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TOYS FOR TOTS (TFT) PROGRAM AND NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGNS

Ref: (a) ForO 5726.1D

1. The reference addresses policy and responsibilities governing the Marine Forces Reserve (MARFORRES) Toys for Tots (TFT) Program. This Policy Letter provides clarification for the conduct of the 2013 MARFORRES TFT Program and nationwide campaigns in light of recent guidance that was promulgated as a result of Sequestration and the Marine Corps' execution of a partial shut-down of operations due to a lapse in government funding.

2. All MARFORRES units will fully conduct the 2013 MARFORRES TFT Program and nationwide campaigns in accordance with the reference.

3. Community Involvement and Volunteers. It is incumbent upon each unit that oversees a TFT campaign to ensure full community involvement in their program by methodically identifying, placing, and overseeing volunteers in the conduct of that unit's TFT Campaign. The TFT Program can continue to succeed by accepting the support of individual citizens, local Marine Corps League Detachments, houses of worship, and any and all worthwhile community organizations willing to help with collection, warehousing, or distribution. Volunteerism will allow us to maintain a steady state while highlighting Marines in partnership with America, which underscores this effective program.

4. While the MARFORRES TFT Program is a superb program that has altruistically provided hope in the form of toys to millions of less-fortunate children throughout the United States since 1947, there are limitations on MARFORRES participation. It is important that commanders and Inspector-Instructors understand and abide by these restrictions. The direct participation of our personnel and units has had a tremendous impact on the success of this unique program. Moreover, our participation in this program assures a deep connection between the American people and their Corps of Marines.

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