

Loudoun Detachment 1205 News

2022 In Review



What a start!

A \$10,000 donation from Junior Assist. Commandant Chris Cicotello's company, C2 Operations, provided a strong foundation for the detachment's charitable and other operations

2022 Officers

Rich Klein	Commandant
Tom Quigley	Sr. Vice
Chris Cicotello	Jr. Vice
Joe Newcomer	Paymaster
Steve Hildner	Adjutant
Thomas Dougherty	Judge Advocate
Eddie Johnson	Chaplain
Vince Marino	Sgt at Arms
Ron Clark	Service Officer
Rich Klein	Honor Guard
Joe Newcomer	M for L Liaison
Stirling Rasmussen	Web Sergeant.
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Frank Holtz	Tft Coordinator
Rita Sartori	Tft Coordinator
Richard Oakley	Tft Warehouse Mgr.

And we continued to enjoy our close relationship with American Legion Post 293.



Lovettsville Memorial Day Ceremony

- Our detachment Chaplain, Eddie Johnston, was called upon by the town of Lovettsville to deliver some appropriate Memorial Day words.
- Stirling Rasmussen had the honor of laying the town veterans' wreath.

Memorial Day 2022 Lovettsville



Leesburg Memorial Day Ceremony

Frank Holtz and Vince Marino represented the detachment at Leesburg's Memorial Day Ceremony, joining with Leesburg's Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1147 in the activities.



Memorial Day 2022 Leesburg

Annual Picnic

Once again, we had our August detachment picnic at member Ron Clark's house.



9/11 Ride Salute

- Our detachment has one attribute that no other Marine Corps League detachment can match: six members who are docents at the National Museum of the Marine Corps.
- They are Trish Manghelli, Richard Klein, Stirling Rasmussen, Richard Oakley, Steve Hildner, and Herbert Valle.



Honor Flight Greeting

Three Honor Flights came in and four of our Detachment members, Trish Manghelli, Richard Klein, Vince Marino, and Stirling Rasmussen were there to meet them. The quartet teamed up with five Eighth and I Marines to give special greeting to all USMC vets who arrived.



We will be greeting several more of these flights during 2023 and want more members to join us in this rather joyful and rewarding activity.



Leesburg Halloween Parade

The Kiwanis' Leesburg Halloween Parade returned to its pre-COVID form and once more we were in it, showing Loudoun County our presence and reminding them that Toy for Tots was coming soon.



- We were not planning to be the honor guard at the head of the parade, thinking rather to be walking mid-parade with our vehicles, and were not in our more formal color guard uniforms.
- But the organizer of the parade, having no color guard, pressed us into service, even though we were not in the appropriate MCL color guard uniforms.



9/11 Ride Salute

- As the 9/11 Ride roared into Leesburg on their way to D.C., member Frank Holtz was again there to greet them.
- How's that salute arm feeling, Frank?



November Library Display

Every November we set up a month-long display at the Purcellville Library to promote the Detachment, the Marine Corps, and the National Museum of the Marine Corps.



U.S.M.C. Birthday at the Black Hoof Brewing Company

Every Birthday, Marine owner/brewer Bill Haase has a celebration that features the cake ceremony and, of course, beer on the house. There had been a COOVID break but he and his wife renewed this year. Once again, Ron Clark was the oldest Marine. Keep up that run, Ron.



Marine Corps Birthday

- We emerged from our COVID-reduced celebrations of our Marine Corps Birthday with fiscal assurance, thanks to the \$10,000 donation from our Junior Vice's, Chris Cicotello's company, C2 Operations.
- We thus confidently returned to our full-scale formal Birthday Ball.

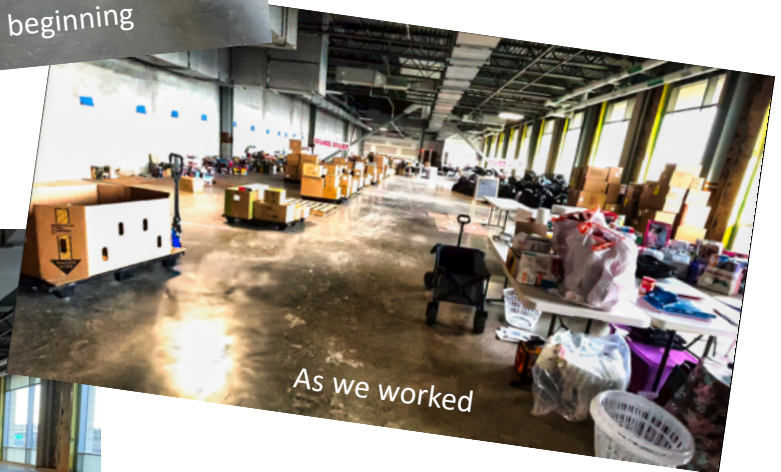


Toys for Tots

- After Frank Holtz's and Rita Sartori's planning was completed, they put this year's campaign into action with fundraisers and toy drives, and with toy-drop locations all over the county.
- Finding warehouse space each year for operations is critical. Thankfully, CyrusOne and their staff, offered space at one of their locations. Rita and Richard Oakley ran the receiving, sorting, and distribution operation there.
- We partnered with five non-profit organizations: Community Empowerment of Northern Virginia; Help for Others; LINK, Mobile Hope; and The Salvation Army to work with the families who would be receiving toys and to take the toys to them from the CyrusOne operations center.
- In addition, Interstate Moving & Storage provided a place to store our warehouse equipment and next season's start-up toys, so we will be ready for 2023.
- When it was all done, 2022's campaign distributed 14,382 toys to 9,262 children.



The CyrusOne Data Center warehouse space



Raising the Funds and Collecting the Toys

- Our campaign is grateful for events benefiting Toys for Tots, which were sponsored by American Shine Detailing, Ashburn PSA Soccer League, Century 21 Redwood Realty, Lamborghini/McLaren/Rolls-Royce/Bugatti of Washington, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., The Loudoun Kitchen and Bar, Loudoun Symphonic Winds, Noble Athletics, and Radio Redline.
- The initial event was at the PSASoccer's season-end soccer fest.

PSASoccer Event



More Special Benefit Events

Symphonic Winds



Loudoun Kitchen and Bar



Lamborghini Washington



American Shine Detailers



Loudoun County Toys for Tots couldn't be successful without the over 200 volunteers working tirelessly, and the generosity of area families and businesses

The Volunteers



We are indebted to the men and women of the Loudoun County Fire and Rescue services for collecting and delivering the massive amounts of toys collected at each of the fire stations in Loudoun County. The toys from all of our county-wide drop off boxes were taken to the fire stations, concentrated and bagged there for delivery by LCF&R to the CyrusOne operations center for processing.



Random Shots



We welcomed some new members during the year



And there was some additional individual member activity



Stirling Rasmussen just couldn't resist carrying colors in a parade, and thus borrowed the detachment's parade gear to lead the Lincoln 4th of July parade wearing his USO uniform. He later filled out our American Legion Post 293's color guard for the Purcellville Christmas Parade.



Herbert Valle took toys to the USO Lounge at Dulles International Airport for distribution to children of military families who were travelling over the holidays.



We Showed our thanks for Mission BBQ's support



And we closed out the year by electing 2023's officers



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So that was 2022. We emerged from the COVID years stronger than ever. We look forward to an even better 2023.



Semper Fidelis

