



## **THAMES RIVER DETACHMENT #1334 NEW LONDON COUNTY, CONNECTICUT**

Shannon Murphy, Chairperson for the Marine Corps League's New London County Toys for Tots drive has just released the After-Action Report for the 2021 campaign. Since 2010, the Thames River Detachment #1334 of the Marine Corps League has been running the Toys for Tots drive in New London County. Additional assistance has come from Three Rivers Young Marines and naval personnel from the Sub Base in Groton.

All toys, books, bikes, and helmets were distributed exclusively to children in New London County, and the total number of children who received toys was 2406. Each child received at least one age-appropriate book and four toys, which totaled 10,650 toys given out.

Toys were distributed to the families of military personnel, veterans, first responders, and those registered with charitable organizations. With the exception of the 2020 campaign, which was suspended due to COVID concerns, Mike's Famous Harley Davidson dealership in New London has been our intake and distribution center for a number of years.

Antonino Auto Group and Secor Auto Group made substantial financial donations, which helped us purchase bikes and helmets. All towns in New London County that needed and requested toys were taken care of.

Anyone interested in participating in Toys For Tots, or in learning more about joining The Marine Corps League (*you don't have to be a Marine!*) should feel free to contact:

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