



Anaheim 13<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit  
Adoption Committee  
Annual Plan of Work

## **Executive Summary:**

The Anaheim City Council adopted the 13<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) at Camp Pendleton in 2007 to show and provide community support for military service members. The Anaheim 13<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit Adoption Committee was officially formed in 2007 as a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit association and is comprised of community volunteers who organize various fundraisers throughout the year to support the Marines and Sailors of the 13<sup>th</sup> MEU. The Committee was formed to increase public awareness of the needs of the service members and their families. The committee is comprised of 24 members including 3 Officers, 6 Board of Directors and 15 committee members.

## **Overview:**

The Anaheim 13<sup>th</sup> MEU Adoption Committee is a Public Benefit Nonprofit Corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Public Benefit Nonprofit Corporation Law for public and charitable purposes.

The specific purpose of this organization is to generate community wide support for the Marines, Sailors and families of the 13<sup>th</sup> MEU of Camp Pendleton, California. Whether deployed or on their home base, the nonprofit corporation will acquire funds through various fundraising efforts, awards, financial and in-kind contributions for the individuals of the MEU based on need.

## **Anaheim 13<sup>th</sup> MEU Adoption Committee Mission:**

Our mission is to continuously generate community wide support and encourage mutually beneficial interaction between the residents of Anaheim and the Marines, the Sailors, and the families of the 13<sup>th</sup> MEU both at their home base at Camp Pendleton and/or when the unit or elements thereof are deployed, in order to render support and create strong and lasting ties in the years to come.

## **Anaheim 13<sup>th</sup> MEU Adoption Committee Core Values**

- Commitment
- Patriotism
- Service to Others
- Dependability
- Accountability
- Honesty

## **Anaheim 13<sup>th</sup> MEU Adoption Committee Program Priorities:**

In concert with the above mission statement, the Anaheim 13<sup>th</sup> MEU Adoption Committee will undertake the following plan of work detailed in seven priority project categories:

- Community Relations
- Education Support
- Emergency Assistance
- Family Network Support
- Fundraising
- Marine Recognition
- Resource Leadership

### **Community Relations**

The Anaheim 13<sup>th</sup> MEU Adoption Committee will increase public awareness of the needs of the service members and their families of the 13<sup>th</sup> MEU at Camp Pendleton. The committee will cultivate interaction with local Anaheim residents and service members.

The Anaheim 13<sup>th</sup> MEU Adoption Committee will organize the participation of Marines and Sailors at local events as follows:

### **Community Relations Program Initiatives:**

- Anaheim Flag Day
- Anaheim 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
- Anaheim Banner Ceremony
- Community Awareness Events
- COMREL (Semi-Annual)
- Knights of Columbus Dinner Event
- Monthly Newsletter
- Social Media
- Veterans Day Ceremony
- Website
- YMCA Good Friday Breakfast

## **Education Support**

The Anaheim 13<sup>th</sup> MEU Adoption Committee will support the educational needs of Marines, Sailors and their families.

### **Education Support Program Initiatives:**

- Provide an Educational Scholarship through the Military Spouse Association of Camp Pendleton
- Support Deployment Readiness and Resiliency Seminars and Workshops.

## **Emergency Assistance**

The Anaheim 13<sup>th</sup> MEU Adoption Committee will provide moral support for the members of the 13<sup>th</sup> MEU and their families and assist with financial needs and in-kind procurement.

### **Emergency Assistance Initiatives:**

- Providing emergency aid during times of family crisis (such as family illnesses requiring out-of-state travel, fires that destroy lives, critically ill children and similar tragedies).

## **Family Network Support**

The Anaheim 13<sup>th</sup> MEU Adoption Committee will support efforts to foster family relationships and support groups for families of service members of the 13<sup>th</sup> MEU at Camp Pendleton. Robust community in-kind donation sources work in tandem with the committee's financial resources to support this project.

### **Family Network Support Initiatives:**

- Baby Baskets
- Christmas Events
- Commissary Cards
- Date Nights
- Easter Event
- Family Events
- LADDERS Program
- Secret Santa Program
- Summer Beach Bash
- Thanksgiving Celebration

## **Fundraising**

The Anaheim 13<sup>th</sup> MEU Committee will pro-actively engage in raising funds that are used for the benefit of the 13<sup>th</sup> MEU and their families while they are at home and while deployed. Robust community in-kind donation sources work in tandem with the committee's financial resources to support this project.

### **Fundraising Initiatives:**

- Anaheim Car Wash
- Chamber of Commerce - Taste of Anaheim Booth
- Flag Proceeds
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Booth
- Miniature Golf Tournament
- National Night Out Booth
- Semper 5K/10K Event

## **Marine Recognition**

The Anaheim 13<sup>th</sup> MEU Committee will honor and provide moral support for the members of the 13<sup>th</sup> MEU and their families. Robust community in-kind donation sources work in tandem with the committee's financial resources to support this project.

### **Marines Recognition Initiatives:**

- Coordinate Single Marines Appreciation Events in Anaheim
- Sponsor Quarterly Awards presentations for outstanding service within the 13<sup>th</sup> MEU
- Sponsor Special Rudis Award for outgoing members of the 13<sup>th</sup> MEU
- Sponsor Departure Events
- Sponsor "Home for the Holidays" Program
- Sponsor "Hugs for Heroes" Program
- Sponsorship of Annual 13<sup>th</sup> MEU Marine Corp Birthday Ball
- Support Single Marines Holiday Events at Camp Pendleton
- Welcome Home Events and barracks room preparation

## **Resource Leadership**

The Anaheim 13<sup>th</sup> MEU Adoption Committee will develop and implement an annual budget aligned with an annual plan of work with appropriate resources. The Anaheim 13<sup>th</sup> MEU Adoption Committee resource leadership funding and allocation are under the direction of the board of directors to implement the existing programs outlined as follows:

### **Resources Leadership Program Initiatives:**

- Conduct annual elections according to governing bylaws
- Conduct monthly meetings
- Conduct monthly and annual financial reporting
- Conduct special task force meetings as needed
- Develop and execute an annual budget and program of work with regular accountability reviews
- Evaluate committee needs to ensure ongoing effective and efficient operations
- Maintain active membership