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&
USMC RESERVE TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM
&
NEW ENGLAND CENTER AND HOME FOR VETERANS

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(Boston, MA November 2018) Continuing a tradition established more than 4 decades ago, the 2018-19 Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company (AHAC) elected Sergeants have once again teamed with the United States Marine Corps & New England Center and Home for Veterans for an Annual Holiday Donation Drive. The event to be hosted at the AHAC Armory and Museum fourth floor, Faneuil Hall, Boston Massachusetts on Monday December 3rd. Contributions of toys for the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program and new clothing and gift cards for the New England Center and Home for Veterans are donated by AHAC members and guests. Both the USMC and NECHV will
have vans available outside Faneuil Hall on 03 December at 5:30 PM to accept donations from the public!

The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect donations of new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year for distribution as Holiday gifts to needy children in communities in which the campaign is conducted. The Toys for Tots program wishes to play an active role in the development of one of our nation's most valuable natural resources - our children; and to unite all members of local communities. Local Toys for Tots Campaign Coordinators conduct an array of activities throughout the year, which include golf tournaments, foot races, bicycle races and other voluntary events designed to increase interest in the Toys for Tots Program. The program is a national effort administered locally; the community in which toys will be distributed is the same community in which they are collected. The success of the program relies on volunteer support and community involvement.

The Mission of the New England Center and Home for Veterans is to extend a helping hand to men and women veterans who are addressing the challenges of addiction, trauma, severe and persistent mental illness, and/or unemployment; who will commit themselves to sobriety, non-violence, and working for personal change. Headquartered in downtown Boston, the Center has served over 35,000 veterans since its inception in 1989 and is recognized as one of the most effective private veteran's transitional programs in the country.

The Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company was Chartered by the Great and General Court of Massachusetts and Governor Winthrop in 1638 to train gentlemen as officers for the Massachusetts Militia, a role which the Company fulfilled until 1912. In addition the Company has served as a ceremonial unit for the Governor and the City of Boston; and as a patriotic, fraternal organization. The Company has been headquartered at Faneuil Hall since 1745. Today’s members include distinguished professionals, businessmen, clerics, serving and retired military officers, including two Medal of Honor recipients; patriots all. Over the centuries the roll reads as a who’s who of Massachusetts history including President John F. Kennedy, President Calvin Coolidge, patriot William Dawes, MG Benjamin Lincoln, Senator Leverett Saltonstall, James Michael Curley, Christian Herter and many other prominent members of this Commonwealth. The Company operates a unique military museum with free admission on the 4th Floor of Faneuil Hall, a location the AHAC has occupied since 1746, and is open Monday thru Friday 9 AM until 3:30 PM

Information:
Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts:  www.ahac.us.com
US Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program (MA): www.toysfortotsma.org/
New England Center and Home for Veterans: www.nechv.org

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