



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 6 MORRIS COUNTY STOPS SATURDAY DECEMBER 12

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 two locomotives from the Norfolk Southern and NJ Transit, 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. On Sunday, the train will have a third engine from the New York, Susquehanna & Western Railroad.

The train will make the following stops on Saturday, Dec 12: 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Flanders Firehouse, 27 Main St. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Sleepy's, 294 Route 10 West, Ledgewood. 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Sack's Paint & Wallpaper, 52 N. Sussex St., Dover. 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. Potbelly's Riverside Café, 26 E. Main St, Rockaway.

Toys (new, unwrapped) can be donated in advance at the above locations as well as at Batteries Plus, 276 Route 10 West, Succasunna; Blue Ridge Lumber, 742 Route 46 East, Kenil; Dover Town Hall, 37 N. Sussex St. and the Lakeland Bus Depot, 425 E. Blackwell St., Dover.

The train will run a northern route on Sunday in Bergen, Passaic, and Morris County arriving in Butler at 3:45 p.m. Five businesses in Butler are placing out toy collection boxes including Soul Journey, 194 Main Street; Astorloid, Inc, 10 Park Place; Trackside Bar & Grill, 227 Main Street; Flowers Galore and More, 178 Main Street; and the David Leslie Salon, 26 Boonton Avenue.

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.

A current list of train stops, drop-off locations and supporters can be found at swapmeetdave.com/Toytrain/