



Mountain Post Santa's Workshop

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## **FAQ Santa's Workshop Toy Ruck March- COVID Style**

### **❄ What is a Toy Ruck?**

A Toy Ruck is an event held by units to bring donations to the Mountain Post Santa's Workshop.

### **❄ What can we donate?**

The Mountain Post Santa's Workshop accepts only new toys, board games, bikes, and books so every child has the joy of getting a new toy on Christmas. We CANNOT accept video games, game systems, crossbows or bows (actual), Bb guns, or knives. We DO accept monetary donations, and gift cards! A toy list can be provided too. *Due to current restriction a virtual toy collection is an option this year! We can provide our wish list with links to retailers have purchased items sent directly to us.*

### **❄ Who do my donations go to?**

Children, 6months-12 years of age of active duty military members stationed at Fort Carson and new for 2020 any Active Duty Service Member stationed in the state of Colorado.

### **❄ When can we have a toy ruck?**

When scheduling a Toy Ruck please contact the our publicity chair via [www.mountainpostsantasworkshopco.com](http://www.mountainpostsantasworkshopco.com) or mpsws.publicity@gmail.com provide us with THREE (3) possible dates and times that you would like to schedule your ruck. We may need to adjust dates slightly depending on volunteer availability. We will not schedule rucks during first and second week of December due to our annual shopping week.

***\*\*Under COVID Restriction: All volunteers will follow guidance determined by the 4ID COVID Guidelines. Donation will be received outside the MPSW building in containers aka kick Boxes provided by MPSW. Access to the building (aside from MSPW volunteers) will be on a emergency basis only.***

***\*\*Accommodations can be made to receive donations in smaller unit size (company, battery, troop) to practicing social distancing.***

### **❄ Is there a specific route we must take on a toy ruck?**

No, the route taken is completely up to the unit/brigade. Some units will start from their COFs or Battalion/Squadron Headquarters, but most choose to meet up at Pershing field and ruck from there. We only ask that you end at the workshop! We are located on 1045 Wallace street across from the outdoor pool and in the same area as Warriors Warehouse and the Thrift Shop!

### **❄ Can families participate?**

This is generally left to unit command. We do love seeing families!

*"Keeping the holiday spirit alive for the children of the Mountain Post"*

### ❄️ What should we wear?

We always encourage Christmas Spirit when participating in a ruck! We have had units complete rucks in Christmas hats, ugly sweaters, and even PJ onesies. This is a command decision for attire for the day/event. *Please follow all COVID protocols determined by the latest 4ID guidance.*

### ❄️ Who are my points of contact when scheduling a ruck?

Please contact both or at least one of the following:

Ashley Simon, Publicity Chair or April Barnett-President .

Ashley's Email: [mpsws.publicity@gmail.com](mailto:mpsws.publicity@gmail.com)

April's Email: [coloradompsw@gmail.com](mailto:coloradompsw@gmail.com)

### ❄️ How is the unit recognized?

If you would like we can provide a Santa Certificate and Challenge Coin! Please let us know! We also recognize our military donations via our Fort Carson Community Military Supporters Tree at the workshop!!!!

❄️ DO's	❄️ DON'Ts
Have fun!	Skip your ruck time-If there is a change please let us know ASAP! We need to be able to schedule our volunteers!
Have Christmas Spirit	
Take Pictures!	Force soldiers to Donate.
Ask Questions! We love when we have open communication when planning rucks!	Stress: It's a fun event!
Ask for a tour of workshop!	
Ask about our program if you're not familiar. We do have a yearly application!	