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Again this year, the people of NORAD helped make the holiday season a little brighter for children of military families during the annual North American Aerospace Defense Commands Toys for Tots campaign.

"NORAD and USNORTHCOM personnel donated more than 250 packages of toys, which were distributed to children of military families here and at Anderson AFB, Guam. The Toys were donated to ensure that each child had a happy holiday season," said Air Force Chaplain (Col.) David Park.

"Approximately 125 of the 250 packages of toys were sent to the chapel at Anderson AFB for distribution to children, following the devastating typhoon, which struck the island shortly before Christmas," Park said.

Since 1947, Marine Reservists have gathered and distributed toys for needy children across the country. The Reserve force decided to organize the Toys for Tots Foundation in 1991 to carry on their work. The foundation is committed to raising money and support for the Toys for Tots program. As an entity separate from the Reserve, the foundation was able to accomplish goals that the Reserves could not.

Local Toys for Tots campaigns are conducted annually in more than 400 communities covering all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Marine Forces Reserve has 280 Marine Reserve Units located at 183 Marine Reserve Centers and seven Marine Corps bases/air stations covering 46 states.

To cover more communities in all 50 states, the Commander, Marine Forces Reserve authorizes selected Marine Corps league detachments to conduct Toys for Tots campaigns as part of the overall Toys for Tots program.

"Congratulations to all the caring people in NORTHCOM and NORAD who helped in making this such a joyous season for so many children," Park said.