

US Marine Corps's Silent Drill Platoon Returns to Scottsburg, Sunday, October 10 Salute the Troops, Saturday

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"Tribute to Armed Forces", featuring the U.S. Marine Silent Drill Platoon will perform Sunday, October 10, at 2 PM in Scottsburg, In. This is a "back by demand" performance, since the Platoon has mesmerized spectators for the last 7 years. "it is a winning situation for everyone," commented Don Cooper, President of the Scott County Visitors Commission. A couple of the Marines have family members in the area, and over the years, many of the others have become close to their host families. The hosts have become quite adept at providing the Marines a home away from home. "We just appreciate them so much, what they do for their country, and certainly for their incredible performances," according to Suzanne Berry, mother of Martin Wimp former Platoon members. This will be their 8th appearance In Scottsburg.

The United States Marine Corps Silent Drill Platoon is stationed in Washington, D.C. The 24 man rifle platoon performs a unique precision drill exhibition. The highly disciplined platoon exemplifies professionalism associated with the U.S. Marine Corps. First performing in 1948, the Corps received such overwhelming response that it soon became part of routine Marine events.

The Marines execute a series of calculated drill movements and precise handling of their hand-polished 10 and one-half pound M-1 Garand rifles with fixed bayonets.

Not a single command is given as rifles are twirled, tossed, and caught with seemingly nonchalant ease. The routine concludes with a unique rifle inspection involving elaborate rifle spins and tosses. These professionals may work in silence, but the message they express is clear: they convey discipline, teamwork, and precision.

The Silent Drill Platoon travels some 50,000 miles per year. They spend more than 100 days on the road and perform more than 200 shows per year.

The new location will be at McClain Hall, 500 S. Gardner, at the Scottsburg High School; contributions may be sent to Suzanne Berry, 540 West Cherry Street, Scottsburg, In. 47170 For additional information, please call the Scott County Visitors Commission: 812-752-9211 or Suzanne Berry 812-752-4238 or visit the Scott County Visitor Commission website www.greatscottindiana.com Photos available upon request; no charge for admission.

But Wait, there's more, on Saturday, Oct 9, beginning at 3 p.m. on the Court House Square, we will be saluting the troops from all the wars with a special program of music, remembrances, amusing antidotes. We especially wish to invite all veterans and family members. If you can wear a uniform, or have military articles, please bring or wear them. There will be music from every war.

Following the music and intermittent brief stories, and at approximately 3:30 PM, will be individuals from several of the area VFW Posts and American Legions.

Their program will be both touching for family members left behind, and a salute to those who gave their lives for this country. At approximately 4PM, the Ross Country Jamboree will give a sneak preview of that night's show which will include country impersonators. (For Country Fans, this is a "must see"). The Show begins at 7p.m.

We've arranged special discount hotel rates at each of the lodging facilities; discounts should be in the vicinity of 10%. Just mention that you are here for the Troops. The facilities regular rates and phone numbers are shown below:

If anyone has any questions, please call Bob McAdams 812-752-9211

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