MARINE CORPS RESERVE CENTENNIAL

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Reserve Marines are rooted in communities through their 161 training sites in 47 states. The facilities not only ensure Reserve Marines remain at a high state of readiness, they facilitate a strong bond with local communities. These Marines routinely conduct military funeral honors, casualty assistance, color guards, military equipment displays, and participate in other community events, thus establishing an inseparable connection between the community and the Marine Corps.

Marines in the Reserve Component provide most of the manpower, organization and distribution to the annual children's charity Toys for Tots, which provides toys to families in need. Since its establishment in 1947, Toys for Tots has distributed more than 500 million toys to children across the United States. Additionally, the Reserve Component supports the Wounded Warrior Regiment, established in 2007, which provides non-medical care for wounded, ill and injured Marines.

Toys for Tots - 6th Communications Battalion, New York, NY, Dec 2011. Reserve Marines accept toy donations from children during the annual Toys for Tots charity campaign.

Read Across America Day - Marine Aircraft Group 49, Howell Township, NJ, March 2013. Reserve Marines read books to elementary school students as part of an outreach event.

Habitat for Humanity - 3rd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, Boston, MA, May 2010. Reserve Marines assist Habitat for Humanity while reconstructing the ground floor of a house. The unique skills and specialized civilian knowledge in the Reserve Component often prove valuable in serving the community.

Hurricane Relief Search and Rescue - New Orleans, LA, Sept 2005. Marines of 4th Assault Amphibian Battalion aboard an AAVP7A1 Assault Amphibian Vehicle (AAV) patrol through heavily flooded areas searching for survivors of Hurricane Katrina. The Marines were assigned to Special Purpose MAGTF St. Bernard to conduct search-and-rescue missions throughout the New Orleans area.

Veterans Day Parade - 6th Communications Battalion, New York, NY, Nov 2011. Reserve Marines participate in parades and ceremonies to honor veterans in communities across America.

Funeral Detail - Knoxville, TN, Sept 2015. Marines conduct funeral honors for 1st Lt. Alexander Bonnyman, Jr., a World War II Reserve Marine killed in the Battle of Tarawa, 1943.

Background photo: Toys for Tots - Twentynine Palms, CA, Dec 2014. The Reserve conducts its annual Toys for Tots charity in cities across the country.

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