



Military Transport Association

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The MTA is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting U.S. troops and preserving military history. Founded 1972.

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SANTA CLAUS ON U.S. MARINE CORPS TOYS FOR TOTS TRAIN TO MAKE 7 BERGEN AND PASSAIC STOPS SUNDAY DECEMBER 13

On December 12-13, 2009, the Military Transport Association will run a special train in Northern New Jersey to collect donated toys for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Foundation. People are invited to tour the train, meet active duty members of the U.S. Marine Corps and Military Transport Association, and donate toys to the project. Children can also meet Santa Claus in the caboose.

The train will consist of three locomotives from the Norfolk Southern, NJ Transit, and the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad, a box car painted in a special camouflage pattern, a Birken dining car, an Ohio River VIP private car, and a Morristown & Erie caboose. The box car carries the number 1775 denoting the year the U.S. Marine Corps was founded.

The train will make the following stops on Sunday, Dec 13: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Maywood, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Hawthorne, 11:45 - 12:45 p.m. Wortendyke, 12:50 - 1:50 p.m. Wycoff, 2:00 - 2:30 p.m. Franklin Lakes, 2:40 - 3:40 p.m. Pompton Lakes, 3:45 - 4:45 p.m. Butler.

Toys (new, unwrapped) can be donated in advance at 28 locations in Bergen and Passaic Counties including the Maywood Police Dept; Hawthorne, Midland Park, Wycoff, and Kinnelon Fire Departments as well as many local businesses along the route. A complete list of drop-off locations can be found on the Toys for Tots Train web site at swapmeetdave.com/Toytrain/

The train will run a southern route on Saturday in Morris County with six stops. The objective of the Military Transport Association and Marine Corps Reserve is to completely fill the box car with toys both Saturday and Sunday. The U.S. Marine Corps unit responsible for the toy drive in northern New Jersey is Company G, 2nd Battalion, 25th Marines, 4th Marine Division stationed at Picatinny Arsenal. This unit returned from Iraq in April of 2009. Running the train is the Military Transport Association (MTA), a group of men and women who collect and restore historic military vehicles. The train coordinator is John Sobotka of the MTA.

The mission of the Toys for Tots Program is to collect and distribute toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.