



# Anaheim 13<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit Adoption Committee Newsletter November 2018

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Committee Meetings

City Hall - 7th Floor  
10:00am

November 21, 2018  
No Meeting in December

### Current Events

Thanksgiving  
Meal Drive

**November/December -**  
Christmas Toy & Gift Card  
Drive



A huge **THANK YOU** to the **Orange Lutheran High School Varsity Baseball** team for their partnership with the committee again this year in the collection of toys at their October 29 game. Not only were 130 toys donated by those attending the game, Coach Dan gave an emotional and lovely tribute to CPL Jonathan Currier, our fallen Marine, followed by a moment of silence and a prayer for our 13th MEU Marines and Sailors as they finish out this deployment. It was truly a priceless moment which brought home the danger our Marines and Sailors face as they so selflessly serve our beloved America. Thank you again to an amazing group of young men, the families of both teams and to Coach Dan for coordinating this toy drive. We are truly humbled by their generosity and support of our 13th MEU families !!



6th Annual  
**Anaheim Semper 5K & 10K**  
May 18, 2019  
Riverdale Park, Anaheim

*Dedicated to serving  
our military and their  
families.*

714-637-5575  
info@semper5k.org

- \* Santa Ana River Trail
- \* Chip Timed
- \* Fun Run & Walk
- \* Virtual Run
- \* T-Shirts & Finisher Medals for all
- \* Team & Active Military Discounts
- \* Silent Auction

**\*\* SAVE THE DATE \*\***



Christmas is coming early for our 13th MEU families this year. We need your help !!! We have 350 little ones that we'll be giving a toy to and 50 teens we'll need \$20 gift cards for ! We need a lot of Santa's this year to meet our needs !!!



Your tax deductible donation for any of our events can be mailed to us: **Anaheim 13th MEU Adoption Committee**, 154 Jerrilee Lane, Anaheim, CA 92807. Donations can also be dropped off at City Hall, 7th Floor or to arrange for a pickup, please call 714-637-5575. If you prefer, you can send a check payable to the Committee with a notation on the memo line as to how you would like your donation used.

Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on Nov. 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I. Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and Nov. 11 became a national holiday beginning in 1938. Unlike Memorial Day, Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans, living or dead, but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime.



## Get Involved

### Write

*If you would like to send a letter or card of support to a member of the 13th MEU during deployment, please send it to:*

CMDR Charlie Owens  
13th MEU CE  
Unit 89056 Box (007)  
FPO AP 96610-5600

### Donate

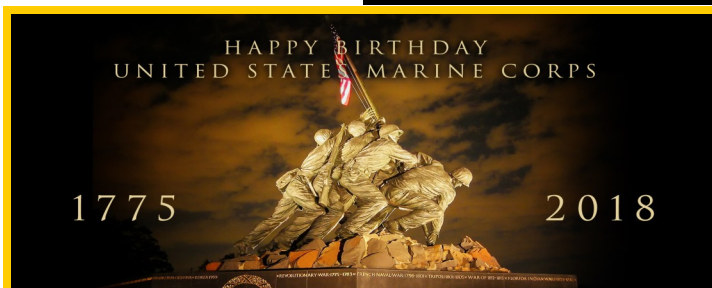
*The Anaheim 13<sup>th</sup> MEU Adoption Committee is a volunteer based, citizen-run 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. We rely solely on corporate and individual donations in our support of the Marines, Sailors and families of the 13<sup>th</sup> MEU.*

**Donate through PayPal - Address:**  
**Anaheim13thMEU@gmail.com**

**Charity ID #80-0153575**

### Friends of the Committee

*Albertsons - St College & South  
Ambassador Automotive  
Anaheim Discovery Christian  
School  
Anaheim Hills Rotary Club  
Circle C Storage, Orange  
Kiwanis Club of Greater Anaheim  
Knights of Columbus,  
Council #9195  
Meghan Shigo  
Team Swolen  
Lillian Treiberg  
The Rock Community Church  
Vietnam Veterans of America -  
Chapter 756*



The official birthday of the United States Marine Corps is on 10 November 1775. That was the day when the Second Continental Congress established the Continental Marines with the following decree: "That two battalions of Marines be raised consisting of one Colonel, two lieutenant-colonels, two majors and other officers, as usual in other regiments; that they consist of an equal number of privates as with other battalions, that particular care be taken that no persons be appointed to offices, or enlisted into said battalions, but such as are good seamen, or so acquainted with maritime affairs as to be able to serve for and during the present war with Great Britain and the Colonies; unless dismissed by Congress; that they be distinguished by the names of the First and Second Battalions of Marines." **Happy Birthday USMC**



## Stay Connected

Adoption Committee Website: [anaheim13thMEU.org](http://anaheim13thMEU.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/13thMEU](http://www.facebook.com/13thMEU)

## Special Thanks to Our Sponsors!!

Mr. Jerry Zomorodian  
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10 November 2018

### A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

As we celebrate our 243rd birthday, Marines remain in combat, forward-deployed throughout the world confronting every challenge with courage, loyalty, and faithfulness. Each year on this day, we renew our resolve to be the most ready when the Nation is least ready; we pay tribute to all who forged our proud legacy; we recommit ourselves to defending freedom anytime and anywhere; we stand ready to aid those devastated by natural disasters; and we honor the families and loved ones who faithfully stand beside us.

This year marks a number of significant milestones. One hundred years ago this June, a determined brigade of Marines fought ferociously over the hallowed grounds of Belleau Wood. Those Marines solidified our Corps' global reputation for being a tenacious and highly-skilled fighting force that forever etched the phrase "Teufel Hunden" into our lexicon. The same year Marines secured control of Belleau Wood, more than 300 women answered our Nation's call, becoming the first females to enlist in our Corps. The legacy of the first Women Marine Reservists, and all trailblazing Marines, serves as a reminder that the title Marine is not restricted by gender, color, or creed – it is a warrior spirit and distinguished role earned by an elite group.

This year also marks 50 years since Marines fought ferocious battles against a worthy foe in some of the most austere locations of Vietnam. The indomitable spirit and unyielding resourcefulness of Marines cutting through the mountainous triple canopy jungles and overcoming the challenges of urban combat during the "Tet Offensive" honed the warfighting prowess of our Corps. Hard lessons learned at Khe Sanh and Hue proved crucial to our successes during Operations *Enduring Freedom* and *Iraqi Freedom* – allowing us to secure victory in the fields of Sangin and on the urban battlefields of Fallujah. It was also at Hue that now retired Sergeant Major John Canley charged enemy machine gun positions and put his own life on the line to ensure no Marine was left behind, epitomizing the true meaning of *Semper Fidelis*. Today, we proudly honor his faithfulness with our Nation's highest award for valor.

For 243 years, Marines have fought and won whenever and wherever the Nation calls. In the harshest conditions, over the most brutal terrain, and against the most formidable enemies, Marines defend the ideals of freedom with grit and tenacity. Though battlefields change and capabilities evolve, history proves that true victory comes from the individual Marine with steeled resolve, the drive to overcome any obstacle, and the warrior spirit to fight on against all odds. It takes that steadfast faithfulness – *Semper Fidelis* – to Corps, country, and each other that abounds throughout our storied legacy.

Happy Birthday, Marines!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert B. Neller". The signature is stylized with a large, flowing "R" and a cursive "Neller".

Robert B. Neller  
General, U.S. Marine Corps  
Commandant of the Marine Corps

Psalms 107:1

Give thanks  
to the LORD,  
for He is good;  
His love endures  
forever.

Happy  
Thanksgiving

**GOOD NEWS !!** The Albertsons located at 810 S State College Blvd (@South Street) in Anaheim has once again partnered with the Committee for Thanksgiving and have made it so easy for you to help. All you have to do is visit the store, make a donation and CHRIS ORANGE and the employees will do the rest !! Donations will be used to provide meals for our 13th MEU families. In addition to the meals, we are looking for monetary donations which will be used to purchase gift cards at the commissary. By giving the gift cards with the meals, our families will be able to enjoy a scrumptious Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings. With their loved ones deployed, it's especially important this year for us to show all the support we can to these families who are sacrificing so much. Please refer flyer below for all the information on how you can help. Thank you !!



## Thanksgiving Dinner Donations



The **Anaheim 13<sup>th</sup> MEU Adoption Committee** is sponsoring a Thanksgiving dinner for the Marines and Sailors and their families.

**Please donate today! \$25.00**

If you would like to help support a family this Thanksgiving, we will be collecting monetary donations and making the purchases from the base commissary this year which will make your donation go even further !!!

Approximate cost per family is \$25.00, but as always, any amount is welcome!

**Deadline for donations is November 14th.**

Drop off at City Hall 7th Floor or mail to the address below.

Any questions or for pick up please call 714 637 5575.

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## Anaheim 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit Adoption Committee

# Christmas Gift Drive

Help make the lives of our 13th MEU families brighter this holiday season by donating a new, unwrapped GIFT or GIFT CARD.

**Deadline for donations is December 5th.**

**Drop off at City Hall 7th Floor**

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