

NEWS BULLETIN



MARINE TOYS FOR TOTS FOUNDATION

Washington, DC – November 20, 2006. The 2006 U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Campaign was formally launched during the National Toys for Tots Campaign Kickoff Luncheon at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center in Alexandria, Virginia on Friday, November 17, 2006. The luncheon was hosted by the **Marine Toys for Tots Foundation** and co-sponsored by **Humana Military Healthcare Services** and **Quantum**.

The audience of approximately 500 included representatives of national corporate sponsors, Toys for Tots donors and supporters, Marine Toys for Tots Foundation directors and business partners, local Toys for Tots coordinators plus a host of dignitaries, which included Department of Defense executives, twenty six flag and general officers, and twenty five current or past CEOs. Also in attendance was General Alfred Gray, USMC (Ret), the 29th Commandant of the Marine Corps. Lieutenant General Matthew T. Cooper, USMC (Ret), the President and CEO of the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, served as the Master of Ceremonies.

The program began with the presentation of the National and Marine Corps Colors by the Marine Color Guard from Marine Barracks, Washington, DC. This color ceremony was supported by a Marine bugler and Marine drummer from the Marine Band. Lieutenant Colonel Rose-Ann L. Lynch, USMC (Ret), sang the National Anthem and Captain David G. Kloak, CHC, USN, the Deputy Chaplain of the Marine Corps, delivered the invocation.

General Carl E. Mundy, Jr, USMC (Ret), 30th Commandant of the Marine Corps, was the guest of honor and keynote speaker. General Mundy delivered a truly inspiring and motivating keynote address that made the 8th annual kickoff luncheon a resounding success.

The feature entertainment was provided by Corporal Elizabeth Quinones, USMCR, an aspiring actress and vocalist from Brooklyn, New York and also a member of the 6th Communications Battalion, an element of Marine Forces Reserve, which is headquartered in Brooklyn. Cpl Quinones entertained the audience superbly with a series of traditional Christmas songs.

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The Foundation also recognized Dr. Stevanne Auerbach, aka Dr. Toy, for her outstanding service to America's children, the American toy industry, and the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program over the past 30 years.

Mr. Joe Burden, composer, vocalist, bandleader and veteran Marine, entertained the attendees by singing the song he composed in 1997 for the 50th anniversary of Toys for Tots – “Semper Fi to the Children”. Joe Burden's song was the concluding event of the luncheon.

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