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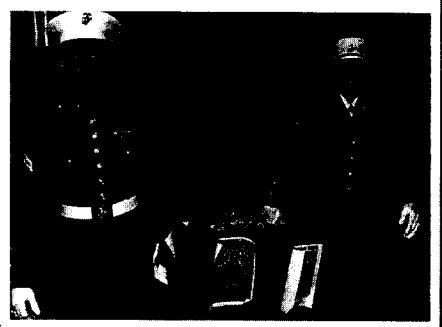
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Greetings to All!

Foremost I would like to send my sincerest thanks to our Department Commandant, Tony DeGregorio, for my appointment as the Toys for Tots Coordinator. I will serve my term to the fullest of my abilities implementing my years of experience and knowledge of service into my duties. I am greatly looking forward to a wonderful productive year. Now for a few announcements.



According to new I.R.S. regulations, that went into effect on January 1, 2007, all persons who want to claim donations on their income tax return need to show proof of the donation with a receipt. In response to this the foundation has decided that all toy drop box locations will be "unmanned". This prevents the foundation from having to determine toy values and issue receipts. In respect to this years 60th Anniversary of Toys for Tots the Marine Toys for tots foundation replaced its old website with a totally redesigned format (toysfortots.org). The goal of this transformation is to increase the visibility for the Marine Corps Campaign. I encourage everyone to visit the newly improved site and explore its new features.

This past September 5, I attended the conference in Alexandria Virginia with 7 marines and 19 LCO's from Pa. The Marine Toys for Tots foundation announced the measures that were put into effect to eliminate the distribution of unsafe toys, in response to the discovery in the toy industry that unsafe toys were produced in China. The potentially unsafe toys can be found on the following websites links:

-Mattel toy recall list: <http://www.mattel.com/safety/us/>

-Detailed SKU' s: http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2007/10/08/071008_4/fyi/main3_166371.shtml

Local Toys for Tots coordinators will be available to inspect and sort faulty toys in preparation for the 2007 distribution. With the help of all our supporters we will strive to distribute safe toys to all the needy children..

I also plan to attend the 2007 National Toys for Tots Campaign Kickoff Luncheon this November in Alexandria, Va. Along with the I&I staff from Harrisburg , First Sergeant Finn, and J.R. Wells we will venture to this wonderful event.

Best Regards,

Jim R. Washington Jr.
Toys for Tots Coordinator

