

Dear Friends of the Nittany Leathernecks,

We invite you to participate in celebrating our 30th
Centre County Toys for Tots Campaign
Kick-Off Breakfast

We value your support and hope you will join us on

Monday, November 14, 8:30 AM
at the Ramada Inn
1450 South Atherton Street, State College

Honorary Chair: Pat Daugherty
Owner of The Tavern Restaurant and State College Icon

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 14th.

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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The Toys for Tots 2016

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2016 Nittany Leathernecks
Annual Toys for Tots Kick-off Breakfast
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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 2016 Toys for Tots campaign.

Please remove me from your email list.

RSVP no later than THURS. NOVEMBER 10, 2016 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.

Cost of the breakfast is **\$13.00/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 August 2016.

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. We are pleased that these food pantries will continue to be distribution points for families who are in-need and eligible for the Toys for Tots Program. In addition, we are appreciative of all the food donations made from the community during the holiday season. As our food pantries are seeing an increased need amongst families who are over-income for state-funded items but need supplemental food to overcome a family crisis, medical trauma, or job loss, food donations go a long way in supporting our families and reducing strain on our food pantries. Of those who are income eligible for state-funded food, 4,227 individuals were served across Centre County during the last fiscal year (July 1st, 2015 – June 30th, 2016).

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. Being able to provide toys for children as well as the supplies and food items needed by their families will not only bring joy to their holiday season but will help them and participating food pantries throughout the new year.

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.