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COUNTY AIRPORTS TO ASSIST MARINES IN TOYS FOR TOTS

U.S. Marines in full dress uniform will receive toys at Ramona and Fallbrook Airports during first two weekends in December

Once again, the County of San Diego will assist the United States Marine Corps in its annual Toys for Tots campaign with collection points at Ramona and Fallbrook airports. Residents can drop off new unwrapped toys at either airport prior to the scheduled Saturday pick-ups. Pilots are also encouraged to fly in with toy deliveries.

U.S. Marines, in cammys and full dress uniform, will collect the toys from Ramona Airport on Saturday, December 5, between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., and from Fallbrook Airpark on Saturday, December 12, also from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Last year, despite miserable weather, Marines filled two nine-ton trucks with toys collected at these two County airports. Area pilots also flew in from surrounding airports to deliver toys to the Marines.

"We're proud and honored to be a part of this annual event, working with U.S. Marines to ensure less fortunate kids in our area have toys for Christmas," said Chairwoman Dianne Jacob of the Board of Supervisors. "We've always had a great turnout from people delivering toys by car, motorcycle, bicycle, and even airplane. We're hoping for the same this year."

"Christmas is a special time of giving and even though many people are going through difficult economic times, this is a great opportunity to put a Christmas present in the hands of a child who might not have one this year," said former Marine and Fifth District County Supervisor Bill Horn.

In addition to the U.S. Marines and Marine Corps vehicles, several aircraft will be on display during the Saturday events.

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