps League Auxiliary. Any volunteer needing bags, signs, stickers, or other supplies can find them at the designated Toy Store.

The annual Toys for Tots Golf Tournament held on November 8 at Cross Creek Golf Club in Seneca was a terrific success. This year's tournament featured 100 golfers providing hundreds of toys and bicycles and significant cash contributions to the campaign. The tournament, which was our 8th annual, was again coordinated by Eddie Brown and T.J. Grove who performed their magic. Residents at Cross Creek also contributed dozens of toys. A final tally of the toys, bikes and cash will be reported later in the year.

A centrally located Toy Store at 205 Stork Way (corner of Stork Way and Radio Station Road) in Seneca serves as the hub of the campaign and all toys are taken to the store once they are collected by the volunteers. Another Detachment member, Len Rock, and his wife Carol, manage the immense task of sorting and organizing the toys, and Detachment Associate member Jim Day coordinates the books and Kindles, based on age and gender appropriateness, and prepare them for the community organizations that subsequently deliver the gifts to the families.

The Detachment's Toys for Tots website is <https://salem-sc.toysfortots.org>. The website provides the public with information about the program, how it works, how to donate toys or cash, where the collections boxes are, and how families may apply to be considered.

We encourage all MCL #1131 members to talk about the program to their neighbors and to any churches, non-profit organization with whom they are affiliated, and to any businesses you believe would serve as a suitable location for a collection box. Any suggestions for additional locations may be given to me by calling 864-710-6739 or Bob Walker at 864-882-3532.

Please support this program this year as we really need to make sure that deserving children can enjoy Christmas during a particularly challenging time for our country. If you are willing to volunteer and help us, call me. Donate a toy, make a contribution or volunteer your time to help ensure the Toys for Tots campaign is a success this year. The program has been a signature activity for the Marine Corps, the Marine Corps Reserve, and now the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation since 1947. Detachment #1131 has been managing and implementing this campaign in Oconee County since 2004.

Steve Slagle
Senior Vice Commandant
MCL Detachment #1131

Semper Fi.



“Skip” Wakeman
Jr. Vice-Commandant



Bill Thompson
Judge Advocate

I would like to thank all of the members who helped during this year's fund raiser. After an awkward start caused by Belk's, we started on the first Wednesday of the month of October. We only worked every Monday, Wednesday and Friday since there were no members to work the other days. The net result of our efforts was less than our goal of \$2000.00; however, we did overall of total of **\$1835.01**.

Semper Fi, “Skip” Wakeman



Detachment Family Breakfast.

Saturday, October 30, 2021 at Seneca Family Restaurant on Hwy By-Pass 123, Seneca, SC
There was a good turn out.



Greetings and comments from the Judge Advocate's bench. I continue to keep you and your Families in my Prayers for Health and Happiness.

Since I really do not have anything to report on or pontificate about, allow me to digress about some of the important things in my life.

The month of November brings several Holiday to be grateful and thankful for, the Marine Corps Birthday, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. I have been blessed to also celebrate my Wife's Birthday, the Birthday of both daughters as well as my Granddaughter's!! GOD IS GOOD!

There are several events I highly recommend this month. The Toys For Tots Golf Tournament on November 8, the Veterans Day Parade in Seneca on November 11 will be fun, I strongly encourage your attendance at the Marine Corps Birthday Dinner on November 13. The food, camaraderie, and story telling are all excellent. The Marine Corps League Meeting on November 16, the Seneca Christmas Parade on November 29, and hopefully some gatherings with friends, families and LOTS of Turkey!

Lastly, I would hope each of us would take some time to read/think about the Oaths we took to our Spouses, Family, The Marine Corps, and Marine Corps league as well as to GOD and Country!

Semper Fi, *Bill Thompson*

Upcoming Meetings and Events

<u>Time & Date</u>	<u>Event/Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Coordinator</u>	<u>Uniform</u>
6:00 pm Saturday November 13, 2021	Marine Corps Birth- day Celebration	Sole` Brill and Sushi Bar 700 Hwy 123 By-Pass Seneca, SC 29678	Robert Walker	Red Blazer
6:30 pm Tuesday November 16, 2021	Detachment Business Meeting	American Legion Hut 575 N. Fairplay St. Seneca, SC 29678	Robert Walker	Basic
8:00 am Saturday November 27, 2021	Detachment Family Breakfast	Seneca Family Restau- rant, 515 Hwy 123 By- Pass, Seneca. SC 29678	Robert Walker	Casual
8:00 am Tuesday December 7, 2021	Trustees Meeting	American Legion Hut 575 N. Fairplay St. Seneca, SC 29678	Robert Walker	Casual

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