

Dear Friends of the Nittany Leathernecks,

We invite you to participate in celebrating our 31<sup>st</sup>  
Centre County Toys for Tots Campaign  
**Kick-Off Breakfast**

We value your support and hope you will join us on

**Tuesday, November 13, 8:30 AM**  
**at the Ramada Inn**  
**1450 South Atherton Street, State College**

**Honorary Chair: Tyler Gum**  
**Director, Pennsylvania Military Museum**

Your invitation form and some additional information are included in this correspondence. Thank you for your previous support; we look forward to seeing you at the breakfast on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Semper Fi,  
Gene Weller  
Major, USMCR (Retired)  
Chairman, Centre County Toys for Tots



For more information about this year's campaign,  
check out our web site at <http://lemont-pa.toysfortots.org>

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of the Marine Corps League  
"Valiant service is not limited to combat"

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The Toys for Tots 2018 Corporate Sponsor:





**2018 Nittany Leathernecks**  
**Annual Toys for Tots Kick-off Breakfast**  
**Tuesday, November 13, 8:30 AM**  
**Ramada Inn, 1450 South Atherton Street**  
**State College, PA 16801**

The breakfast serves as an opportunity to meet fellow supporters within the community and serves as the official media kick-off for the campaign. Your presence will add to the excitement and enthusiasm we expect to generate.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please check one:  I/we **will attend** the Toys for Tots Kick-off Breakfast.
- I/we will not attend the Kick-off Breakfast but would like to participate in the 2018 Toys for Tots campaign.
- Please remove me from your email list.

**RSVP no later than Friday NOVEMBER 9, 2017 by**

1. Mailing this completed form to Gene Weller, c/o Allstate Insurance, 1380 N. Atherton Street, State College, PA 16803, attn. Toys for Tots Breakfast, **OR**
2. Faxing this completed form to 814.237.3148 attn. Gene Weller, **OR**
3. **Go green!** Email your reply to [Elweller@aol.com](mailto:Elweller@aol.com).

Cost of the breakfast is **\$15.00/person**; check or money order (no cash, please) made out to "Nittany Leathernecks Detachment (MCL T4T)" may be mailed to the above address in advance or may be paid at the door.

**PLEASE REMEMBER:** We are responsible for the reservation set-up with the caterer. If you don't show up after registering, we must cover that expense out of our limited Toys for Toys budget, which takes away from our program objective and resources. If you need to cancel your registration, please call Gene Weller at 814.234.9831.

**Should you have any questions, please contact Gene Weller at 234-9831.**

## **Toys for Tots and Coordinating Centre County Food Drive**

As many of you may already know, Centre County Toys for Tots works hand in hand with the eight Centre County Food Pantries. This is our primary means of distributing toys to our children. Again, we are asking everyone to assist in an effort to collect food for the food banks. More information may be found in the message included below from Faith R. Ryan, Director of the Centre County Office of Adult Services, written September 2017.

On behalf of the Centre County Office of Adult Services, we look forward to collaborating with the Nittany Leathernecks Detachment of the U.S. Marine Corps League once again to connect families with the Toys for Tots Program and continue the good work that was put into motion so long ago.

One of several programs administered through the Centre County Office of Adult Services is the State Food Purchase Program (SFPP), which is allocated to eight food pantries in the county: Bellefonte Faith Centre, Centre Hall/Potter Twp., Penns Valley Community Action, Philipsburg Community Action, Snow Shoe/Mountaintop, Howard, Housing Transitions, Inc., and the State College Food Bank. Last fiscal year, these food banks collectively served 3,900 individuals with SFPP funds. That said, the number of families who are over-income for state-purchased foods, but need food assistance to overcome a temporary crisis, is increasing.

For those interested in making a food donation to our network of food pantries during the holiday season, we thank you. While food pantry clients receive a variety of items, there are products that cannot be purchased with state dollars. Donation ideas include: paper products, coffee, condiments, spices, baking products, hygiene supplies, and detergents.

We are pleased that Centre County food pantries will continue to be distribution points for families who are in-need of food and eligible for the Toys for Tots Program. On behalf of our department, we are grateful for all food pantry staff and volunteers who put in the extra time to make this program so successful.

**From: Gene Weller**

If you collect food along with toys, the food can be picked up at the same time for distribution to the food pantries or you can take them to your local food pantry. The goal is to try to collect a greater amount of food for the needy in Centre County not who is getting credit for the collection.

## TOYS FOR TOTS FUNDRAISER

### Opportunity #1

Texas Roadhouse has given us 7oz bags of peanuts with a coupon for a free appetizer. These will be available at the breakfast for \$3.00 per bag.

### Opportunity #2

A representative from Texas Roadhouse will be at the breakfast selling Texas Roadhouse gift certificates. 10% of the purchase price will be given to Toys for Tots.

\$25 Gift Certificate also comes with a coupon for a free appetizer

\$50 Gift Certificate comes with a \$5 off and appetizer coupon

\$100 Gift Certificate comes with a coupon for one free appetizer per month for 12 months.

These gift certificates would be great Christmas gifts for friends and employees.