

Marines Care Foundation Inc. -Up dated March 27, 2013

Members of the L/CPL Robert J Slattery Detachment 206, Marine Corps League have been making monthly visits to the wounded warriors and their families, At Walter Reed National Medical center Bethesda, MD.

It all started June 17, 2005: When six members of the detachment made their first visit to the wounded Marines at Bethesda Naval Hospital. They brought items for the wounded that the Marine Liaison officer recommended. Polo shirts, crossword puzzle books, playing cards and gift cards for subway and dunkin- doughnuts .Visits were made to Marines from New Jersey, Mississippi, Kentucky, Texas, Indiana, Missouri and Nebraska. On the drive home we made a commitment to schedule monthly visits to the wounded and their families.

The Marines spirits, attitude and receptiveness were excellent, loss of leg, shattered leg bone, blinded eye, shattered hand and belly wounds were some of the injuries we encounter. There was no communication gap between us as they talked freely; sea stories were swapped back & forth. We heard a number of times "You came all the way from NJ just to see us"

These visits are still being made to Walter Reed National Military Hospital Bethesda, MD a visit was made on March 26, 2013. Over the years the Marines Care Program expanded to providing direct financial grants paying for electric and gas bills car insurance & repairs, bedding and \$50 gift cards given out during the visits these are just some of the items covered. This assistance is given to members of all Branches of the Military. Also computer, monitors, TV's. Speech therapy and vision impaired software, I-pad 2s, color copy printers, Remington cordless electric razors and other in-kind items requested by VA & Walter Reed hospitals.

The Marines Care Program is now the Marines Care Foundation Inc. a 501(3)(c) a public charity designated by the IRS. Over 97% of donations received are used for the Marine Cares mission. There are no salaries. The LCPL Robert J Slattery detachment members and the Marines Care board of directors are all volunteers.

