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## **ICAF Students and Commandant Visit DC Elementary School Seasonal Program Supported by Donations from University**

(Washington, D.C.) National Defense University (NDU) and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF) generously supported the annual U.S. Marine Corps Foundation “Toys for Tots” campaign. Toys donated by personnel at NDU were distributed to Amidon-Bowen Elementary School, a neighboring DC public school of approximately 320 children in grades pre-school through 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Marine Corps students at ICAF set a goal to provide a toy for each student at the elementary school through the national “Toys for Tots” Program. With the ample amount of toys collected at the university and some help from other sources, the students surpassed their goal. On the last day of school before Winter Break, the Marines delivered more than enough toys to the elementary school. The abundance of new toys gave each child an opportunity to choose the one gift he or she wanted the most.



*An Amidon student gets advice on selecting a toy.  
Credit: Katie Lewis, NDU.*



*Marine LtCol Jeff Holt explains a toy to Amidon students. Credit: Katie Lewis, NDU.*

Some children had a very tough time making a final choice of just one toy, but others knew exactly what they wanted and surprisingly found that coveted item. Dolls, sports equipment, board games, and movie-related toys were all very popular.

Major General Joseph E. Brown IV, U.S. Air Force, Commandant of ICAF, and Mrs. Sue Brown and their daughter visited Amidon-Bowen Elementary School during the toy distribution.

General Brown said, “Observing the children was a heartwarming experience for us all. The Amidon students were so happy with the toys they selected for themselves. The way the toy distribution was handled empowered the children to have a choice, and the smiles on their faces were brighter than the shiny, new packaged toys. The Marine Corps students at ICAF did an excellent job with the Toys for Tots drive this year.”

The Toys for Tots program helps less fortunate children throughout the United States experience the joy of Christmas. The campaign has far-reaching effects in the development of one of our nation’s most valuable resources – our children. For three months each year, groups unite in a common cause during the annual toy collection and distribution, and this activity contributes to improving communities in the future. The Toys for Tots campaign makes this season brighter for kids in need. For more information about the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, please visit:

<http://www.toysfortots.org>.

About the College – The Industrial College of the Armed Forces (ICAF) is one of five colleges within National Defense University. ICAF prepares selected military officers and civilians for senior leadership positions. Upon successful completion of the College’s requirements, students earn a Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy. ICAF’s academic program consists of two major components--core curriculum and electives/research, offering a number of concentration programs. The core curriculum covers National Strategy and Resources Management for National Security. Courses are completed on campus. For more information about ICAF, please contact: Eileen Daniels at 202-685-4338 or [DanielsE@ndu.edu](mailto:DanielsE@ndu.edu); for additional information about the college, visit: [www.ndu.edu/icaf](http://www.ndu.edu/icaf).

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